Monthly Seminar
Anthropology of Children and Youth Network
Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, VU University Amsterdam

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VU University Amsterdam, Metropolitan Building, room Z-009

Documentary ‘Play no matter what!’ and the concept of Social Circus
Kim van Haaster,
Director and producer of documentaries at Kim van Haaster Audiovisuele Producties

Kim van Haaster will introduce the concept of Social Circus that is closely related to the topic of the documentary ‘Play no matter what!’ The documentary was shot in Romania in 2013. After the screening there is time for questions.

Synopsis
Rachitoasa is the hilly hometown of Alexandra and Noni, two Romanian teenagers at the age of fourteen. There is not much else to do in Rachitoasa but to go school, work the land, help out in the household, or hang out on the streets. But one glorious day a bunch of funny looking, foreign people come to live in their village and stay a while. They turn the abandoned and rundown school building down the road into a colorful place for them to play! Ash and Jolien and the two teenagers become friends and hand-in-hand they play and figure out what they are good at and what is valuable in life. Playing is the most powerful way of learning, no matter the circumstances.

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