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Rolf Kühn

Macht der Gefühle

(The Power of Emotions)

October 2008, 140 pages

When we feel extreme love, hope, or despair, we do this first and foremost in our own, individual way. Besides, we frequently let emotions affect our actions, for example when we have to make an important decision or when our conscience speaks to us as an inner voice. After all, our intellect and our imagination seem to apprehend only a very small part of the manifold and deep realm of our emotions.

About the author: Rolf Kühn has written, edited and translated many philosophical books. He lives near Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany).

Stascha Rohmer

Liebe – Zukunft einer Emotion

(Love – The Future of an Emotion)

October 2008, 236 pages

Do the new challenges of genetic engineering and neurobiology lead to a disenchantment of love? Or would we still agree with Erich Fromm and claim that, regardless of technological advance, humankind could not survive one single day without love?

Stascha Rohmer argues that the essence of human existence is freedom. This freedom is shown to be rooted in a kind of everlasting love that goes far beyond our sensual, corporeal feelings and leads to a religious and mythical world of experience.

About the author: Stascha Rohmer teaches philosophy at the University of Madrid (Spain).

Ute Guzzoni

Unter anderem: die Dinge

(Among Others: Things)

October 2008, 190 pages

How do we experience objects and their interrelations? How do we experience the interaction between us and inanimate things? The author sets out to explore these questions, reflecting on the special objects we have become fond of as well as all the things that surround us and that we use mostly without special notice or consideration. Guzzoni's point is to show how sensual our communication with the objects really is, how these objects address us and in what ways we speak about them and, thereby, of the world.

About the author: Ute Guzzoni is an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany).

Burkhard Liebsch

Für eine Kultur der Gastlichkeit

(Creating a Culture of Hospitality)

October 2008, 266 pages

Looking at current political phenomena such as asylum, migration, genocide and new wars, our world seems to be a thoroughly inhospitable place. In contrast to this, Burkhard Liebsch develops the notion of a culture of hospitality which unfolds itself in relation and thanks to the Other. What is more, such a culture has to prove itself in terms of irreducible social pluralism. This analysis leads to the question of what contribution hospitality can make to the pacification of our lives. Hospitality also means to admit that, in the face of all the strangeness dividing people, we essentially rely on each other.

About the author: Burkhard Liebsch is Professor of Philosophy at the Ruhr-University of Bochum (Germany).



Single Publications



Joachim Fischer
Philosophische Anthropologie
(Philosophical Anthropology)

Areas of interest: Philosophical Anthropology, History of Philosophy in the 20th Century, Social Sciences

2008, 688 pages

About this book: "Philosophical Anthropology" historically and systematically reconstructs the development of this system of thought, precisely not as an anthropological sub-discipline of Philosophy, but rather as the particular and influential approach of the German Philosophy of the 20th century, closely affiliated with the names of Max Scheler, Helmuth Plessner, Erich Rothacker, Arnold Gehlen, Adolf Portmann and many others.

About the author: J. Fischer teaches at the University (TU) of Dresden. He is also the co-founder of the Helmut-Plessner-Society (1999).

„Joachim Fischer hat nun eine faszinierende intellektuelle Beziehungsgeschichte dieses philosophisch-anthropologischen Denkansatzes vorgelegt. Fischers beeindruckende Gesamtschau lädt auch dazu ein und setzt ein Gespräch großer Geister des 20. Jahrhunderts imponierend in Szene.“

Jens Hacke, Süddeutsche Zeitung, 28.07.2008



Stephan Loos & Holger Zaborowski
"Essen und Trinken ist des Menschen Leben"
(Of Eating and Drinking)

Areas of interest: Religious and Cultural Studies, Philosophy, Theology

2007, 196 pages

About this book: This volume discusses different dimensions of eating and drinking, reflects on religious backgrounds, traces developments in cultural history and religious science, interrogates philosophical, sociological and political aspects of eating and drinking and illuminates this fundamental part of human life in literature and art.



