

**SHORT INVENTORY OF THE HELMUTH PLESSNER PAPERS  
IN THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY GRONINGEN**

1. Papers and correspondence concerning plans for international cooperation between German expatriate scholars. The Netherlands, from 1934 onwards. Letters of Baumgarten, Binswanger, Pos, and others.
2. Miscellaneous, 1940-1950. Correspondence with family members; manuscript of a radio lecture, 1950; other fragments of lectures, etc.
3. Miscellaneous, 1945-1950. Manuscript of 'Levensfilosofie en phaenomenologie' (1949), Psychiatric-psychological Study Council.
4. Research reports, data concerning the university of Cologne, ca. 1931; results of Dutch research on factory workers (1943) and research on *privaatdocenten*, Sociological Institute, Groningen University.
5. Texts (manuscript and typescript) of various studies and essays written during the time in Cologne and the early years in the Netherlands.
6. Documents concerning the Sociological Institute at Groningen University, i.a., report of activities 1938-1945, newspaper cuttings concerning the opening of the Institute (in early 1938), correspondence re research, study programmes, etc.
7. Miscellaneous from the Dutch period after 1945, i.a., Plessner's appointment to the chair of philosophy; the Institute of Physical Education in Groningen; notes for lectures, i.a., on the mental background of the Second World War.
8. Newspaper cuttings on activities in Groningen (inaugural lecture, other lectures) and various other topics. Text of a lecture held in 1946.
9. Correspondence and other documents concerning the European movement, Society 'De Lage Landen', European Federative Movement, Committee on Active Democracy, European Action (Committee for the German question). Documents concerning the Instituut voor Volkenpsychologie, Nederlands Genootschap voor Internationale Zaken. Texts of lectures presented to some of the above-mentioned societies, texts of a pre-advice on the German question. Conference on Germany held in Bergen (NL).
10. Texts in Dutch and German of a study 'Vernieuwing der Universiteit' / Erneuerung der Universität'. Various loose notes.
11. Newspaper cuttings concerning, i.a., the Philosophen-Kongress in Mainz, 1948, lectures on Germany before and after World War II.
12. 1-2. Documents concerning the Bräuer case, 1943-1944, and the Hartenbach case, 1935-1936.

13. Documents concerning Plessner's honorary doctorate, 24 June 1964.
14. Documents concerning applications: curriculum vitae, lists of publications, expert opinions, reviews.
15. Letters addressed to Plessner or his mother, 1939-1941, written from Wiesbaden to Groningen.
16. Correspondence with Dutch universities concerning the survey on *privaatdocenten* (cf. no. 4).
17. Documents concerning the tenth Internationale Filosofisch Congres, Amsterdam 1948; circulars, letters etc. Some correspondence concerning the festschrift for Pos.
18. Congratulations on the appointment as Rector of the Georgia Augusta University in Göttingen, 1960. Documents concerning actions against this appointment (advertisement).
19. Guest professorship in New York, 1962-1963: correspondence on business matters, appointment, taxes, etc.; correspondence concerning the guest professorship at the New School for Social Research, New York 1962, and taxes in the US.
20. Telegrams and letters on the occasion of Plessner's 75th birthday, 4 September 1967.
21. 'Gedenkblätter und Impressionen aus einem Stück philos.-soziologischer Geschichte Göttingens'. Autobiographies and contributions by colleagues of the Sociological Institute in Göttingen.
22. Newspaper cuttings on various topics, from the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, and others.
23. Newspaper cuttings concerning Plessner's work: reports on lectures, book reviews, and book announcements. Various cuttings on other topics, including German universities, Göttingen University, lectures by various persons.
24. Reviews of *Philosophischer Anzeiger*, edited by Plessner (1925-1929).
25. Studies on Plessner's work or dedicated to him (off-prints, typescripts), on the occasion of birthdays etc.
26. Documents concerning the sale of a house, 1962.
27. Correspondence concerning the Werner Reimers-Stiftung.
28. Correspondence concerning paintings by Max Beckmann (1950s); correspondence in German (congratulations, thank-you letters, etc.) from the 1950s.
29. Correspondence with Josef König.

