

**Cultural Issues in Architecture - Case Study of Esan in
Edo State - Nigeria**

J.E. Ahianba

*Department of Architecture, Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma, Nigeria
E-mail: josepheizielenahianba@yahoo.com*

KEYWORDS Traditional Architecture. Education. People's Culture. Indigenous. Nigeria

ABSTRACT Architecture in Esan has tended from traditional towards the European style in the past four and half decades. This can easily be traceable to the influence of Western Education, which has greatly influenced the people's culture. The paper therefore presents the common issues to both culture and architecture of Esan. It also identified reasons for the abandonment of Esan Traditional Architecture. Findings were appraised against the background of the prevailing Western cultural norms in our living pattern. The need for a determined effort to revive the dying indigenous architectural trend and evolve new and acceptable architectural style that recognize the culture of the people is discussed,