

### ***Editorial Preface***

Prof. Emeritus Hartmann Römer has made an important theoretical contribution to the field of parapsychology and anomalistics with his conception of the Generalized Quantum Theory (GQT), which had developed from a joint preliminary work with Harald Walach and then with the participation of Harald Atmanspacher. The GQT has been differentiated by him in the course of 20 years and has been brought to application in different areas of life. Fortunately, Hartmann Römer had compiled his most important essays on this complex of topics, supplemented them with an introductory chapter as well as a chapter containing a condensed account of the axiomatic formalism of GQT, and submitted them as a book manuscript for publication in the publication series of the Gesellschaft für Anomalistik (GfA) [Society for Anomalistics]. The volume was published in time for his 80th birthday with a generous support from the Institute for Frontier Areas of Psychology and Mental Health (IGPP) as volume 7 of the series “Perspektiven der Anomalistik” [Perspectives in Anomalistics] and is available from LIT-Verlag in printed version as well as in an open access e-book version on the GfA websites.<sup>1</sup>

In the first chapter, newly written for the book, Römer not only gives an overview with brief descriptions of the contents of the individual book chapters, but also a concise presentation of the most important elements of GQT, whereby the main ideas of this “epistemology” – Römer emphasizes that GQT is *not* a physical theory, but an epistemology – become clear. For this reason, the editors have decided to print this first chapter as a contribution to the *Journal of Anomalistics*. “Twenty Years of Generalized Quantum Theory” is accordingly not only an “appetizer” for the book and an extended table of contents, but already outlines central lines of thought of the author.

(editor / Gerhard Mayer)

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1 [https://www.anomalistik.de/images/pdf/schriften/Band-7\\_Roemer\\_w-cover.pdf](https://www.anomalistik.de/images/pdf/schriften/Band-7_Roemer_w-cover.pdf)