

Angela Berlis

Angela Berlis is an Old Catholic theologian. She studied theology at Bonn and Utrecht Universities (1981-1988) and worked at the University of Bonn as teaching and research assistant (1991-2000). At the University of Utrecht, she was 2000-2009 lecturer for Practical Theology and was nominated in 2006 as endowed Professor for ancient Catholic church structures at Utrecht University. Between 2003 and 2007 she worked as a postdoc fellow in modern Church History at the Roman Catholic Faculty of Theology in Tilburg (the Netherlands) about the abolition of clerical celibacy and marriage of clergy. Since 2009, she has held the chair for the History of Old Catholicism and General Church History (Ordinary Professor since 2012). Between 2009 and 2017, she was Vice Dean and Head of the Departement for Old Catholic Theology – in Switzerland, *Christkatholische Theologie* – and, since 2010, she has also been Co-Director of the Interdepartmental Competence Centre for Liturgy, Faculty of Theology, University of Bern. Between 2018 and 2020 she was Dean of the Faculty of Theology at the University of Bern (Switzerland).

Since her studies, Angela Berlis has been involved in Women's and Gender Studies: she was President of the European Society of Women in Theological Research (ESWTR), 2007-2011.

Angela Berlis was President of the Swiss Society for Theology (2014-2017). She is member of the Editorial Boards of several journals and was, between 2011 and 2017, member of the Steering Committee of the Ecclesiological Investigations Group with the American Academy of Religion. Since 2016, she has been Editor-in-Chief of the Old Catholic academic journal *Internationale Kirchliche Zeitschrift* (www.ikz.unibe.ch). Currently, she is a member of several ecumenical dialogue committees and of the WCC Faith and Order Commission (coconvenor of studygroup 2 until 2020). As a church historian, Angela Berlis works on anti-ultramontane movements in the 19th century and the way how women and men dealt with the ultramontanization of the Roman Catholic church in that period.