

The rich estate of the German-Jewish psychoanalyst Ruth C. Cohn (1912 - 2010) came to the archive of the Humboldt University of Berlin via the heirs Helga Herrmann and Matthias Kroeger.

In her American exile, the Berlin-born „social therapist“, who won many awards, developed a concept of lively learning and working in small and large groups, based on appreciation and promoting development, which has proven itself in many areas - Theme-Centered Interaction (TCI). She was concerned with the preservation of humanistic values and the awareness of the effect of the personal actions of each individual on the world.



Thanks to the indexing and registration of the extensive material by Matthias and Michaela Scharer, Ruth C. Cohn's estate is now available for further research and for interested parties.

On the occasion of the opening of the estate, we invite you to a scientific symposium, which is dedicated to the person of Ruth C. Cohn and her work in their historical and social contexts, but which also exemplarily illuminates the significance of TCI for today.

Organizing Team:

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Conference languages dt. / en.

The participation fee is
200,- € / reduced 50,- €
(limited number of participants)

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Ruth C. Cohn
(1912-2010)
Life and work of a
courageous woman

International symposium
on the opening of her estate
20-22 October 2022



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The art of leading

Conference program

Thursday, October 20

3:00 pm:

Welcome

Wolfgang Schneider-Pannewick

(President RCI-International)

Georg Tafner

(Humboldt University Berlin,
Institute for Educational Sciences)

3:30 pm:

**The German-Jewish migrant
in her time**

Keynote speech by Brigitte Mazohl

(University of Innsbruck)

**with explanations of photos
and documents by Matthias Scharer**
(University of Innsbruck)

5:00 pm: Coffee break

5:30-7:00 pm:

**The Influence of Psychoanalysis on
Theme-Centered Interaction**

Keynote speech by Angelika Rubner
(RCI international)

*I think it's important
to catch what falls
from the sky.*

Ruth C. Cohn

Friday, October 21

9:00 am:

Welcome

Aleksandra Pawliczek

(Director of the Archive of the
Humboldt University)

9:15 am:

**„Peepholes“ into the estate of the
courageous migrant, poet, social
therapist and discoverer of TCI**

Keynote speech by Matthias Scharer

(University Innsbruck)

**Working groups on
exemplary documents**

12:00-2:00 pm: Lunch break

2:00 pm:

**TCI in Teacher Education.
An interdisciplinary open
space Workshop**

Petra Anders

(Humboldt University Berlin)

3:30 pm: Coffee break

4:00 pm:

**Ruth C. Cohn's Legacy from the
Perspective of Resonance Theory**

Keynote speech by Hartmut Rosa

(University of Jena,
Max Weber Kolleg Erfurt)

5:30 pm: Coffee break

6:00-8:00 pm:

**Conversation with Peter Ronald Cohn
Shirley Reinhaus and Sibilla
Marelli-Simon (RCI international)**

Recitation evening

with poems by Ruth Cohn

(with musical accompaniment)

Champagne reception afterwards

Saturday, October 22

9:00 am:

Poster and film presentation

qualification works on TZI

10:00 am:

**Living TCI in different globes: What is
TCI today? Who works where and how
with TCI?**

Experiences from practice

Workshops:

**TCI as theory and practice of
understanding. Helping to shape
scientific and social discourses.**

Margit Ostertag and Michael Bayer

(Protestant University of
Applied Sciences Nuremberg)

**Living learning in duet –
TZI as a coaching concept**

Judith Burkhard and Arnulf Greimel

(RCI international)

**The relationship between emotions and
knowledge processing in educational
contexts.**

Wiltrud Gieseke

(Humboldt University Berlin)

and Andrea Simon (RCI international)

**Ruth Cohn's legacy for reinventing
leadership in our fluid and insecure time:
a generative leadership point of view.**

Ivo Callens

(Centre for Generative Leadership, Utrecht)

**From Couch to Circle to Community
(Cohn, 1969) – to Crowd & Cloud
(Research Project 2022)**

Annelies van der Horst

(University of Humanistic Studies Utrecht)

and Ineke van de Braak (RCI international)

12:30-1:00 pm:

Final round