

# BUILDING SOLIDARITIES

## Racial Justice in the Built Environment

*Building Solidarities* is a form of mutual pedagogy between the campus and the public, through dialogues on urgent questions about constructed environments, urban life, and ecologies.

*Building Solidarities: Racial Justice in the Built Environment* foregrounds the communities of Minneapolis, Nairobi, and New York, in dialogues between students, activists, artists, and academics.

While building mutual solidarities between our campus and our partners, we aim to extend the political imaginaries, community futures, and solidarities that our partners may build with each other.

As we study racial and environmental complexities and injustices, we remain vigilantly reflexive about the relationship between our campus and our neighbors, in Harlem and elsewhere.

The series is supported by the course “Colonial Practices,” taught by Anooradha Iyer Siddiqi. Web/podcasts are hosted by community organizations. To receive a research guide and link to attend, register by emailing the event title and date to [buildingsolidarities@gmail.com](mailto:buildingsolidarities@gmail.com).

### **Institutional Inhabitations**

**4:30–5:30 PM EST, September 23 2020**

**Guests: The GoDown Arts Centre and Navatman**

*On structuring cultural institutions and critical communities of black–brown solidarity in the African and South Asian diasporas of Nairobi and New York. Web/podcast by the GoDown Arts Centre ([www.thegodownartscentre](http://www.thegodownartscentre)) and Navatman ([www.navatman.org](http://www.navatman.org)).*

### **Building Historical Consciousness**

**4:30–5:30 PM EST, October 14 2020**

**Guests: Chris Cornelius, Elsa Hoover, and Nick Estes**

*Indigenous thinking on infrastructure and architecture as sites for historical consciousness and contemporary creative practice in North America. Web/podcast by The Red Nation ([www.therednation](http://www.therednation))*

### **Monumental Landscapes**

**4:30–5:30 PM EST, November 11 2020**

**Guests: Kate Beane, Lydia Muthuma, and Bhakti Shringarpure**

*A consideration of landscapes of monumentality through iconoclasm, replacement, and renaming of built and natural structures in Nairobi and Minneapolis. Web/podcast by Warscapes ([www.warscapes.com](http://www.warscapes.com)).*

### **Environmental Reclamations**

**4:30–5:30 PM EST, December 9 2020**

**Guests: Alishine Osman, Anisa Salat, and Huma Gupta**

*Environmental diasporas and ecological reclamation in the ‘Somalias’ of Dadaab, Minneapolis, and Mogadishu. Web/podcast by Jadaliyya, “Environment in Context” ([www.jadaliyya.com](http://www.jadaliyya.com) Environment page) and Status podcast ([www.statushour.com](http://www.statushour.com)).*



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