On behalf of the Doctoral School of the Free University Brussels (VUB), the research group on Social and Cultural Food Studies (FOST), the Crime and Society research group (CRIS) and FARO (Vlaams Steunpunt voor Cultureel Erfgoed) we are delighted to invite you to our Master class

Food in Prison

Thursday 16 October 2014 from 10:30 until 17:00

FARO, Priemstraat 51, 1000 Brussels

Just as food plays and important role in society, eating and cooking inside prison is imbued with significance. Although research on food in general society becomes very popular, research on prison food remains rather scarce. The few researchers who tackle this topic work in distinctive disciplines and their results are rarely discussed outside their specific research field. This creates problems to interpret, introduce and use these results in a prison context and hampers the development of a deliberate prison policy.

This Master class aims to open up the discussion by inviting speakers from totally different fields of research. PhD students can present their work and discuss specific questions with the experts. Also, the experts and students will comment on each other’s work and debate on the different approaches of food in this specific and controversial environment. The aim is to create an interdisciplinary debate on food in a prison context.

Speakers:

Linda Kjær Minke
Associate Professor, Department of Law at the University of Southern Denmark
Linda Minke will act as an expert in the field of food studies in prison. Research on this topic is rather scarce and her fieldwork on food practices in Danish prisons yielded interesting insights in group formations and identity construction in prison by focusing on food and cooking activities.

Ap Zaalberg
Researcher at Crime, Law Enforcement and Sanctions Division of the Research and Documentation Centre (WODC), the Netherlands
Ap Zaalberg conducts pioneering research on the topic of food and behavior. On the request of the Dutch Ministry of Justice he conducted research on the relationship between diet and criminal, antisocial and aggressive behavior among young adult prisoners. Drawing on his data he will introduce the students in psychological research on food in a prison context.

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