

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

10:00AM to 12:00PM

1P -223 (Media Culture Screening Room)

**Kevin Smets** is Associate Professor of Media and Culture at Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium. He is co-director of ECHO: Research group on media, culture and politics. He conducts research on media, migration, and the social and political dimensions of film and visual culture.

FILM SCREENING AND Q&A WITH  
PROFESSOR KEVIN SMETS (VRIJE  
UNIVERSITY, BRUSSELS) AND CO-  
PRODUCER, IRENE GUTIERREZ-TORRES

### BRINGING SCIENCE AND ARTIVISM: PARTICIPATORY FILMMAKING IN BORDERLANDS

The presentation compresses three short films resulted from the participatory filmmaking workshops set in the Irish border, the Moroccan-Spanish border, and the Turkish-Syrian border.

**Irene Gutierrez** is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and researcher affiliated with the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Her work critically examines the political, social, and emotional landscapes shaped by post-revolutionary, post-colonial, and post-conflict processes with a strong emphasis on collaborative and participatory filmmaking practices.