

AHRA PhD Symposium - Leicester School of Architecture May 2nd																							
9.00 - 9.50	Registration - Lobby of Vijay Patel 4.05																						
10:00	Opening Remarks -VP 4.05 - Dr Jamileh Manoochehri - Leicester School of Architecture																						
10:15	Keynote Speaker - VP 4.05 - Dr Yusef Bakkali - Contemporary Violence in "Alpha City" London																						
	Dr. Yusef Bakkali is a Senior Research Fellow based at The Stephen Lawrence Research Centre at De Montfort University. He successfully completed his Economic and Social Research Council-funded doctorate, 'Life on Road: Symbolic Struggle and the Mumpkin', at the University of Sussex in 2018. He has published research in high impact journals such as The Sociological Review and Current Sociology. His working-class roots in Brixton, south London, living in close proximity to issues of inequality, violence and marginality have equipped Yusef with a high level of 'street literacy'																						
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	Leon Rosa Reichle is a postdoctoral scholar working on the entanglements of social reproduction and class, struggle and its absence, authoritarianism and racism, state institutions and uneven development. Their first book <i>struggling to belong</i> (forthcoming 2025) is a result of their PhD on neoliberal restructuring in Leipzig, East Germany, written at the Centre for Urban Research on Austerity at de Montfort University Leicester with a Fulbright visiting fellowship at Berkeley Geography. Recently they finished a project on German local state institutions' ways of dealing with racism. They have published on housing organizing and its challenges facing authoritarian attitudes; institutional racism and its spatial aspects; political subjectivation in neoliberal cities; the affective side of social movement-state relations; ethnographic research and other topics.																						
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	Professor Pippa Virdee is Professor of South Asian History. Her books include <i>Pakistan: A Very Short Introduction</i> (OUP, 2021), <i>From the Ashes of 1947: Reimagining Punjab</i> (CUP, 2018), <i>Coming to Coventry: Stories from the South Asian Pioneers</i> (Herbert, 2006), and is co-editor of <i>Refugees and the End of Empire: Imperial Collapse and Forced Migration in the Twentieth Century</i> (Palgrave, 2011). Pippa has written extensively on the Partition of Punjab and continues to explore the relationship between new technologies, memory, and history. She also works on the South Asian Diaspora in the UK, especially on the cities of Coventry and Leicester. Pippa is currently working on a edited volume on <i>Global Coventry</i> (Bloomsbury) and has articles under review related to the violence in Leicester in 2022																						
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