

**MAGDEBURG MEMORIAL CONFERENCE**

**ANSELM STRAUSS AS THEORETICIAN:  
THE IMPACT OF HIS THINKING ON  
GERMAN AND EUROPEAN SOCIAL SCIENCES**

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[NOTE: The formal conference statement by Schuetze and Soeffner is available on this website. Click on "Essays on Strauss's Work."]

**Organizers:**

Fritz Schuetze (University of Magdeburg) and  
Hans Georg Soeffner (University of Konstanz)

**Session 1: The Sociologist's Relationship to Reality**

Hans-Georg Soeffner (University of Konstanz): Anselm Strauss's concept of man and the theory of action

Carolyn Wiener (University of California, San Francisco): Social arenas: a fruitful concept for analyzing health care policy

Richard Grathoff (University of Bielefeld): Creative frames and sensitive concepts in the empirical research and theory formation of Anselm Strauss

**Session 2: Theoretical Contributions of Anselm Strauss**

Adele Clarke (University of California, San Francisco): Using Anselm Strauss's social world/arena framework to theorize positionality

Uta Gerhardt (University of Heidelberg): Anselm Strauss - a Chicago sociologist?

Detlef Garz (University of Oldenburg): Anselm Strauss as the first American scholar to attempt to integrate the structuralist theory with symbolic "interactionism" -- Reflections on a Kohlberg hypothesis

**Session 3: The Applicability of Anselm Strauss's Concepts and Style of Research**

Bruno Hildenbrand (University of Jena): Anselm Strauss's contribution to the research on professional work

Werner Kallmeyer (University of Mannheim): The social world approach and the study of stylistic forms in sociolinguistics

Anne Honer (University of Konstanz): Anselm Strauss's impact on research on images and symbols

**Presentation of the Christa Hoffmann-Riem Award**

Wolfgang Hoffmann-Riem: Anselm Strauss and the Christa Hoffmann-Riem Award

Laudatio on the prize winner by Prof. Dr. Ulrich Oevermann (University of Frankfurt)

Lecture of the prize winner P.D. Tillman Allert (University of Tübingen)

### **Working Group 1: On professional work**

Convenor: Gerhard Riemann (University of Bamberg)

Gertrud Grahn (University of Lund): Sensitivity and circumspection in assisting patients and their family members to understand and handle the cancer experience: Truth telling and patient education.

Fritz Schütze (University of Magdeburg), Karin Brau (University of Kassel), Jutta Wiesemann (University of Gießen) and Ute Zocher (University of Heidelberg): The arc of work and activities exploration and inquiry in school contexts

Krzysztof Konecki (University of Łódź): The concept of time in headhunters' work: The scheme of searching processes

Geoffrey Froner (Boston, MA, USA): Street work and board work with Anselm Strauss. On his work with an innovative outreach project that provided health care and social services to drug injecting people with HIV and those at high risk

Heiner Legewie (University of Berlin): "Professional" negotiation work in community health promotion projects

Herman Coenen (Tilburg, NL): Trainers' use of bodily experiences and activities for teaching professionals how to get to oneself and how to open up the sources of their own creativity. - A deliberation guided by the inspiration of Anselm Strauss

### **Working Group 2: On biological work**

Convenor: Lena Inowlocki (University of Frankfurt)

Barbel Treichel (University of Magdeburg) and Rita Franceschini (University of Basel): Anselm Strauss's concept of suffering and the language of suffering in autobiographical narrative interviews

Ursula Apitzsch (J.W. Goethe-Universität): Biographical work under the pressure of integration/ethnicization

Walter Bauer and Winfried Marotzki (University of Magdeburg): Anselm Strauss's ideas on biographical creativity and metamorphosis and related concepts in educational science

Engel Prins (University of Alkmaar): 'Maturing out' of drug addiction as biographical work

Malgorzata Melchior (University of Warszawa): Changing name and identity in order to survive: The case of Holocaust survivors passing as non-Jews

### **Working Group 3: On scientific work**

Convenor: Jorg Strubing (Berlin Technical University)

Setsuo Mizuno (University of Tokiyo): On Otto Rank's Departure: Biographical and work processes of a close collaborator within the scientific project of Sigmund Freud

Alexandre Metraux (University of Mannheim) Chemistry in the Public Area: An Unfinished Case Study on Linus Pauling

Gesine Bar (Berlin Technical University): The art of representing and re-representing order. Negotiated order, actor networks and a sociology of the construction side "Potsdamer Platz, Berlin"

Adele Clarke (University of California, San Francisco): Anselm Strauss's work categories and their usability in research on scientific work

#### **Working Group 4: On social worlds and collective symbolism**

Convenor: Marek Czyzewski (University of Lodz)

Andrzej Piotrowski (University of Lodz): Anselm Strauss's approach on social world, arena discourse, and collective symbolism and its usability for the analysis of national symbolisms: A case of Eastern Europe

John Borland (University of Wales at Bangor): Anselm Strauss's concepts of territorial images and arena discourse: The analysis of socio-religious conflict in Northern Ireland

Michael Haferkemper (University of Magdeburg): The social world perspective on recent developments in industrial organization

Thomas Lau (University of Essen): Zap Culture: The style of meaning. The applicability of the concept of social world on a post-modern phenomenon

Wolfgang Serbser (University of Berlin) Anselm Strauss's conceptualization of the urban space and its relevance for urban sociology

Elzbieta Halas (University of Lubin): Social labor of symbols: The collective action approach