Public lecture

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Location: Auditorium AV 02.17 Campus Sociale Wetenschappen, Parkstraat 45 Leuven
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Lived citizenship of people on the edge society
Exploring the role of social work with homeless adults, young people with psychological disorders and children at risk

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In this lecture, Warming argues that social work plays an important role in regard to the citizenship of people in vulnerable positions - for better or worse. She introduces the sensitising concept of lived citizenship and combines this with a socio-spatial perspective in suggesting a renewal of the rights- and strength-based approach to social work practice and research. Drawing on examples from her research on social work with different groups of clients, she demonstrates how the concept of lived citizenship, combined with four supporting concepts (disciplinary versus inclusive identity shaping, intimate citizenship, space, and community governance) enables a contextualized analysis of the complexities of social work as a social space of meaning and power and as (re-) producing practices through which clients experience and negotiate rights, responsibilities, participation, identity and belonging, and thereby also of the dynamics of inclusion and exclusion that can arise in social work. The lecture will take the form of a workshop and is part of the elective course of the specialist PhD-course ‘Contemporary challenges for social work research: where do we go from here?’ organized by the UGent in cooperation with the KU Leuven and the University of Antwerp.

Curriculum vitae
Hanne Warming is a Professor of Sociology, childhood and Social Work, and head of the research group ‘Social Dynamics and Change’ at Roskilde University. She has published extensively in the fields of social work with children and young people, lived citizenship and trust, and children’s perspectives.