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Prof. Szwedek is head of the Department of Cognitive Linguistics in the School of English, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań.

He taught at Łódź University, Nicolas Copernicus University, Toruń, Kazimierz Wielki University, Bydgoszcz, and Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań.

His initial interest after graduation in 1964 was in the history of the English language. In 1969, he defended his PhD dissertation on the verb system in the 16 century. His next field of interest was text linguistics, particularly the thematic structure of the sentence in English and in Polish. He published on that topic two books on the basis of which he received his DLitt degree and the title of professor.

In the last decade his research concentrated on cognitive linguistics, particularly the theory of metaphor and has published some 20 papers on the subject in Poland and abroad.

He was a guest lecturer in a number of universities in Europe and the United States.

Prof. Szwedek organized and chaired two English departments, in Bydgoszcz and Toruń. He was also dean of Humanities and, between September 1981 and March 1982, vice-rector of the Pedagogical University in Bydgoszcz.

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