

Abstract

This study aimed at dealing with both the urban development throughout successive periods and different political stages and the internal structure for Al-Dahriyya by using the factor analysis. To achieve the aim of the study, three main ideas have been tackled. (1), a description of the city dealing with geographical, historical and population growth issues has been done. (2), a display of different urban development stages and factors affecting it has been made in the study. Finally, analysis for the internal structure of the city by the use of factor analysis technique has been carried out. Results have shown that urban development throughout different stages was random. Beside that the internal structure of the city doesn't go with the three theories of internal structure for cities mentioned later for two reasons: (1), Al-Dahriyya differs from cities of the western world that have been described and analyzed by the theories. (2), the factorial Ecology is different from that of the western world since Al-Dahriyya is an Arab city which is small and recent. The most important of the results is that the population is not distributed according to certain patterns. Instead, they live in unorganized neighborhoods. A number of recommendations have been put in order to organize both the urban development and internal structure for Palestinian cities in general and for Al-Dahriyya in specific.