Gerold Prauss

Moral und Recht im Staat nach Kant und Hegel

(Morals and Justice Inside the State According to Kant and Hegel)

Areas of interest: Philosophy, Philosophy of Law, Moral Philosophy

2008, 140 pages

About this book: Today's meaning of positive law and the secular state takes recourse to two of Immanuel Kant's theories. One of his theories, however, is not successful because it only allows for a mechanics of power that forces obedience without a measure for justice and injustice. The second theory, which is successful, founds a complete different sense of justice and state, for which a measure is indeed afforded.

About the author: G. Prauss an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany).



Hermann Schmitz

Logische Untersuchungen

(Logical Investigations)

Areas of interest: Philosophy, Mathematics, Logic

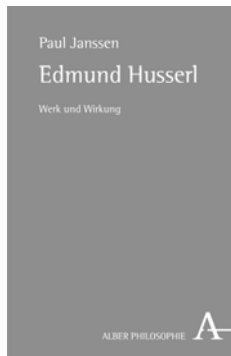
2008, 164 pages

About this book: This book attempts to widen the horizon of logical concepts such as the non-identical, the non-being, the undecided, non-numerical quantities. Their subjective meanings are discussed with great precision in 14 chapters.

About the author: H. Schmitz used to teach at the University of Kiel (Germany). He also founded the New Phenomenology.

Collection *Alber Philosophy*

(Alber-Reihe Philosophie)



Paul Janssen
Edmund Husserl

Areas of interest: Phenomenology, Existential Philosophy, Hermeneutics

2008, 308 pages

About this book: Although the development of Husserl's thought reveals a certain unity within itself, it is also subjected to some divergences. Janssen's introduction shows how Husserl's work has become the initiator of the phenomenological movement, which has constituted a powerful and multifaceted influence in the 20th century.

About the author: P. Janssen is Professor of Philosophy at the University of Cologne. He is also a freelance publicist since 1999.



Burkhard Liebsch
Gegebenes Wort oder Gelebtes Versprechen?
(Given Word or Lived Promise?)

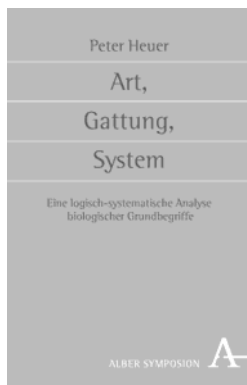
Areas of interest: Social Philosophy, Philosophy of History, Philosophy of Culture

2008, 264 pages

About this book: In questions concerning a promise's obligation of commitment toward the other as well as in living with many anonymous others, the intense significance of fragile social conditions, which are based on an elementary reliability, become clear. Burkhard Liebsch discusses the obligation of commitment in human forms of life which appears in the given word or the lived promise.

About the author: B. Liebsch is Professor of Philosophy at the Ruhr-University of Bochum (Germany).

Collection *Symposion*



Vol. 131: Peter Heuer
Art, Gattung, System
(Species, Genus, System)

**Winner of the
„Karl Alber Preis“
2008**

Areas of interest: Philosophy of Biology

2008, 344 pages

About this book: The book tries to introduce the biological basic concepts 'species', 'genus', and 'system' as the foundation of a consistent natural order of living beings and of biology as a science. Its main goal is to provide a unified definition especially for the concept of 'species' but also for 'genus' and 'system'. Concept pluralism as well as formal and evolutionary approaches to biology are rejected.

About the author: P. Heuer currently teaches at the University of Leipzig (Germany).

Collection *New Phenomenology*



Vol. 10: Hermann Schmitz, Freiheit
(Freedom)

Areas of interest: Philosophy, Law, Psychology, Natural Sciences

2007, 168 pages

About this book: This book puts the usual discussion on freedom to criticism, in which freedom is conceived as freedom of will and objective fact, because such a conception necessarily leads to the dilemma between determinism and indeterminism. Instead of the will now the disposition acts as the active side of the affectation and the subjective fact, which is imbued with a self-effectuation that undermines the aforesaid dilemma: freedom is supplemented by accountability.

About the author: H. Schmitz used to teach at the University of Kiel (Germany). He also founded the New Phenomenology.

Topseller

Hans Michael Baumgartner
Kants „Kritik der reinen Vernunft“
(Kants “Critique of Pure Reason”)

6th Edition, 2006, 168 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy of Enlightenment

About the author: H.M. Baumgartner (1933-1999) was a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Bonn (Germany).

