

## Investigation of gated communities in Tehran city

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**Abstract:**

Gated communities are the new concept of urban planning in the field of housing development and urban ecology in Iran. There has been a lot of research done on this topic in eastern and western countries. However, in Iran, especially in Tehran, this topic needs to be more discussed and research to be initiated at different regions. This review, firstly, tries to discuss about the concept of gated communities in the entire world with some specific example of England, United States, South America, and Africa. Secondly, four types of gated communities (utopian social, security, state and special gated communities) in Iran were explained. Methodology of this review is based on qualitative data from librarian source. The study contains some examples in Tehran such as, Sobhan and Kohestan residential complex for utopian social groups, Sahar residential complex for security groups, Shahid Beheshti and Taxirani residential complex state groups and Garrisons as the special gated communities. We found the main factors that shape every aspect of categories and design of gated communities as social, economic and cultural factors that hiding the basis of gated communities in Iran, and it depends on cultural attitude, built environment and delivers significant benefits of the cities.

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