

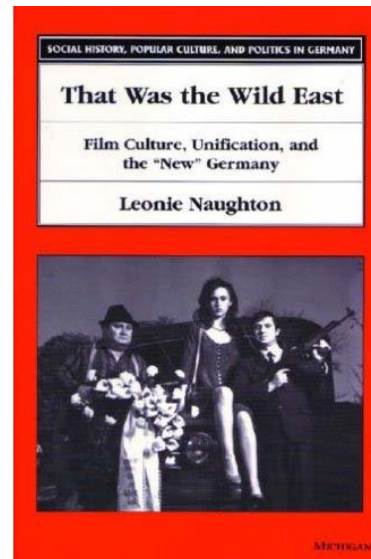


Leonie Naughton PhD

10th March 1955

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8th September 2007



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- **Daughter**
- **Sister**
- **Traveller**
- **Artist**
- **Partner**
- **Wife**
- **Author**
- **Eccentric**
- **Doctor of Philosophy**
- **Fashionist**
- **Lecturer**
- **Academic**
- **Friend**

Leonie grew up rural NSW, the only daughter of Tom and May. Even as a teenager she tested boundaries and continued to through out her life. After 6th form she moved to Sydney to attend Art College leaving after a year. She soon found work and saved enough to set out on the now defunct overland route to Europe. A single Aussie surfer girl managed to visit Iran, Kabul, and beyond. Her return journey brought her to Melbourne where she settled. She enrolled at Latrobe University as a mature student to study Art History and commenced her long academic journey. From Art History tutor her interests moved to film studies.

Leonie's film interests focused on contemporary German film. By force of will and intelligence she taught herself German. In 1982 she moved to Berlin, to immerse herself in radical German culture and further film study, where she met her husband Rudi and returned to Australia with him.

Leonie continued her academic career gaining first an MA then her PhD. She published academic film criticism and was involved in the Melbourne Film Festival. In 2002 she proudly published her thesis "That was the Wild East" as a book.

Leonie was appointed as a lecturer at Monash University, where she worked until 2002. After a period of travel to Europe and North America she settled back in St Kilda and began a new career at a prisoner support agency. Her academic and intellectual interests turned to Television Drama and World Wide Web communities.

She remained an active reader and critic of the contemporary scene even being a contributor to a worldwide trend tracking service.

We will all remember her dressing styles, which were always sharp, diverse and witty. Her clothes reflected her keen intellect, her artistic expression and discerning eye.

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