

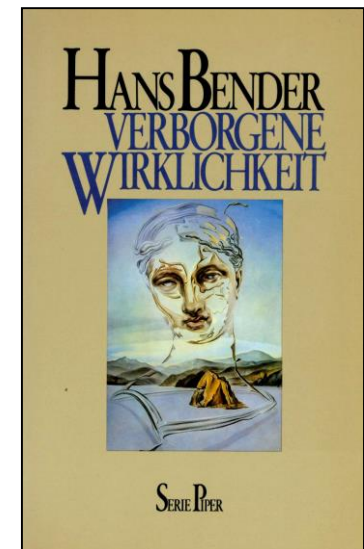
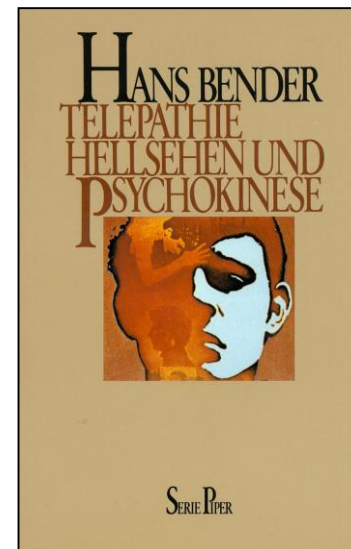
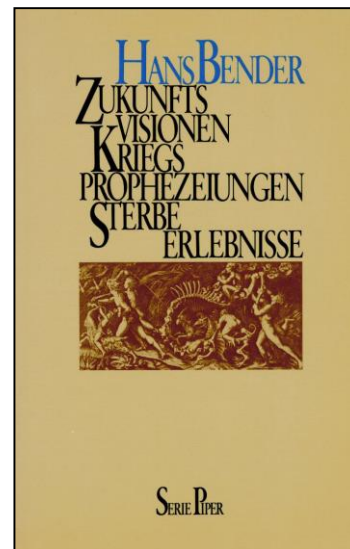
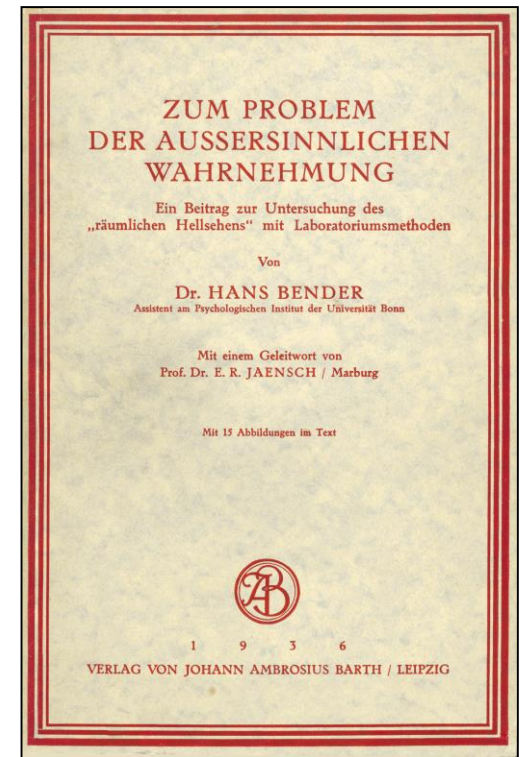
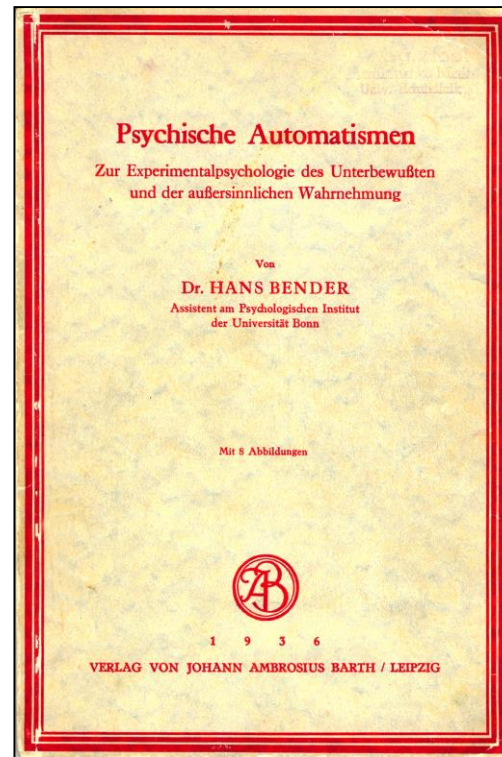
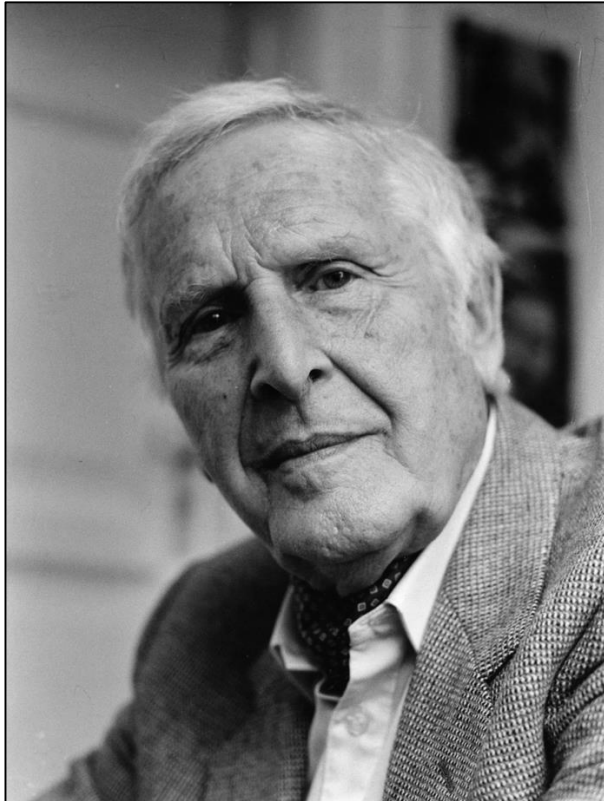
Historical Parapsychological Research at the IGPP – An Overview of Its Library Holdings and Archival Collections

