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## *Husserl's Transcendental Phenomenology*

Edmund Husserl (1859–1938) is regarded as the founder of transcendental phenomenology, one of the major traditions to emerge in twentieth-century philosophy. In this book Andrea Staiti unearths and examines the deep theoretical links between Husserl's phenomenology and the philosophical debates of his time, showing how his thought developed in response to the conflicting demands of Neo-Kantianism and life-philosophy. Drawing on the work of thinkers including Heinrich Rickert, Wilhelm Dilthey, and Georg Simmel, as well as Husserl's writings on the natural and human sciences that are not available in English translation, Staiti illuminates a crucial chapter in the history of twentieth-century philosophy and enriches our understanding of Husserl's thought. His book will interest scholars and students of Husserl, phenomenology, and twentieth-century philosophy more generally.

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## Abbreviations

### Franz Böhmer

OG *Ontologie der Geschichte* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1933)

### Wilhelm Dilthey

GS I–XXVI *Gesammelte Schriften* (Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 1914–2005)SW 1–5 *Selected Works* (Princeton University Press, 1985–2010)

### Edmund Husserl

BW I–X *Briefwechsel* (Dordrecht: Springer, 1994)Crisis *The Crisis of the European Sciences and Transcendental Phenomenology: An Introduction to Phenomenological Philosophy* (Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press, 1970)Hua I–XLI *Husserliana – Gesammelte Werke* (Dordrecht: Springer, 1950–2010)Ideas I *Ideas Pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology and to a Phenomenological Philosophy. First Book: General Introduction to a Pure Phenomenology, Collected Works, vol. 2* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1982)Ideas II *Ideas Pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology and to a Phenomenological Philosophy. Second Book: Studies in the Phenomenology of Constitution, Collected Works, vol. 3* (Dordrecht: Kluwer, 1989)Mat I–VIII *Husserliana – Materialien* (Dordrecht: Springer, 2001– )Phen. P. *Phenomenological Psychology: Lectures Summer Semester 1925*, trans. J. Scanlon (The Hague: Nijhoff, 1977)PRS *Philosophy as a Rigorous Science*, in E. Husserl, *Shorter Works* (University of Notre Dame Press, 1981)

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- LP *Die Logik der Philosophie und die Kategorienlehre*, in E. Lask, *Gesammelte Schriften*, vol. 2 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1923)
- NEW *Notizen zur Einteilung der Wissenschaften*, in E. Lask, *Gesammelte Schriften*, vol. 3 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1924)
- SW *Zum System der Wissenschaften*, in E. Lask, *Gesammelte Schriften*, vol. 3 (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1924)

**Heinrich Rickert**

- LCF *The Limits of Concept Formation in Natural Science* (Cambridge University Press, 1986)
- MPU "Die Methode der Philosophie und das Unmittelbare," in H. Rickert, *Philosophische Aufsätze* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1999)
- SH *Science and History: A Critique of Positivist Epistemology* (Princeton, NJ: Van Nostrand, 1962)
- WPW *Wissenschaftliche Philosophie und Weltanschauung*, in H. Rickert, *Philosophische Aufsätze* (Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 1999)

**Georg Simmel**

- K *Kant. Sechzehn Vorlesungen gehalten an der Berliner Universität*, in G. Simmel, *Gesamtausgabe*, vol. 9 (Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 1997)
- PGP *Die Probleme der Geschichtsphilosophie. Eine erkenntnistheoretische Studie*, in G. Simmel, *Gesamtausgabe*, vol. 9 (Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 1997)
- PHT *The Problem of Historical Time*, in G. Simmel, *Essays on Interpretation in Social Science* (Totowa, NJ: Rowman & Littlefield, 1980)
- PPH *The Problems of the Philosophy of History: An Epistemological Essay* (New York: The Free Press, 1977)
- VL *The View of Life: Four Metaphysical Essays with Journal Aphorisms* (University of Chicago Press, 2010)
- WuK *Was ist uns Kant?*, in G. Simmel, *Gesamtausgabe*, vol. 5 (Frankfurt am Main: Suhrkamp, 1997)

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