



# Beyond Securitisation: Rethinking Radicalisation through Social Justice

Inaugural Conference of the Centre on Radicalisation, Inclusion and Social Equity (RISE)

Tuesday 19 May 2026 | Aston Conference Centre, Birmingham

## LAUNCH PROGRAMME

# Centre on Radicalisation, Inclusion and Social Equity Inaugural Conference · RISE

A day of dialogue across academia, policy, practice and lived experience — rethinking radicalisation through the lens of social justice.

**WHEN**

**Tuesday 19 May 2026**  
9:30 am – 5:30 pm

**WHERE**

**Aston Conference Centre**  
Aston University, Aston St,  
Birmingham B4 7ET

# Order of the Day

09:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>				
30 MIN	Arrival and badge collection.				
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>				
30 MIN	<p><b>WELCOME ADDRESS — Professor Claire Farrow</b>, Professor of Children's Eating Behaviour; Deputy Head of School of Psychology and Associate Dean for Research, College of Health &amp; Life Sciences, Aston University</p> <p><b>FOUNDING DIRECTOR'S ADDRESS — Professor Tahir Abbas</b>, Professor of Criminology and Global Justice; Founding Director, RISE, Aston University <i>"Rethinking Radicalisation: The Intellectual Rationale and Strategic Vision of RISE"</i></p>				
10:30 – 11:45	<b>Panel One — State Power, Securitisation and Social Exclusion</b>				
1H 15M	<p><b>CHAIR</b> Dr Narzanin Massoumi, University of Exeter</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="355 674 592 734"> <p><b>Prof. Gabe Mythen</b> University of Liverpool</p> </td> <td data-bbox="962 674 1254 734"> <p><b>Prof. Charlotte Heath-Kelly</b> University of Warwick</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="355 741 592 797"> <p><b>Dr Aaron Winter</b> Lancaster University</p> </td> <td data-bbox="962 741 1254 797"> <p><b>Dr Richard McNeil-Wilson</b> University of Edinburgh</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>Prof. Gabe Mythen</b> University of Liverpool</p>	<p><b>Prof. Charlotte Heath-Kelly</b> University of Warwick</p>	<p><b>Dr Aaron Winter</b> Lancaster University</p>	<p><b>Dr Richard McNeil-Wilson</b> University of Edinburgh</p>
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11:45 – 12:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>				
15 MIN					
12:00 – 13:15	<b>Panel Two — Collaborative Ventures: Research, Policy and Institutional Partnership</b>				
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13:15 – 14:30	<b>Lunch &amp; Exhibition</b>				
1H 15M	Main Dining Suite, Aston University Library.				
14:30 – 15:45	<b>Panel Three — Digital Frontiers: AI, Extremism and Forensic Analysis</b>				
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15:45 – 16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>				
15 MIN	Refreshments.				
16:00 – 17:15	<b>Panel Four — Community Voices: Practitioners, Grassroots and the Lived Experience of Belonging</b>				
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17:15 – 17:30	<b>Final Summary &amp; Closing Remarks</b>				
15 MIN	<p><i>Moving Forward: Critical Security Studies and the Promise of Social Justice</i></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="355 1951 579 2011"> <p><b>Dr Parveen Akhtar</b> Aston University</p> </td> <td data-bbox="962 1951 1206 2011"> <p><b>Professor Tahir Abbas</b> Founding Director, RISE</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><b>Dr Parveen Akhtar</b> Aston University</p>	<p><b>Professor Tahir Abbas</b> Founding Director, RISE</p>		
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