

*Name and position today and a short background*

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Professor in Practical Theology and Religious Education at Goethe-University Frankfurt, Germany. Main research issues are oriented to contextual and empirical theology. Besides I am engaged in homiletics and liturgics as well as in Religious Education. In recent years I have developed an empirical-theological approach based on life-world and phenomenological philosophy.

Member of several scientific societies, among others:

The Royal Norwegian Society of Sciences and Letters, Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie, The International Seminar on RE and Values (ISREV), The International Academy of Practical Theology, The International Society of Empirical Research in Theology (ISERT), The European Network on Religious Education in a Contextual Approach (ENRECA).

Based on European university exchange program I am frequently giving classes and lectures within the phd programs in Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the Netherlands, and Estonia.

Outside Europe I am lecturing in practical theology at Boston University, School of Theology.

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### **Short CV**



After studies in theology and teacher education I took my dr. paed. 1976 on a thesis about the dialogue between theology and psychoanalysis about phantasy. I did my habilitation in theology 1980 on the history of the psychology of religion. 1987 I was appointed for the chair of psychology of religion in the theological faculty at Groningen University (The Netherlands). Since 1990 I am holding a chair for Practical Theology and Religious Education in the Faculty of Protestant Theology in Frankfurt.

### **Research and interest fields**

Contextual approach to RE;

RE in a European Perspective;

Life world based RE.

### ***Current projects (short summary)***

Together with the members of my Frankfurt research team I am currently preparing a larger project on *Empirical-Theological Research on Professional Praxis in Churches*

### ***Bibliography***

I am the editor/author of 31 books and have published 169 academic articles and chapters, both nationally and internationally in German, English, Dutch, Norwegian, Danish, and Swedish.

I am currently coeditor of the bookseries *Religious Diversity and Education in Europe* (Waxmann publishers, Hamburg) as well as co-editor of the series *Research in Contemporary Religion RCR* (Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, Göttingen)

Look for a complete bibliography at <http://www.evtheol.uni-frankfurt.de/pt/personen/heimbrock/>

### ***Books***

#### **Latest Books**

*Religionsunterricht im Horizont Europas. Einführung in die kontextuelle Religionsdidaktik*, Stuttgart 2004

*Livsfrågor – Religion – Livsvärld. Bidrag till kontextuell religionsdidaktik ur ett tyskt perspektiv*. i översättning av Rune Larsson  
Lund 2005

C. Bakker/H.-G. Heimbrock (Ed.), *Researching RE Teachers/Teachers as researchers*, Münster 2007 (Waxmann)

Wyller, Trygve / Heimbrock, Hans-Günter (Ed.) *Perceiving the Other. Case Studies and Theories of Respectful Action*, Göttingen 2010

### ***Book chapters and articles in journals***

#### **Latest articles**

Encounter as Model for Dialogue in RE. in: Siebren Miedema (Ed.), *Religious Education as Encounter*, Münster 2009, 83 - 97.

Encounters in diversity: some suggestions for a dialogical religious education, in: Geir Skeie (Ed.), *Religious Diversity and Education. Nordic Perspectives*, Münster 2009, 29 – 42

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Religion, Reason and Experience in Public Education, in: *Religious Schooling in Liberal Democracies: Commitment, Character, and Citizenship*, routledge (2011; in print)

Evangelische Theologie als Praxis-Wissenschaft. Empirisch-theologische Erschließung gelebter Religion, in: Alkier/Heimbrock (Hg.), *Evangelische Theologie an staatlichen Universitäten. Konzepte und Konstellationen Evangelischer Theologie und Religionsforschung*, Göttingen 2010, 203 - 240

Stadt und Urbanität als theologische Lernfelder, in: Burfeind/H.-G. Heimbrock/A. Spory (Hg.), *Religion und Urbanität. Herausforderungen für Kirche und Gesellschaft*, Münster 2009, 167 - 179

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