

**“We treat individual people,  
we don’t treat collectives!”\***

**OBITUARY FOR PROF.  
PETER F. MATTHIESSEN  
1944 – 2019**

**Michael Frass, MD, Vienna, Austria**

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**\*Interview on Homeopathy TV, April 9, 2012**

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# BABY PETER

**Peters mother heard like his then 3-year old brother went to the cradle of the younger Peter and asked him: “Are you going to heaven with me?”**

**A short time later the brother said: “Then I go alone.” Soon after, the brother died.**

**Prof. Matthiessen may have worked this question through his life.**



# VOCATION OF PETER

In 1973 he had a bicycle accident with his 5-year-old daughter, in which he himself was seriously injured. Falling down, he heard the **call of Dr. Kienle** who first founded the **Community Hospital Herdecke** and **later the University of Witten/Herdecke**. The call asked him to support.

# VOCATION OF PETER

After a long convalescence, Matthiessen put his vocation into practice and actually went to Herdecke, where he supported and helped advance the construction of the clinic in 1969 and later the **founding of the University of Witten/Herdecke**. Kienle died in the year of the University's opening in 1983.

Throughout his life, Peter F. Matthiessen dedicated himself to the development of university and teaching hospital.



# PETER'S CV

**1944: Born in Calw**

**(Baden-Württemberg)**

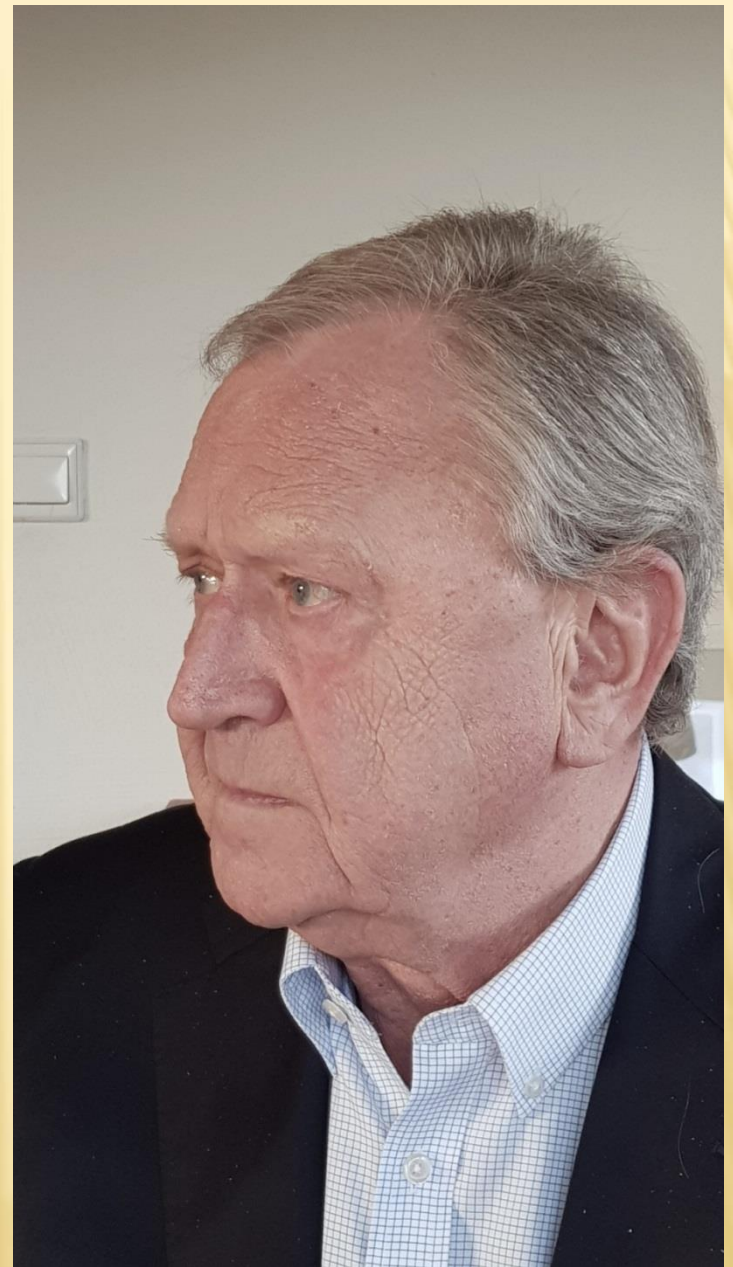
**Human medicine study Marburg +  
St. Louis/Missouri**

**1971 Graduation Univ. Marburg;**

**1971 - 75 Research Assistant  
Institute of Anatomy.**

**Training as specialist in neurology,  
psychiatry and psychotherapy**

**1980 - 83 clinical senior physician  
at Marburg University Hospital**



# "THE OTHER COULD ALSO BE RIGHT."

This was Peter's maxim in the discourse on **medical pluralism**.

He has championed a pluralistic system of medicine, leaving out no opportunity for dialogue, but no confrontation either.

The **Dialogue Forum Pluralism in Medicine** he has, with co-creation of the late Federal Medical Association President Prof. Hoppe et al., shaped from the beginning and was until his death the spokesman for the circle.

<http://www.dialogforum-pluralismusindermedizin.de/>

Website maintained by Christine Doppler



# CHAIR OF MED. THEORY AND COMPLEMENTARY MEDICINE

1983 Univ. Witten/Herdecke  
founded, Peter took over the  
**Department of Psychiatry**  
as a senior physician.

1996 – 2009: he held the  
Gerhard Kienle  
**Endowed Chair of Med. Theory  
and Complementary Medicine**



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# HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT HOMEOPATHY

While close to anthroposophic medicine, he has been committed to homeopathy: both therapeutic directions closely related to each other politically

With Dr. Gudrun Bornhöft, carried out the Health Technology Assessment Homeopathy as part of the Swiss Program for Evaluation of CM

Forschung

 Thieme

**Homöopathie und Intellektuelle Redlichkeit – Eine Stellungnahme**  
**Homeopathy and Intellectual Honesty. A Commentary**

Autor  
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## Homöopathie und Intellektuelle Redlichkeit – Eine Stellungnahme

### Homeopathy and Intellectual Honesty. A Commentary

#### ABSTRACT

It has become fashionable to deny the therapeutic efficacy of homeopathy in view of a lack of plausibility as to its active principles although pertinent published evidence suggests the opposite. Nevertheless, incorrect information is being launched that implies either ignorance or deliberate polemic propaganda against homeopathy. This publication contrasts three recent examples with the actual evidence available to reveal the lack of seriousness of such activities.

**“Recovery does not mean  
restitution of an old one, but  
genesis of a new health!”\***

**PETER F. MATTHIESSEN**

- **\*Interview for**
- **“Zeitschrift für Komplementärmedizin”**  
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# WE SAY GOOD BYE TO A:

- ❖ Good friend
- ❖ Scientist with backbone
- ❖ Outstanding physician
- ❖ Anthroposophic specialist
- ❖ Benefactor of mankind and
- ❖ Unforgettable man!
- ❖ Thank you!



**I ask you to keep a  
minute's silence in  
commemoration of  
Prof. Peter F. Matthiessen**