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Dr. Cees Hamelink (Rotterdam, 1940) studied theology and clinical psychology in Amsterdam where he received his PhD degree in 1975 at the University of Amsterdam. He worked as journalist, policy adviser and researcher for many different institutions. Among them were Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UNESCO, Inter Press Service, International Red Cross, SIDA, World Association for Christian Communication, IDRC (Canada) and UNRISD. He guest-lectured in some 40 countries. Among them Canada, Denmark, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Lithuania, Malaysia, Norway, Russia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Venezuela. He founded the People's Communication Charter, was president of the International Association for Media and Communication Research and was in 2016 appointed by the Royal Flemish Academy of Sciences and Arts as "Thinker".

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