Bilingual Typography in Globalized Middle Eastern Culture

With the rise of globalization and the spread of western culture throughout the globe, the use of English as an "international" language is often presented in bilingual visual communication. Throughout the Middle East and Gulf region, the integration of Arabic and Latin letter-forms, is commonly viewed in store fronts, street signs, advertising billboards, mall kiosks, branding items and street graffiti. This paper will explore the development of cultural globalization by focusing on the use of bilingual visual communication / typography within the urban landscape of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.





