## The Home-less City

Huijun Chen



Due to the pandemic, I was unable to install my work at G20 as originally planned. Thus, the outcome of this project is presented as a series of composited video clip. In those short videos, the homeless in the ink city grow increasingly visible as night falls. The plaster bottles with the landscape and the homeless people on it, including the city sounds, are all taken from Birmingham. From my observations, the homeless are just like objects on the ground, hardly to be found in the city at morning but they emerge at dusk.

The pandemic has left more people on the streets, some who have never experienced homelessness before and are in crisis due to the loss of a job or shelter (McClenaghan, 2020). Visual art is crucial to social change, it can depict the reality of different communities in social life, and it can also promote a new perspective on something (Leavy, 2015). It is expected that my work would attract attention to the vagrants and the communities that suffer from homelessness for some reason through this medium which could transcend the ideology of racism.



The walking homeless in Birmingham old square [video]Available at <u>https://youtu.be/ZstOcCRK9Ak</u>



The walking homeless in Birmingham St.Martin [video]Available at https://youtu.be/\_XsAVbd\_mxc



The walking homeless in Birmingham St.Martin2 [video]Available at https://youtu.be/2BJKL3F8Rj8



The homeless in Birmingham Cathedral Square [video]Available at https://youtu.be/cb9x52GGHnU



The homeless in Birmingham Cathedral Square2 [video]Available at https://youtu.be/zZ-vibbFNkk



The homeless in Birmingham China quarter [video]Available at <u>https://youtu.be/vn7vFwvJH3g</u>



The homeless in Birmingham Victoria square [video]Available at <u>https://youtu.be/ryaBsIj2Xjw</u>

## Appendix

The homeless in Birmingham



The shivering homeless [video]Available at https://youtu.be/yu55RCNamQs



The scavenging homeless [video]Available at https://youtu.be/Y6DcNk91klk



The walking homeless [video]Available at https://youtu.be/Xn8GnW3brac



The walking homeless2 [video]Available at https://youtu.be/9tjaMy2WU9A



The starving homeless
[video]Available at https://youtu.be/QWevC7VjBP8



The crying homeless
[video]Available at https://youtu.be/dzwHDM2Gbio