



The purpose of this research is to consider the post-conflict fate of the urban fabric of Aleppo and its human occupation. It does this by comparison with various reconstructions of Beirut. Like in Aleppo, society in Beirut was impacted socially and psychologically following years of civil war and was further affected after the post-war reconstruction. The hidden and undeclared intentions and motives can be clearly seen after more than 25 years of reconstruction. These cities share many common factors and characteristics: similar historical and cultural heritage, ethnic composition and class-based divisions in Beirut city. In addition, they also exhibit post- conflict government and institutional weakness, a declining economic and financial situation and lack of funding and investments in the city.

The research challenges actions linked to political, financial and social factors, with overlapping and conflicting interests between the internal and external parties that attempt to exploit the opportunity to maximize possible benefits from the city's reconstruction.