- More than 7.000 copies sold
 - This book is mainly directed towards humanists, teachers and students of philosophy. It gives a plain introduction to one of the primary texts of philosophy.
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Karl Bormann
Platon
(Plato)

4th supplemented edition, 2003, 192 pages

Areas of interest: Ancient Philosophy, Plato-Research

About the author: K. Bormann used to teach Philosophy at the University of Cologne.

- More than 7.500 copies sold
 - This book gives a plain introduction to Plato’s texts and provides new insights in his philosophy.
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Axel Bühler
Einführung in die Logik
(Introduction to Logic)

3rd edition 2000, 320 pages

Areas of interest: Logic, Theoretical Philosophy, Philosophy of Logic

About the author: A. Bühler is a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Düsseldorf (Germany) since 1995.

- More than 4.000 copies sold
- This book gives a plain introduction to logic and is not only directed towards philosophers but also towards natural scientist for instance.

Karen Gloy

Zeit

(Time)

2006, 272 pages

Areas of interest: Natural Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Comparative Cultural Philosophy

About the author: Prof. K. Gloy teaches Philosophy and History of Ideas at the University of Lucerne (Switzerland) and Vienna (Austria).

- In this book, the heterogeneous concepts of time along with their essential features will be developed and bound together in a step by step model, beginning with subjectively experienced time, through to the structured time of activity, and finally ending with the homogenized, continuous, infinite time of mathematics and the suprarational time of quantum physics.
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Franz von Kutschera, Alfred Breitkopf

Einführung in die moderne Logik

(Introduction to Modern Logic)

8th Edition, 2007, 220 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy, Symbolic Logic

About the author: Prof. von Kutschera used to teach Philosophy at the University of Regensburg (Germany). A. Breitkopf runs the editorial office for natural sciences at the Bayerisches Fernsehen (Bavarian Television).

- More than **20.000** copies sold!
- This book is a benchmark and an elementary introduction to modern logic. Propositional logic, elementary quantification theory, identity, and identifications are addressed. Principles of definition and basic concepts of set theory are approached in two supplementary chapters. This book contains also exercises and their solutions.

Rainer Marten

Die Möglichkeit des Unmöglichen. Zur Poesie in Philosophie und Religion.

(The Possibility of the Impossible.

About Poetry in Philosophy and Religion)

2005, 204 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy, History of Philosophy, Meta-philosophy.

About the author: R. Marten is an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the University of Freiburg im Breisgau (Germany).

- Judeo-Christian, Greek-Roman, even modern-enlightenment traditions are substantially characterized by philosophical, theological and religious positions that reveal an exceptional poetry. Epic and tragedy, philosophical and theological texts stemming from ancient, medieval, modern and current times are used as scenes upon which the author discovers and presents this extraordinary poetry.
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Richard Schaeffler

Religionsphilosophie

(Philosophy of Religion)

3rd edition 2002, 352 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy of Religion, Philosophical Theology, Religious Studies, Philosophy of Language

About the author: R. Schaeffler is an Emeritus Professor of Philosophy at the Ruhr-University of Bochum (Germany).

- „I find Schaeffler the most constructively stimulating philosophical theologian writing in German at the present time.”
The Expository Times, London
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Robert Alexy

Begriff und Geltung des Rechts

(The Argument from Injustice.

A Reply to Legal Positivism)

4th Edition, 2005, 215 pages

- More than 2.800 copies sold
- Already translated into nine languages
- At the heart of this book is the age-old question of how law and morality are related. The legal positivist, insisting on the separation of the two, explicates the concept of law independently of morality. The author (currently Professor of Public Law in Kiel) challenges this view, arguing that there are, first, conceptually necessary connections between law and morality and, second, normative reasons for including moral elements in the concept of law.

To Be Published Soon (2008-2009)

Single Publications

Wilhelm Büttemeyer

Ernesto Grassi – Humanismus zwischen Faschismus und Nationalsozialismus
(Ernesto Grassi – Humanism between Fascism and National Socialism)

Spring 2009, ca. 368 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy of the 20th Century, Cultural History, Contemporary History

About this book: This book focuses on the first half of the life of Ernesto Grassi, offering for the first time authentic biographical information. Other topics are Grassi's Heideggerian interpretation of Plato or his criticism of the modern concept of science. The author also analyses the role of humanism in the political context of fascism and National Socialism.

