



# **Urban Imaginaries in Contemporary Algerian Literature: A Scholarly Analysis**

**Abderrahmane Belkacem<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sétif 1 - Ferhat Abbas

**Published:** 07 October 2007 | **Received:** 12 May 2007 | **Accepted:** 05 September 2007

**Correspondence:** [abelkacem@gmail.com](mailto:abelkacem@gmail.com)

**DOI:** [10.5281/zenodo.18854626](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18854626)

## **Author notes**

*Abderrahmane Belkacem is affiliated with Department of Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sétif 1 - Ferhat Abbas and focuses on Arts & Humanities research in Africa.*

## **Abstract**

Urbanization in Algeria has accelerated significantly over recent decades, leading to complex social and environmental challenges. Contemporary Algerian literature offers a nuanced reflection on these urban experiences. The analysis will draw from qualitative textual criticism, examining specific literary works that reflect diverse aspects of urban life in Algeria. Comparative thematic analysis across different authors will be employed to identify commonalities and differences in urban representation. Specific themes such as the struggle for cultural preservation coexist with narratives on identity formation among urban migrants, highlighting the multifaceted nature of Algerian urban experiences. The literary works reveal a spectrum of responses to urbanization, from resilience and adaptation to challenges posed by rapid change. This diversity underscores the need for inclusive policies that recognise both the benefits and constraints of urban growth. Policymakers should consider incorporating elements of cultural preservation into urban planning strategies, alongside initiatives aimed at supporting migrants and fostering social cohesion in rapidly evolving cities.

**Keywords:** *African Studies, Urbanization, Postcolonial Theory, Cultural Studies, Decolonial Perspectives, Spatial Analysis, Critical Geography*

## ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

**Email:** [info@parj.africa](mailto:info@parj.africa)

Request your copy of the full paper today!

## SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

**Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!**

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

**Submit at:** [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)



Scan to visit [app.parj.africa](http://app.parj.africa)

**Open Access Scholarship from PARJ**

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge