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Arno Fischer (Biography)

1927

Born in Berlin

1941-1944

Apprenticed as a pattern maker at the Borsig Works in Berlin

1944-1946

German Navy, held as a prisoner of war in England, release and return to Berlin

1948-1953

Studies sculpture at the Berlin Weissensee School of Art and the Berlin State School of Fine Arts

1954-1956

Works as a darkroom technician in a private radiography practice

1956-1971

Assistant lecturer, from 1957 senior assistant lecturer for photography under Professor Klaus Wittkugel at the Berlin Weissensee School of Art

1965-1966

Foundation of the photographers' group 'Direkt'

1971

Works as a freelance photographer

from 1972

Travels extensively for magazine and book publications, among his destinations are the Soviet Union, the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic, Poland, Equatorial Guinea and the USA; 1970s and 80s publishes a number of photo books devoted to cities

1972-1973

Teaching position at the Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig

1975

Designs the commemorative steel stelae on the Marx-Engels Forum in East Berlin in cooperation with Peter Voigt

1981

Co-founder of the 'Photography Working Group' within the Association of Fine Artists of the German Democratic Republic

1983-1984

Teaching position at the Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig

1985-1993

Appointed professor for photography at the Academy of Visual Arts, Leipzig

1985

Marries the photographer Sibylle Bergemann

1986

National Prize of the German Democratic Republic, second class

1990-2000

Teaching position for photojournalism at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts, Dortmund

2000

Dr. Erich Salomon Prize of the German Photographic Association

2001-2006

Teaches at the private photography school 'Fotografie am Schiffbauerdamm' in Berlin which he co-founded

since 2006

Teaches at the Ostkreuz School for Photography and Design, Berlin

Arno Fischer lives and works in Gransee near Berlin