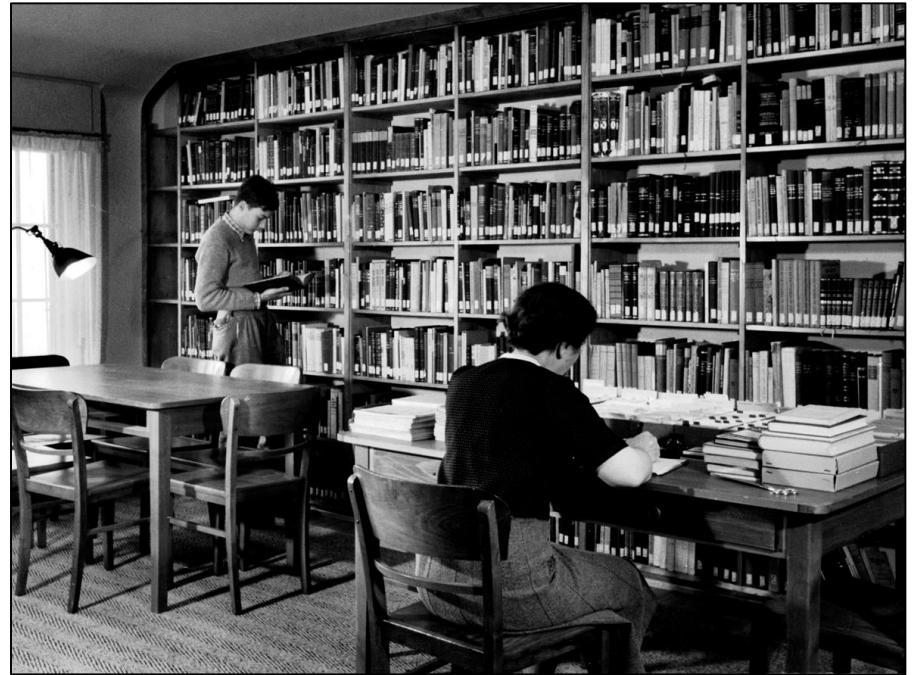
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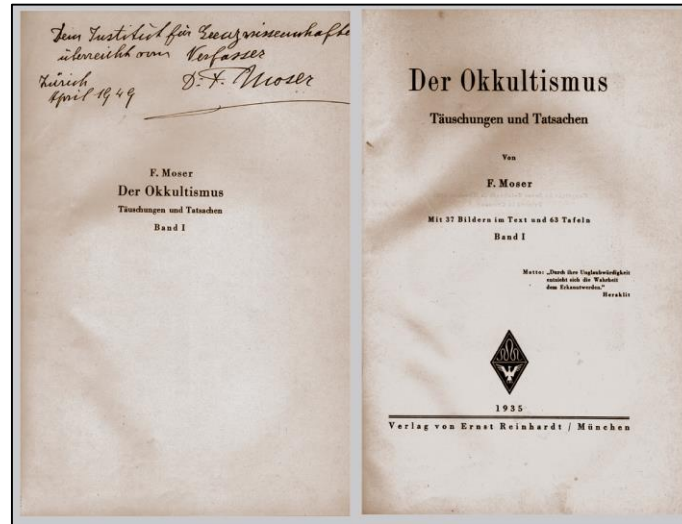
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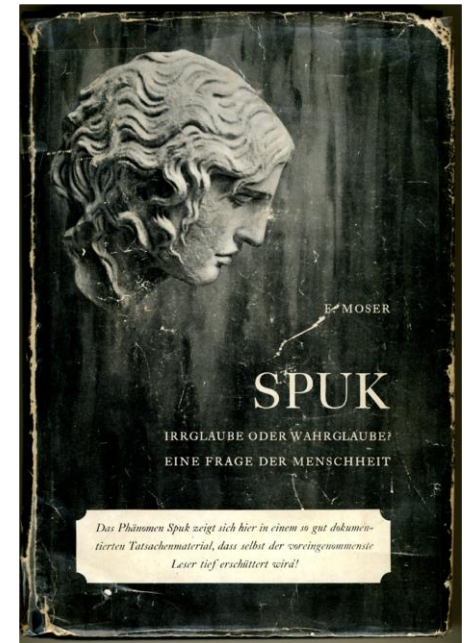
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1935: Publication of Fanny Moser's Magnum Opus: Okkultismus – Täuschungen und Tatsachen [Occultism – Delusions and Facts] (two vols., 996 pages)



