

Prof. Dr. Udo Fries

Portrait

Udo Fries, born 1942, studied at the University of Vienna "Anglistik" and "Germanistik" and finished his studies in 1966 with a dissertation on the language of medieval mystery plays. From 1966 to 1974 he worked as an assistant at the "Institut für Anglistik an der Universität Wien". His "Habilitation" in 1973 was on a textlinguistic analysis of modern English plays. In 1974 he was appointed professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Innsbruck. From 1977 until his retirement in 2007 he was "Ordinarius für Englische Sprachwissenschaft" at the University of Zurich.

During the last couple of years he has concentrated on work in computer corpus linguistics, producing a newspaper corpus of 17th- and 18th-century English newspapers.

Udo Fries was for many years on the board of ICAME, the International Computer Archive of Modern and Medieval English, he organized their annual meeting in 1992 in Zürich. He was Dean of the "Philosophische Fakultät" from 1996 to 1998 and was one of the vice-presidents ("Prorektor Lehre") of the University of Zurich from 1998 to 2004.

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