30. Correspondence with Arnold Metzger (xeroxes).
31. English translation of chapter 1 of an unknown text, by John Martin Leigh.
32. Newspaper cuttings: reviews of *Die Einheit der Sinne* (1923).
33. Newspaper cuttings: reviews of *Grenzen der Gemeinschaft* (1924); some postcards and letters, from Th. Litt and others.
34. Newspaper cuttings and letters: reviews of and reactions to *Die Stufen des Organischen und der Mensch* (1928). Letters from Brentano, Buytendijk, Driesch, Litt, Misch, Aloys Müller, and others.
35. Newspaper cuttings and correspondence concerning *Das Schicksal deutschen Geistes ...* (1935); letters of Hans Kohn, E. Vermeil, Liebert, Litt, and others.
36. Newspaper cuttings, offprints and letters concerning *Lachen und Weinen* (1941 and 1950<sup>2</sup>); letters of Jaspers, Litt, Pos.
37. Newspaper cuttings concerning Herbert Schöffler, *Der Witz der deutschen Stämme* (edited by Plessner, 1955).
38. Newspaper cuttings and offprints: reviews of *Wesen und Wirklichkeit des Menschen. Festschrift für Helmuth Plessner* (1957).
39. Newspaper cuttings and offprints: reviews of *Die verspätete Nation* (1959).
40. Newspaper cuttings concerning various works, i.a., 'Macht und menschliche Natur' (1931), and lectures.
41. Various notes, drafts for studies and lectures, most of them in manuscript, 1918-1951.
42. Typescript of a lecture: 'Wiedergeburt der Form im technischen Zeitalter' (1932).
43. Typescript 'Ueber die Rätselhaftigkeit der Philosophie' (ca. 1942?); unpublished.
44. Manuscript and typescript of 'Das Problem des deutschen Volkscharakters'; lecture (?), undated.
45. Several copies of the printed version of 'Probleme einer Anthropologie der Erkenntnis', 1951.
46. Manuscript and typescript of a lecture on the occasion of the Universitätswoche, undated, possibly incomplete.
47. Typescript (three copies) of 'Moderner Wissenschaftsbegriff und philosophische Tradition', published in *Universitas* 11 (1956).
48. Manuscript and typescript of *Die verspätete Nation*, with changes, additions, etc. Newspaper cuttings of reviews, 1959.