1950: Publication of her book Spuk [Spook] (first volume – only one volume exists with a preface of C G. Jung)

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Sehr verehrter Herr Professor Bender!

Ich habe die Absicht, im Rahmen einer gemeinnützigen Stiftung 25% des jährlich anfallenden Betrages für parapsychologische Forschungszwecke abzuzweigen, sofern Sie, sehr verehrter Herr Professor oder Ihr Institut, die Gemeinnützigkeit nachweisen können. Vielleicht wissen Sie aber eine Möglichkeit, grössere Beträge der Steuer gegenüber als Gemeinnützigkeit deklarieren zu können.

Ich wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie sich das durch den Kopf gehen lassen und mich dann verständigen würden, damit ich meinem Steuerberater genau Bescheid geben kann, da wir zur Zeit an der Ausarbeitung sind.

Ich selbst bin für die nächsten 4 Wochen in Südamerika und wäre Ihnen dankbar, wenn Sie bis Ende April mir irgendwelche Tatsachen mitteilen könnten.

Mit besten Grüßen

Aster^{the} Holler
Frau Asta Holler



Mission of the IGPP

The Institute for Frontier Areas of Psychology and Mental Health engages in systematic and interdisciplinary research concerning insufficiently understood phenomena and anomalies at the frontiers of current scientific knowledge. These include altered states of consciousness, exceptional human experiences, mind-matter relations, and their social, cultural and historical contexts from the perspectives of the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

The Institute maintains a broadly conceived program offering information, education and counseling for people with exceptional experiences, a comprehensive special library and a research archive for parapsychology and frontier areas of psychology.

