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Hannes Leopoldseder is a co-founder of Ars Electronica and the Linzer Klangwolke (Cloud of Sound). He initiated the Prix Ars Electronica in 1987, and in 1991 came up with the idea that led to the first Ars Electronica Center. As vice-chairman of the Board of Directors, Hannes Leopoldseder still contributes to Ars Electronica carrying out its mission. He also has numerous publications about Ars Electronica, the Prix Ars Electronica and the Linzer Klangwolke to his credit. Hannes Leopoldseder was an editor at a publishing house before going to work as a TV journalist for the ORF – Austrian Broadcasting Company’s Vienna Studio in 1967. From 1974 to 1998, he was director of the ORF’s Upper Austria Regional Studio. Beginning in 1975, he also taught Audiovisual Media at the University of Vienna. In 1998, Hannes Leopoldseder was appointed TV news director at ORF Vienna. In this capacity, he was responsible for nationwide reporting on culture, science, sport and religion. In 2009, Hannes Leopoldseder was named honorary professor by the Linz Art University, where he has taught a course about Ars Electronica since 2008. Leopoldseder has been the recipient of many honors including the Honorary Ring of the City of Linz, the Austrian Cross of Honor for Science and Art, and the professional title of Professor.