49. Transcription of the lecture series 'Philosophische Anthropologie', Summer Term 1961 (two copies).
50. Manuscript, typescripts and proofs of preface and epilogue to *Die Stufen des Organischen*, 2nd enlarged ed., 1964.
51. Proofs (four copies) of 'Der Mensch im Spiel', lecture Freiburg 1966. Published in *Das Spiel, Wirklichkeit und Methode*, 1967. Proofs of *Die Frage nach der Conditio humana*, Pfullingen, Neske, 1964, Opuscula 14. Typescript of 'Wirkungen des Sports'. Typescript of a radio lecture on 'Moderne Malerei und moderne Gesellschaft', 10.10.1965, Süddeutscher Rundfunk. Typescript of 'Asemisssens Einführung zur meinen Kassler Vortrag', 1963?
52. Typescript (two copies) of 'Immer noch philosophische Anthropologie?' Typescript of 'Wie muss der deutsche Nation-Begriff heute aussehen?', texts for a lecture held in Loccum, 23.6.1966, published in *Merkur* 21 (1967). Manuscript, typescript and printed version of 'Zur Frage der Vergleichbarkeit tierischen un menschlichen Verhaltens', published in *Der Nervenarzt* 36 (1965). Typescript of 'Ungesellige Geselligkeit', in *Festschrift für Gerh. Leibholz*. Typescript of 'Spiel und Sport'. Typescript of 'Die ersten zehn Jahre Soziologie in Göttingen' (1966), intended for an unpublished Göttingen festschrift.
53. Course notes on 'Philosophie des Organischen', 1967-1968.
54. Manuscript and typescript versions of 'Die Musikalisierung der Sinne'; a lecture version typed in a larger font. Published in *Merkur* 26 (1972).
55. Typescript (two copies) of 'Zur Anthropologie der Sprache', published in *Philosophia Naturalis* 15 (1975), with manuscript notes.
56. English and Italian translations of miscellaneous texts.
57. Manuscripts, typescripts, proofs and offprints of contributions to *Evangelisches Kirchenlexikon*, *Religion in Geschichte und Gegenwart*, *Philosophia* (1937) and *Winkler Prins Encyclopaedie* (1948).
58. Typescript in various versions of the lecture 'Ueber Hermeneutik nichtsprachlichen Ausdrucks', presented during the eighth Deutsche Kongress für Philosophie, October 1966. Some letters, summaries and lectures.
59. Typescript of radio lecture 'Gedanken zur Zeit', 13.10.1949. Typescript and printed version of 'Zur Weltraumrakete', published in *Tagesspiegel* 25.12.1957.
60. Typescript in various versions of 'Homo absconditus', published in *Merkur* 23 (1969). Typescript (two copies) of 'Totale Reflexion zum Tode Adornos'.
61. Documents concerning the Study Group on Foundations of Cultural Unity (1965). Correspondence with Marjorie Grene (1965-1966). Typescript of 'Ungesellige Geselligkeit' (see also no. 52).

62. Newspaper cuttings of book reviews by Plessner.
63. Documents concerning contributions to *Handwörterbuch für Sozialwissenschaften*, Stuttgart etc. 1953. Articles on Scheler, Spengler, Spiel.
64. Manuscript and typescript of lecture notes 'Körper, Seele, Geist', Winter Term 1957-1958.
65. Manuscript and typescript of 'Thesen zu dem Vortrag über den Begriff der menschlichen Arbeit'.
66. Manuscript (three versions) and typescript (two copies) of 'Ein Newton des Grashalms', published in *Argumentationen. Festschrift J. König*, Göttingen 1964.
67. Manuscript and typescript (two versions) of 'Der Mensch als Lebewesen. A. Portman zum 70. Geburtstag', published in *Merkur* 21 (1967).
68. Documents concerning course lectures, i.a., 'Soziologie und Sozialphilosophie des Wissens' (1969), 'Hegel', 'Marx'.
69. Manuscript and typescript of rectorial speech, Göttingen, 1961.
70. Typescript (German version) of 'Sinnlichkeit und Verstand', published as 'Sensibilité et raison' in *Recherches philosophiques*, 1936-1937.
71. Manuscript of 'Das Theorem der menschlichen Selbstentfremdung'.
72. Parts of the manuscript of 'Selbstdarstellung', published in *Philosophie in Selbstdarstellungen I*, Hamburg 1975. Xerox of Sal. Maimon, 'Die philosophischen Sprachverwirrung'.
73. Manuscript and typescript (two copies) of 'Die Aussagewert einer philosophischen Anthropologie', published in *Wirklichkeit und Reflexion. Festschrift W. Schulz*, Pfullingen 1973.
74. Manuscript and typescript versions of a lecture on philosophical anthropology held in Salzburg; documents concerning the problem of self estrangement.
75. Notes for a lecture on 'Grenzen der Verhaltensforschung', held in Mainz, 27.10.1972, and Aarau 8.3.1972.
76. Typescript and proofs of 'Selbstenfremdung, ein anthropologische Theorem', published in *Philosophische Perspektiven* vol. 1 (1969).
77. Typescript of 'Trieb und Leidenschaft', two versions, published in *Merkur* 25 (1971). Documents on behavioural theory.
78. Typescript of lectures held during the 1956 Summer Term: 'Zur Geschichte der Anthropologie'.
79. Documents concerning *Lexikon der Philosophie* (German edition of *Enciclopedia filosofica*), 1963-1968. Letters of Helmut Kuhn, and others.

