

Faculteit Letteren en Wijsbegeerte

**The Price of Sex - Filmvoorstelling en
Panelgesprek - 14 mei, 18:30-21:30,
Blandijnberg Aud A**

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**Film Screening & Panel Discussion: *The Price of Sex* - on
trafficking for sexual exploitation purposes**



Location / Time: Universiteit Gent, Blandijnberg, Aud A, 18:30-21:30 - free entrance

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The plight of trafficked people is often simply inhumane. The phenomenon of trafficking seems to boom in a globalized world – often with harrowing consequences and human tragedy. However, the issue of trafficking for sexual exploitation purposes also generates controversy lately. We cannot but do all we possibly can to assist victims, prevent further exploitation carousels and prosecute the traffickers – all this preferably in partnership with the (possible) victims of trafficking. But the ‘trafficking’ discourse, its moral and legal framing, and related initiatives of a so-called ‘rescue industry’ have lately been the subject of criticism as well. How to combat best trafficking? Is the notion of trafficking a useful notion in the fight against human misery related to, among others, awful working conditions in the sex industry? Can sex be work at all?

We start with the screening of the award-winning recent documentary on trafficking by the Bulgarian cineaste and photographer Mimi Chakarova: *The Price of Sex* (see priceofsex.org for more info and trailer) – a film about young Eastern European women who’ve been drawn into the world of sex trafficking and abuse. Chakarova’s documentary tell the story of her personal investigative journey, exposing the shadowy world of sex trafficking from Eastern Europe to the Middle East and Western Europe. Filming undercover she shows how, even though some women escape to tell their stories, sex trafficking thrives.

The screening will be followed by a panel debate on trafficking with the participation of Dr. Nena Foster (health studies, UEL, UK), Prof. Nina Persak (criminologie, UGent), Dr. An van Dienderen (filmmaker) and Jelena Von Helldorff (member of the EC expert panel on trafficking; expert CEIPA, Centre for European and International Policy Action).