

Erinnerungen an Horst Kächele

Rainer Krause: Horst Kächele

I had the luck to work with Horst since the beginning of my scientific and psychoanalytic career around 1975. Without his wonderful spirit, being in the same time analytic, keen and courageous, the movement "empirical research and psychoanalysis" would not have prospered.

He was of extreme help in difficult times, with a lot of envy and hatred between academic psychology, psychoanalysis and medicine. He was one of the few together with Adolf Meier to know of these conflicts and their unconscious fundament in our German and psychoanalytic history.

In the Ulmer Werkstatt "Psychoanalytic process Research Strategies" were the first time gathered. The result was a "book about the future" (Dahl, Kächele and Thomä 1987) Since that time (1985) we worked together, first as heads of our departments, lately as room mates at the International University for Psychoanalysis Berlin. When he made Phone calls you had to leave the room because his voice was very near to the trumpets of Jericho.

We worked together in numerous doctor thesis, habilitations, commissions for Professor Ships and Grant reviews for the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and other agencies

It was always extremely rewarding to work with him. He knew nearly everything and every person.

We were together at the London faculty as the two German crew members and again nearly everybody being in a significant position in the German speaking countries nowadays, went through the breeding ground of excellent Ideas, which were at home there. Through him, I learned to know my wife, since he told me, that she would be able to overcome the difficulties at home in Mexico. So I agreed her to her application, which I wouldn't have done without his statement.

We were very close as friends also in the hardship of life, including brain injuries in our families. On the other hand we explored with our wives French Burgundy hiking, eating and drinking. I was heavily overweight after.

He had a great heart and it is with love and admiration that I say good bye, or tout a l`heure bis bald lieber Horst. He was younger than me.