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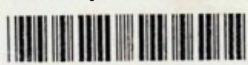
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ABSTRACT

Geology has profoundly influenced the society, civilizations and the cultural diversity of the world and the role of geology is unique in shaping human history as well. Besides that, Geology has pervaded everyday life and is a part of many aspects of human experience, including traditions such as the arts and literature.

Society requires a basic understanding of geology not only as a science, but also as an 'art', in being significant part of the environment experienced and appreciated by human beings. If the Earth's environment is to be treated as it ought to be, a better understanding of the various natural, physical, chemical, biological and geological processes which have left their mark on the Earth's surface is necessary. These marks are still affecting humankind and will continue to influence their future.

Many different psychological approaches focus on the psychological benefits of nature experiences which are more advantageous and strongly influence human perception. The contributions of geology and more importantly *geomorphology* are of great importance for this backdrop as space definers in landscape.

This study will attempt to emphasize the essence of geomorphological features which exist in Nature, focusing to capture the unique space-making attributes integrated with those features and more importantly, something beyond a mere *view*.....!

Keywords

Landforms, Spatial Qualities, Visual Attributes, Human Perception, Emotions, Designed Landscapes

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