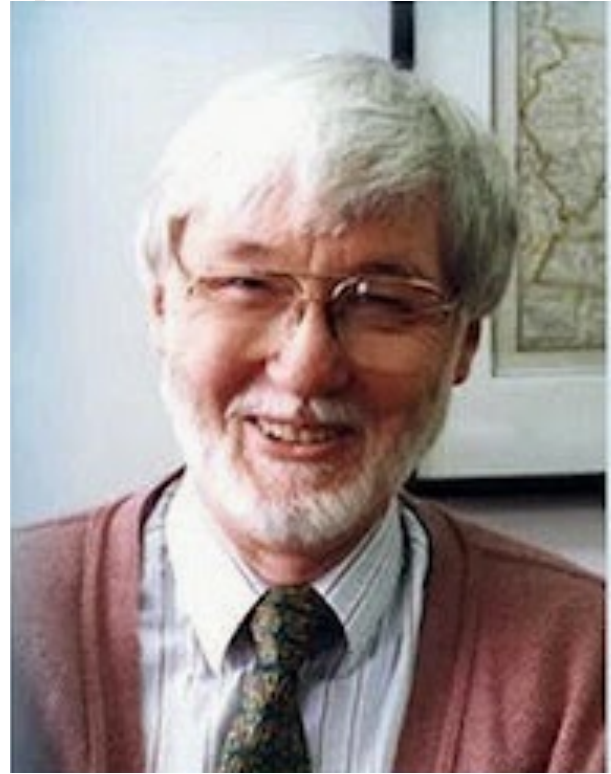


An International and Interdisciplinary Megabook Project: The Changing World Language Map

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One of my current projects is editing THE CHANGING WORLD LANGUAGE MAP, which Springer will produce as an electronic reference volume. There are sections on language origins, conflicts, instruction, use, technology, policy representation, regions and mapping. I have over 220 scholars from around the world contributing original chapters to this volume; these include sociologists, geographers, historians and anthropologists looking at language issues just mentioned as well as linguists. This fascinating interdisciplinary and international project will become, I hope, a standard reference source for the next decade and beyond. I will share the content, the organization, and the contributors to those attending and perhaps even stimulate some faculty and students to contribute to the volume. SE Ohio is a distinctive language region with many variants in speech, place names, and rural landscapes, including the Ohio River, which is one of the world's major cultural watersheds.

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