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- ECW 6 *Substanzbegriff und Funktionsbegriff. Untersuchungen über die Grundfragen der Erkenntniskritik* (1910)
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 ECW 19 *Determinismus und Indeterminismus in der modernen Physik. Historische und systematische Studien zum Kausalproblem* (1936)
 ECW 22 *Aufsätze und Kleine Schriften* (1936–1940)
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 ECN 1 *Zur Metaphysik der symbolischen Formen*
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 ECN 4 *Symbolische Prägnanz, Ausdrucksphänomen und “Wiener Kreis”*
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