The Institute is ideologically neutral and institutionally independent. It cooperates with numerous domestic and international universities and research institutions. It contributes to the education of undergraduate and graduate students.



Structure of the IGPP

1. Natural sciences and experimental research

Examples: Generalized quantum theory, acategoriality, mind-matter interactions, physiology of subjective evidence (deception, lies, pseudo-memories), time and space as fundamental dimensions of consciousness, altered states of consciousness

2. Social and cultural scientific research

Examples: prevalence and patterns of extraordinary (anomalous) experiences, social relationships between stigmatization, anomalies and heterodoxies in the construction of reality, history of the reception of parapsychology and anomalistic research, relationships between spirituality religion and psychotherapy

3. Counseling, information, documentation

Examples: counseling, information and education program for people reporting exceptional experiences, conceptual development and empirical testing of specific diagnostic tools and treatment approaches for people with such experiences, educational workshops for therapists and counsellors

Staff at the IGPP

On the payroll of the IGPP are 25 persons (full time / part time)

Staff: 17 persons (full time / part time) comprising different disciplines:

9 psychologists (neuro / experimental / clinical counseling);

2 sociologists;

1 theoretical physicist;

1 biologist / mathematician;

1 physician;

1 artist / art historian / curator;

1 archivist / historian;

1 librarian

5 PhD candidates; 9 externally funded collaborators (e.g. Deutsche Forschungs-gemeinschaft, BIAL-Foundation)

Historical parapsychological research at the IGPP

Investigations into the historical and cultural reception of spiritism, occultism, psychical research and parapsychology in Germany from the early 19th century up to today.

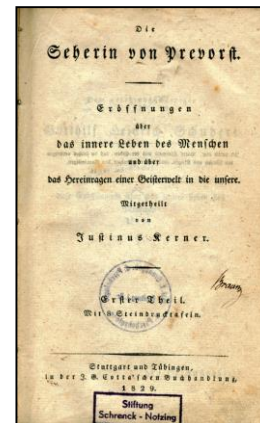
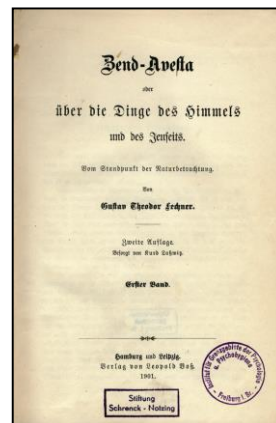
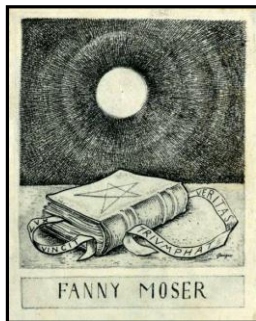
Special topics are:

- (1) biographies of (German) psychical researchers and psychics or mediums;**
- (2) the history of organizations and societies in the field;**
- (3) the role of photography in the history of parapsychological research;**
- (4) the relationship between occultism and fine arts;**
- (5) the history of the IGPP and the biography of its founder Hans Bender.**

All these studies rely critically on the holdings of the IGPP-library and the IGPP-archives.

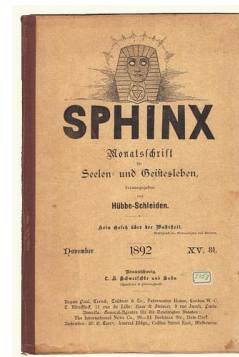
History & Profile of the IGPP Library

- Incorporating two collections of Dr. Fanny Moser (2000 volumes) and Dr. Albert von Schrenck-Notzing (2500 volumes)
- Since 1973 supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) (German Research Society) as a specialized research library for Parapsychology and Frontier Areas of Psychology as part of the University library of Freiburg.
- Systematic and comprehensive collection of the whole spectrum of the national and international scientific and popular literature dealing with spiritism, occultism, early psychical research, parapsychology, experimental psi research and anomalistics in a broad sense (including the so called “grey” literature).



