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Married in 1967 to Hubert Brenninkmeijer; lives in Brussels (Belgium), Dutch nationality. Studied social sciences (Institute for Social Sciences, Dortmund, Germany) and theology (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1969-1980: Co-founded a network for "Women In Danger" on behalf of Caritas Catolica (in Germany and Belgium)
- 1980-1987: Lecturing and giving retreats in Flemish secondary schools
- 1987- : Founder & Director of the International Academy for Marital Spirituality (INTAMS)
- 1995-: Founding Editor of the INTAMS review - Journal for the Study of Marriage & Spirituality
- Since 2000: Founding Board Member of the Centre for the Study of Christianity, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem
- Since 2001: Founding Board Member of the Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies, Gregorian University, Rome;

PUBLICATIONS

Books (editor/co-editor):

- Marriage – Constancy and Change in Togetherness, Chinese Translation, Taiwan, 2018
- Marriage – Constancy and Change in Togetherness, Münster: LIT Verlag, 2017
- Ehe - Bestand und Wandel im Miteinander, Münster: LIT Verlag, 2017
- *A cuore aperto: Riflessioni sul significato del matrimonio*, ed. A. Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn, Roma: Città Nuova, 2014
- *Close to our Hearts: Personal Reflections on Marriage*, ed. K. Demmer & A. Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn, Münster: LIT, 2013
- *Das Herz spricht zum Herzen: Reflexionen über die Ehe*, ed. K. Demmer & A. Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn, Freiburg: Herder, 2012
- *Christian Marriage Today*, ed. K. Demmer & A. Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn, Washington, DC: Catholic University of America Press, 1997

Journal Articles:

- "Sensus Fidei and Sensus Fidelium in a Marriage Debate", in: [Melita Theologica](#), 2015.
- "Marriage and the Family as a Seedbed for Fostering Sensus Fidei and Sensus Fidelium", in: *INTAMS review* 15/1, 2015
- "Sviluppo di una cultura dell'amore coniugale", in: *Vivere in* 3/2001, 36-38, Italy
- "The year of the Lord in Married Life", in: *INTAMS review* 5/1, 1999 and 6/1, 2000
- "Sentieri di spiritualità coniugale", in: *Prospettiva Persona* 29/30, 1999, 75-80, Teramo
- "Interview with Cardinal C.M. Martini", in: *INTAMS review* 5/2, 1999, 38-42
- Editorials in *INTAMS review* vol. 1/1 (1995), 2 (1996), 3 (1997), 4 (1998), 5 (1999), 7/1 (2001), 8/1 (2002), 9/1 (2003), 10/1 (2004).

Press Articles:

- "Signs of a new beginning - Hopes for Francis' papacy", in: [Tablet](#), Easter Issue, 30 March 2013

- “De juiste partner vind je niet, maar word je” in: [Tertio](#), 27 March 2013) / [English](#) translation.

Book chapters:

- “Fostering the Nobility of Marriage and Family: Tête-à-Tête Conversation as an Important Time in Married Life”, in: D. L. Orsuto/ R. S. White (eds.): *Full, Conscious and Active: Lay Participation in the Church’s Dialogue with the World*, Città del Vaticano: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2020
- “A Sacrament of Love: Marital Sacramentality”, in: T.P. Rausch/R. Dell’Oro (eds.): *Pope Francis on the Joy of Love: Theological and Pastoral Reflections on Amoris Laetitia*, New York: Paulist Press, 2018
- "Culturen combineren", in: R. Goris (ed.): *Tussen thuis en bedrijf: Gesprekken met ondernemers en managers*, Wilrijk: VKW, 2006.
- "Marriage and Aging: A Value to Society", in: T. Salzman/T.M. Kelly/J. O'Keefe (eds.): *Marriage and the Catholic Church*, New York: Crossroad, 2005.
- "Lifetime as a Virtue: Changes in Marriage over Time", in: A. Thatcher (ed.): *Celebrating Christian Marriage*, Edinburgh-London: T&T Clark-Continuum, 2002
- Epilogue in G. Faseur: *Tussen Man & Vrouw : Een groeiboek voor gehuwden*, Tiel: Lannoo, 2000

CONFERENCES

Lectures:

