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In Memoriam Christiane Timmerman

This book is dedicated to the late Professor Christiane Timmerman, who passed away on 10 February 2019. She was one of the promotors of the project behind this book and one of the book’s editors.

Christiane Timmerman (born in 1959) was a Belgian psychologist, anthropologist and migration expert. She was a member of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Antwerp where she lectured in migration and integration. Since 2006 Christiane had been the director of CeMIS, the Centre for Migration and Intercultural Studies, an interdisciplinary research centre of the University of Antwerp.

Christiane studied at the University of Leuven (KU Leuven) where she obtained Master’s degrees in Psychology (Clinical Psychology and Experimental Social Psychology) in 1983 and in Social and Cultural Anthropology in 1987. Later she embarked on a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology, which she completed in 1996.

She had gained professional experience with civil society organisations working with migrants before starting her academic career. Her research trajectory took her to the University of Leuven and then to the University of Antwerp. There, she took over the directorship of UCSIA, the University Centre Saint Ignatius Antwerp in 2004 (until 2011), before co-founding CeMIS.

Under her leadership, CeMIS became an internationally recognised leader of and partner in various large-scale international research projects. CeMIS also joined the IMISCOE network, the largest European network for migration, integration and social cohesion. Christiane put migration and integration research in Flanders and in Belgium firmly on the map.