80. Manuscript of 'Die Frage nach der Conditio humana', published in *Propyläen Weltgeschichte* vol. 1 (1961).
81. Typescript of 'F.J.J. Buytendijk über den Schmerz', German translation by Plessner (Bern 1948).
82. Unused number.
83. Unused number.
84. Unused number.
85. Unused number.
86. Manuscript and typescript of 'Holland und die Philosophie', *De Gids*, June 1952; Plessner, 'Nederland en de wijsbegeerte'. Manuscript and typescript of 'Ungeessige Geessligkeit' (see also nos. 52 and 61). Manuscript, first words: 'Die Frage, wie der deutsche Nationbegriff heute aussehen muss ...'. Manuscript and proofs of 'Das Problem der Unmenschlichkeit', in: Andreas Feitner e.a., *Wirklichkeit und Mass des Menschen*, München-Basel, 1967 (lecture in Biberach 1966). Typescript of 'Die Legende von den zwanziger Jahren', published in *Festschrift für Rudolf Smend*, 1962. Second version, used for a lecture.
87. Manuscript, typescript and proofs of 'Ueber die Menschenverachtung'. Lecture held on the occasion of the celebratory immatriculation on 22 November 1952 in the Hall of the University of Göttingen. Published in *Offener Horizont. Festschrift Karl Jaspers*, 1953.
88. Manuscript and typescript (two copies) of 'In welchem Sinne gibt es eine gesellschaftliche Entwicklung?' Academic lecture Winter Term 1957-1958, 5.2.1958.
89. Manuscript, typescript and proofs of 'Husserl in Göttingen', lecture Göttingen 5.7.1959. Some newspaper cuttings with photographs.
90. Typescripts of speeches from Plessner's terms as rector and dean. Newspaper cuttings with photographs. *Dies Academicus* 19.2.1958.
91. Manuscript and typescript (two copies) of the rectorial speech, 7 May 1960: 'Das Problem der Oeffentlichkeit und die Idee der Entfremdung', published in *Göttinger Universitätsreden*, Göttingen 1960. Manuscript and typescript versions of a speech held during the immatriculation of 1960. Newspaper cuttings with photographs. Summary of the rectorial speech 'Der romantische Irrtum von der Selbstentfremdung', in *Stuttgarter Zeitung* 18.6.1960.
92. Manuscripts of lectures held in Zürich: Sozialphilosophie, 1964-1965; Aesthetik, 1965, Seminar Phänomenologie des Geistes.