Ute Guzzoni

Gegensätze, Gegenspiele
(Contradictions, Contrasts)

January 2009, ca. 216 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy

About this book: This volume attempts a philosophical thinking that turns to the particular and its worldliness. In pictures and analogies, it will try to follow the trails of the human being in the world and his encounter with his others.

Guy van Kerckhoven, Hans-Ulrich Lessing, Axel Ossenkop
Wilhelm Dilthey. Leben und Werk in Bildern
(Wilhelm Dilthey. Life and Work in Pictures)

December 2008, ca. 304 pages and 350 illustrations

Areas of interest: Philosophy, History of Philosophy, History of Ideas

About this book: For the very first time, this volume gathers all available photographs and visual documents recording Wilhelm Dilthey's life. This volume therefore offers graphic insights into the biography and life work of one of the most significant German philosophers of the second half of the 19th century.

Richard Schaeffler

Ontologie im nachmetaphysischen Zeitalter

(Ontology in the Era of Post-Metaphysics)

November 2008, ca. 192 pages

Areas of interest: Ontology, Metaphysics, Transcendental Philosophy

About this book: The critique of metaphysics has become radicalized throughout its history. It has become almost commonplace to assume that we live in a „post-metaphysics“-world. However, how can such critique open ways in which we may ask the „ontological question in a newer form?

Collection *Alber Philosophy*

Hans-Helmuth Gander (Ed.)

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(On Human Rights)

February 2009, ca. 184 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy, Human Rights

About this book: Considering the central role of human rights in international politics and the community of states, this book deals with the wide scope of questions affecting the justification and codification of human rights from both a philosophical and legal perspective.

Collection *Applied Ethics*

Vol. 10: Armin Grunwald

Auf dem Weg in eine nanotechnologische Zukunft

(On the Way to a Nanotechnological Future)

November 2008, ca. 384 pages

Areas of interest: Ethics, Philosophy of Technique, Nanotechnology

About this book: Nano-ethics is an emerging field dealing with ethical aspects and challenges of nanotechnology. This book includes an overview about the state of the art as well as detailed analyses and reflections on the issues of nanoparticles and the precautionary principle, nanobiotechnology and artificial life, neuroimplants and human enhancement.

Collection *Practical Philosophy*

Vol. 81: Christian Thies

Der Sinn der Sinnfrage

(On the Meaning of the Question of Meaning)

November 2008, ca. 312 pages

Areas of interest: Metaphysics, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion

About this book: Most people consider the question of the meaning of life the most philosophical question of all. The first step in this book is to examine what exactly the sense of such a question is. The second step is dedicated to critical analysis of the resulting answers.

Collection *Scientia & Religio*

Vol. 7: Markus Enders

Philosophie der Religionen im Mittelalter

(Philosophy of Religions in the Middle Ages)

Summer 2009, ca. 328 pages

Areas of interest: Philosophy, Religious Studies, Theology

About this book: This book provides an extensive and reliable overview of the disputations of purely philosophical argumentation between Christian authors of the Latin Middle Ages and Islamic and Judaic issues. It systematically reconstructs and analyzes the relevant positions of significant Christian authors such as Anselm of Canterbury, Peter Abälard, Thomas Aquinas, Raimundus Lullus and Nikolas of Kues.

New Collection 2009: *Worlds of Philosophy*

Vol. 1: Ram Adhar Mall / Jayandra Soni (Ed.)

Kleines Lexikon der indischen Philosophie

(Little Dictionary of Indian Philosophy)

Spring 2009, ca. 128 pages

Areas of interest: Indian Philosophy, Intercultural Philosophy, Comparative Philosophy

About this book: This small dictionary of Indian philosophy deals with the most important philosophical terms, categories, and themes in Indian philosophy. Its focus lies on the four streams of 'classical' philosophy in India; namely Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism and Cārvāka/Lokāyata (Indian Materialism).

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