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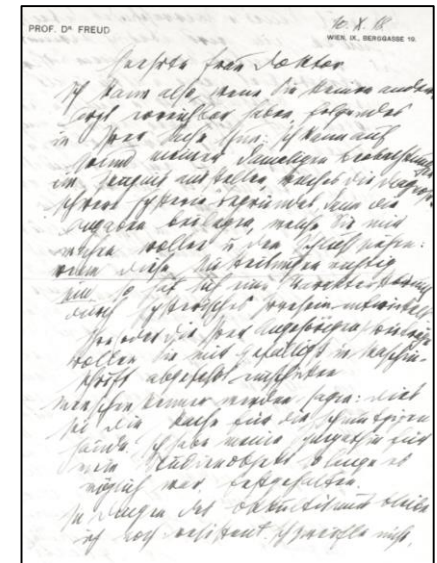
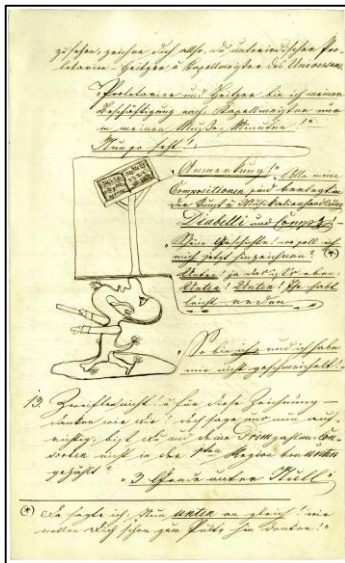
- As of 2014: 60.000 volumes, library increases by about 1700 volumes per years on average. Subscription to approximately 260 international journals and newsletters. All international specialist journals for parapsychological research and anomalistics have completely been registered in the library stock. The current stock of journals is around 2000, more than half of which are unique specimen nowhere else available. All volumes can be borrowed online from the library of the University of Freiburg (www.ub.uni-freiburg.de/olix). About 15.000 requests (internal and external loans) are on average recorded on an annual basis.
- Until 2013, the following journals were published online (www.ub.uni-freiburg.de/dipro/igpp/): (1) *Magikon* (1840-1851); (2) *Sphinx* (1886-1896); (3) *Psychische Studien* (1874-1925); (4) *Zentralblatt für Okkultismus* (1907-1933); (5) *Zeitschrift für kritischen Okkultismus* (1925-1928); (6) *Zeitschrift für Parapsychologie* (1926-1934; (7) *Das Wunder* (1927-1929); (8) *Neue Wissenschaft. Zeitschrift für Grenzgebiete des Seelenlebens* (1950-1968); (9) *Zeitschrift für Parapsychologie und Grenzgebiete der Psychologie* (1957-1968).



History & Profile of the IGPP Archive

The tasks of the IGPP archive are the long-term protection, indexing and utilization of documents and materials connected with all possible aspects of the history of German psychical research and parapsychology and of the history of the Institute in particular.

Since the foundation of the IGPP, the documentation and collection of relevant research material belong to its central tasks. A special archive with its own structure was established after the Institute got funded by the Holler foundation and has moved from the “Eichhalde” to the “Wilhelmstraße” in 1996. Since 1999 a position for an archivist was established (Uwe Schellinger).



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- **Major groups of collections: photographs; audio material; film material; objects; and completed databases. The main body consists of research files of the Institute during Bender's directorship (1950-1991), among them are collections of reports of spontaneous phenomena, collections of RSPK case studies or counseling files.**
- **Collections of personal papers (currently 36 holdings) belonging to a variety of important researchers in psychical research and parapsychology in Germany, e.g. Albert v. Schrenck-Notzing, Fanny Moser, Albert Hellwig (1880-1950) or Hans Bender.**
- **Collections of academic theses, reports or publications as well as comprehensive press collections (currently: 44 holdings).**
- **An overview regarding the archival holdings and a selection of historical studies using IGPP archival materials can be found on the website of the IGPP at <http://www.igpp.de/german/archive/info.htm>.**
- **The description and indexing of archival documents is accomplished using the archival database "Augias-Archiv". Currently there are 1500 searchable archival items with more than 8000 index terms.**
- **Apart from the acquisition and protection of relevant material, the analysis and utilization for scientific projects is a major focus of archival work. Archival holdings are utilized by staff of the Institute as well as by external researchers and other visitors whose research interests are approved by the IGPP.**