

## **Sylvia Geist**

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Sylvia Geist was born in Berlin; she studied chemistry, German and Art History at the TU Berlin; in 1989 she moved to the area around Hannover. Sylvia Geist worked as an editor, was an employee at a publishing house, a publisher, translator and creator of literary and interdisciplinary projects.

Her literary work comprises different fields ranging from poetry to narrative prose, essays and reviews. Due to various study visits and reading journeys she travelled to numerous European countries as well as to India, Africa and the Arabian region.

Her poetry and short prose have been translated into Arabic, Bulgarian, English, French, Polish, Russian, Slovak, Slovenian, Hungarian, Ukrainian, Urdu, Telugu and Belarusian. In 2017 Sylvia Geist became a member of the PEN-Zentrum Germany. In addition to numerous other awards, she was granted the scholarship of the Rainer-Malkowski-prize in 2018. Her latest collection of poetry – *Fremde Felle* (Hanser 2018) – was critically acclaimed.

Sylvia Geist currently lives in the Uckermark and in Vancouver.