93. Newspaper cuttings and offprints of reviews of *Zwischen Philosophie und Gesellschaft*, Bern 1953.
94. Typescript (three copies) of 'Husserl in Göttingen', contribution to *Em. Husserl 1859-1959*, La Haye 1959 (see also no. 89).
95. Typescript of a lecture read for the Westdeutsche Rundfunk, 23.12.1966, entitled 'Diesseits der Utopie'.
96. Manuscript and typescript of 'Die anthropologische Bestimmung des Verhältnisses zwischen Natur und Geschichte' (using parts of the essay 'Mit andern Augen'), lecture in Alpbach, 1950.
97. Typescript and proofs of '(Offene) Problemgeschichte', published in the festschrift for Nicolai Hartmann, 1952.
98. Manuscript and typescript of lecture read for Rias radio, 'Soziales Verhalten von Mensch und Tier', 1953. Typescript and manuscript of 'Die allgemeine Bedeutung des Normativen in der Lebensbewältigung', Rias lecture, 1955.
99. Manuscript and typescript of two radio lectures: 'Soziologie der Bildung', Rias 14.9.1958, 'Zur Soziologie der Bildungsideen', Rias 16.10.1958. Bibliography on the subject.
100. Typescript of 'Die unpolitische Haltung des deutschen Bürgertums' (two copies); edited version of the same (three copies), dated 18.11.1954; 'Die Heilung des deutschen Selbstbewusstseins ...', Historikertagung-Reinhardswaldschule; 'Das Problem des deutschen Volkscharakters'; 'Analyse des deutschen Selbstbewusstseins'; R. Grathoff, 'Wo liegt denn die Gefahr?', 8.2.1960; manuscript of 'Die politische Haltung'.
101. Typescript (five copies) of 'Die ideologische Anfälligkeit der Wissenschaftler'. Statements for a lecture. Kongress für die Freiheit der Kultur, 'Wissenschaft und Freiheit', Berlin 1954.
102. Manuscript and typescript (two copies) of 'Technik und Gesellschaft'. Lecture read for the Hessischer Rundfunk, 1955. Cutting of H. Plessner, 'Die Technik und die Gesellschaft der Zukunft', *Stuttgarter Zeitung* 4.2.1956.
103. Typescript of the opening speech at the Bremer Philosophenkongress, 1.10.1950; typescript of the opening speech at the fifth Deutsche Philosophenkongress 27-31.10.1957, Marburg. Cutting concerning the congress in Bremen, with photographs.
104. Manuscript and typescript (two copies) of 'Dialektischer Materialismus und soziale Wirklichkeit', lecture held in Gütersloh, February 1960. Two newspaper cuttings.

105. Typescript (three copies) of 'Die heutige Stellung des Gelehrten und Forschers', paper for the Ausspracheabend des Wissenschaftlich-Parlamentarischen Arbeitskreises der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft in Bad Godesberg, July 1959. Some newspaper cuttings.
106. Typescripts of various versions of 'Soziale Rolle und menschliche Natur', paper in the lecture series Winter Term 1959-1960 held in the Schweizerisches Institut für Auslandsforschung. An extended version appeared in *Erkenntnis und Verantwortung, Festschrift Th. Litt*, Düsseldorf 1961. Newspaper cuttings concerning this and other papers in the series.
107. Manuscript, typescript (three copies) and radio lecture 'Der Weg der Soziologie in Deutschland', lecture for the Hessischer Rundfunk 7.7.1959, also presented as the presidential speech at the 50th anniversary of the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Soziologie, Beling 1959, and published in *Merkur* 14 (1960).
108. Typescript (two copies) of 'Möglichkeiten der Hochschulreform', lecture delivered on 13.5.1959 to the Forschungsrat des Landes Hessen, Wiesbaden. With 'Gliederungsskizze'; positions on the same topic (typescript, three copies); typescript of an untitled text on scholarship; notes in manuscript; newspaper cuttings on the discussions.
109. Typescript (two copies) and printed version of 'Wissenschaft und moderne Gesellschaft', lecture presented during the Forstliche Hochschulwoche in Hann, 7.9.1960, and the Kulturtagung d. S.P.W. in Wiesbaden, 28.10.1960. Published in *Allgemeine Forstzeitschrift* 16 (1961) nos. 7, 18.
110. Manuscript and typescript (two copies) of 'Volkshochschule und Universität', lecture V.H.S. Oldenburg/Delmenhorst, September 1961.
111. Manuscript and typescript (two copies) of the preface for the Löwith festschrift. Two short texts: 'Der Hermeneutik ...' and 'Der Mensch u. seine Arbeit' (31.5.1966).
112. Correspondence concerning *Philosophische Anzeiger* between Fa. Cohen, Bonn, and Plessner, 1923-1930. Miscellaneous, i.a., a paper by Croce with a translation in German.
113. Correspondence concerning *Philosophische Anzeiger* between Fa. Cohen, Bonn, and Plessner, 1923-1930: continuation.
114. Correspondence concerning *Philosophische Anzeiger* between Fa. Cohen, Bonn, and Plessner, 1923-1930: continuation.
115. Course notes (from 1936) on philosophical anthropology, Greek philosophy, of lectures presented in Groningen.



