Abstract

This research is aiming to develop the policies needed to enhance community participation in planning in Palestine, the researcher believes that community participation is a way to accept inhabitant's presence and their ethical values in addition to the benefits of community participation in the socio-economic level. The analytical part of the research draws upon the theoretical and case analysis; the theoretical analysis focused on the terms of community, development, community participation and planning to find its definitions, processes, and inter-relations. While the case analysis discussed the practices of community participation in planning in Brazil to understand the meaning of its implementation and to find the learned lessons under the topics of The Administrative Structure, Community Description, Planning Process, and Community Participation. The analysis leaded to three different genre of proposed policies which are the joint benefits of community participation, the real and active role and the controlled relation between all stakeholders as a three main doors must be opened to provide new opportunities for all community members to be effective in the planning process in equal conditions in order to achieve the community development.