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Feminism and social interventions across the life course: between solidarity and complicity.

Speaker: Professor Berteke Waaldijk, recently retired from
Utrecht University

In this seminar, Prof. Waaldijk will take the interaction between social interventions (e.g. social pedagogy, social support, social care, social work) and women's movements as a starting point to explore the tensions that result when solidarity and resistance become 'part of the system'. Can feminist ideals survive when becoming part of institutional policies? Are social service providers and their allies caught between complicity and abolition?

DATE: Monday, 26th March 2026

TIME: 10:00 -12:30

VENUE: ILAS Building, University of Galway

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The seminar will explore the dilemmas that can occur when attempting to implement the ideals of political and social emancipation movements into local and national social policies and services. The seminar will be followed by a facilitated discussion on the learning and implications from Berteke's talk. The event will end with a networking lunch.