- International Marriage Conference, College of St Mark & St John, Plymouth, UK, 26-29 June, 2000. Paper on: *Life Time as a Virtue - Changes in Marriage over Time*
- Conférence "Se former tout au long de la vie: Authenticité et développement", Collège Saint-Michel, Brussels, 29 October, 2000. Paper on: *Se préparer à vieillir ensemble*
- Colloquium "The Family in the European Citizenship: A challenge for an Enlarged Europe", Centro Internazionale Studi Famiglia (Cisf), Milan, 7-9 May, 2004. Paper on: *Anthropological, Ethical and Cultural Foundations of the Family as a Common Good*
- Colloquium "Family in Europe: Foundation - Experiences - Perspectives", Pontifical Lateran University, Rome, 24-27 June, 2004. Paper on: *The Gospel as the Source of Wisdom for Aging: A Quest*
- Christelijke Werkgeversorganisatie VKW, Kempen, Belgium, 18 November, 2006. Paper on: *Gezin en onderneming: een deugddoende relatie?*
- Professional Women's Association Margaretha van Parma, Oudenaarde, Belgium, 19 maart 2008. Paper on: *Over de zelfwaardering van de vrouw in de verschillende levensfasen: De vrouw in maatschappij en kerk*
- Domus Hospitalis Sanctae Mariae Teutonicorum (Duitse Orde), Alden Biezen, Belgium, 17 April 2008. Paper on: *The Spirituality of Silence*
- Interreligious Jewish-Christian Colloquium, Brussels, Belgium, 7 September 2009. Introductory Paper
- Colloquium on the occasion of the Opening of a new MA in Family Ministry, University of Malta, Faculty of Theology La Valetta, 15-17 October 2009.
 - Key Lecture on: *Teaching Family Ministry: A Scientific and Interdisciplinary Approach*
 - Public Lecture on: *Do Marriage and Family have a Future?*

- Konrad Adenauer House, Bonn, 22 October 2009. Introductory Lecture on: *Die Identität des Christlichen Europas: Welche kulturelle Bedeutung hat das für uns? Wie gestalten wir Europa für die kommende Generation?*
- Colloquium "Vrouw-zijn en Man-zijn: Confronterend of Aanvullend ?", Forum Arenberg, Leuven, Belgium, 27 March 2010. Lecture on: *Machtspel of Eenheid in Verscheidenheid? (Power Game : Unity or Diversity?)*
- Colloquium "Living in Covenant with God", Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, USA, 28 September 2010. Lecture on: *The Christian's Call to Priestly, Prophetic, and Kingly Life*
- Colloquium "Partners in Dialogue: Reconciliation through Understanding and Cooperation", St. Michael's College, Burlington, Vermont, USA, 6 October 2010. Lecture on: *Marriage in the Matrix of the Intercultural Dialogue*
- Study Day "The Christian Vocation of the Laity", St. Benet's College, Oxford, 17 May 2014. Lecture on: *The Domestic Church: Towards a Spirituality in Marriage and Family Life*
- Colloquium "Women of Faith and the Family: Between Tradition and Modernity", LUMSA University, Rome, 1 October 2014. Lecture on: *Women and the Challenge of Education: Passing on the Faith in a Modern Secular World*
- European Conference on the Family: "Between Two Synods: Journeying Together", University of Malta, 20 February 2015. Lecture on: *Sensus Fidei and Sensus Fidelium in a Marriage Debate*
- Colloquium "La Dimensione Interdisciplinare della Teologia Morale", Gregorian Pontifical University, Rome, 17 April 2015. Lecture on: *Professor Klaus Demmer: A Personal Account*

Moderator:

- "The call for love and fidelity in an Interchurch marriage", International Women Forum, Prague, 9-10 May, 2006. Moderator.
- International INTAMS Symposium "Faithful Voices, Discerning Hearts: Marriage and Family in Church and Society", Rome, 10-12 September 2015 (Colloquium moderator).

VARIOUS

- For Better and For Worse: TV Broadcasting series, 2000
- International Conference on "Family and Citizenship : Rethinking the Social Role of the Family in the European Culture ", Padua, 11-12 September, 2006. Participant.
- Congress on "Evangelization in the City", Brussels, All Saints 2006. Workshop on: *Samen oud, samen getrouwd? Het huwelijk in de tweede levenshelft*
- Domus Hospitalis Sanctae Mariae Teutonicorum (Duitse Orde), Kevelaer, Germany, 25 October 2009. Meditation on: *Königliche, Priesterlich und Prophetische Berufung des getauften Laien*

Various lectures given in Belgium, The Netherlands, Italy and Israel on:

- Lay Vocation and Religious Vocation (1988)
- Women in Church and Society (1989)
- Education and Formation of Young Adults (1993)
- Marriage and Celibacy (1994)
- Marriage as Vocation (1995)