116. Typescript of 'Elemente der Metaphysik'. Course notes Winter Term 1931-1932, written by Bertram Radermacher.
117. Typescript of 'Untersuchungen zu einer Kritik der philosophischen Urteilskraft', Habilitationsschrift 1920. Some complete copies of the text, first published in *Gesammelte Schriften* 2, 7-321.
118. Manuscript, typescript and printed version of 'Akademisches Prestige und Ansehen der Wissenschaft', entitled 'Was gibt der Professor heute? Akadem. Prestige ...' published in *Deutsche Zeitung* 13.7.1957, entitled 'Das Prestige des akademischen Standes' in *Aachener Prisma* 6/3 (1958).
119. Correspondence and various documents concerning the Stiftung Volkswagenwerk, Hannover, ca. 1964-1965.
120. Newspaper cuttings and offprints of early papers and contributions, from 1915 onwards. Some papers in manuscript., i.a., 'Zur Kunstausstellung 1915 in Wiesbaden' in *Rheinische Volkszeitung* 8.12.1915.
121. Unused number.
122. Unused number.
123. Unused number.
124. Unused number.
125. Official papers and correspondence concerning appointments and memberships of scholarly institutions and documents concerning organisations, such as KNAW, Göttinger Akademie der Wissenschaften, Lessing-Akademie, Naumann-Stiftung, Deutscher Sportbund, Universitätsbund Göttingen, Vereinigung deutscher Wissenschaftler. Documents concerning Gymnasium in Wiesbaden, Volkshochschule Göttingen, etc.
126. Correspondence concerning contributions to journals, Festschriften, lexica, etc. From ca. 1950 onwards: A-J.
127. Correspondence concerning contributions to journals, Festschriften, lexica, etc. From ca. 1950 onwards: K-Z.
128. Documents concerning the Werner-Reimers-Stiftung: correspondence (with Coing, Müller, and others), meeting documents, etc.
129. Papers concerning the Deutscher Gesellschaft für Soziologie: meetings, documents, correspondence, congress papers, newspaper cuttings, etc., 1950-1960.
130. Correspondence concerning contributions to publications, with publishers, concerning lectures and presentations, etc., c. 1924-1950. A-G.

131. Correspondence concerning contributions to publications, with publishers, concerning lectures and presentations, etc., c. 1924-1950: H-N.
132. Correspondence concerning contributions to publications, with publishers, concerning lectures and presentations, etc., c. 1924-1950: O-Z.
133. Documents concerning the Hofgeismarer Kreis: meetings, reports, correspondence etc. (ca. 1952-1959).
134. Correspondence concerning *Philosophische Anzeiger*, 1924-1930.
135. Correspondence in Dutch until 1951. Letters of Dutch colleagues and others.
136. Correspondence *Philosophische Anzeiger*, 1920s: A-K.
137. Correspondence *Philosophische Anzeiger*, 1920s: M-Z.
138. Expert opinions on individuals, A-Z, after 1951.
139. Papers concerning the University of Göttingen. Management business, etc. Faculty of Philosophy; Faculty of Law and Political Science; Rectorate Göttingen; Department of Culture, Hannover; Curatorium Göttingen; chair in Leiden; appeal proceedings Hamburg, Bonn, Berlin, Amsterdam.
140. Official papers concerning the emigration period (1934-1950). Appointment at Groningen University; Faculty documents; Instituut for Lichamelijke Opvoeding. Papers concerning the period before 1934: University of Cologne, etc., from 1921 onwards; letters following the appointment at Groningen University, 1946.
141. Private correspondence, up to 1951.
142. Private correspondence, up to 1951.
143. Private correspondence, up to 1951.
144. Papers concerning the Max Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht and Institut für Forschungen auf dem Gebiet des Bildungswesens, 1961.
145. Papers and correspondence concerning meetings, committees and the Board of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, 1957-1962.