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Christine von PRUMMER holds degrees from Smith College/USA (B.A.), Konstanz University (M.A.) and Dortmund University (Ph.D). She was Senior Researcher and Head of the Evaluation Unit at the German FernUniversität, a single-mode distance teaching university. For 34 years -from 1978 until her retirement in 2011- her institutional research spanned a wide range of issues such as access and exclusion, choice of subject areas, use of technologies, learning styles and the evaluation of courses and curricula.

Since the early 1980s, her research and writing have focused on gender in distance education and gender issues in virtual, open, and distance learning environments and has done comparative research on the situation of women in distance education in Germany and Britain..

She is co-author of the seminal paper *Support and Connectedness. The Needs of Women Distance Education Students* (1990) and the author of *Women and Distance Education: Challenges and Opportunities* (2000).

Currently she is analyzing the data of a large-scale survey on the situation of women and men studying at the FernUniversität which she conducted in 2011.

She continues to work as a consultant on distance education research and on gender issues in ODL and e-learning.

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