

# Bibliography of Wilhelm Risse's Writings on the History of Logic

## INTRODUCTION

Wilhelm Risse was one of the greatest historians of logic of the 20th century.

"Risse possessed the rare ability to go to the core of his subject matter, defining and distinguishing, while ever attentive to the essential structures, controlling his inquiry. His subject matter was indeed immense. In fact, Risse set himself the task of taking up where Carl Prantl had left off a century before him, viz. to provide as complete as possible an exposition of all the treatises on logic produced by Western Civilization from 1500 to 1780. Like Prantl, Risse never relied on the accounts of others. He travelled throughout Europe to read the books about which he was writing. For Risse, the word 'autopsy' was no trifle. This enterprise found its realization in the two volumes of *Logik der Neuzeit* (1964-70) and in the four volumes of *Bibliographia logica* (1965-78). In his later years, Risse concentrated his energies on a bibliographical inventory of all philosophical disciplines from the invention of book-printing to the year 1800, publishing, shortly before his death, the awesome nine volumes of *Bibliographia Philosophica Vetus* (1998).

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Exemplarnachweis. Sigelverzeichnis der Bibliotheken 561; Sachregister 563; Namenregister 566

"These two volumes expound, in Prantl's manner, but more systematically, the treatises on logic from the mentioned periods. The studies of Risse, as well as those of Prantl, are indispensable to all researches in the field of history of logic."

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3. *Bibliographia logica. Verzeichnis der Druckschriften zur Logik mit Angabe ihrer Fundorte (1472-1800)*. Hildesheim: Georg Olms 1965.

Volume I.

"No other branch of philosophy presently possesses a bibliography quite so extensive and comprehensive as this one for logic, which is a by-product, as the *Vorwort* explains, of Risse's systematic history of the development of logic, *Die Logik der Neuzeit*.

Volume 1 (1965, 293p.) lists in chronological arrangement monographs published from 1472 to 1800. Volume 2 (1973, 494p.) does the same for the period 1801-1969. Both volumes cite holding libraries (mainly European but also some American) for most of the works listed. Volume 3 (1979, 412p.) lists articles published both in periodicals and in anthologies, arranged according to a detailed classification system outlined in the front. Volume 4 (1979, 390p.) is a catalogue of 3,006 manuscripts, arranged by author if known and by title if anonymous, with separate sections for medieval and more recent manuscripts. Holding libraries or archives are indicated.

All volumes are thoroughly indexed."

From: Hans E. Bynagle - *Philosophy. A guide to the reference literature. Third edition* - Westport, Libraries Unlimited, 2006, pp. 724-725

4. *Bibliographia logica. Verzeichnis der Druckschriften zur Logik mit Angabe ihrer Fundorte (1801-1969)*. Hildesheim: Georg Olms 1973.

Volume II

5. *Bibliographia logica. Verzeichnis der Zeitschriftenartikel zur Logik*. Hildesheim: Georg Olms 1979.

Volume III.

"Preface: The third volume of the "Bibliographia Logica" lists papers on logic and the history of logic which have appeared in periodicals and anthologies. The list is incomplete for two reasons: (1) Numerous works were inaccessible to me, particularly earlier periodicals and those published outside Germany; (2) applications of logic in other disciplines are included only if logical themes are mentioned in the titles.

The variety of themes and conceptions of logic led to an arrangement of titles in three categories:

A: Logic ("traditional logic", "classical logic"), starting with Aristotle;

B: Logics ("symbolic logic", "mathematical logic"), representations of logic in the mathematical tradition and using mathematical means;

C: History of logic.

The criterion used in categorizing the individual titles is the theme dealt with, not the point of view of the author.

The three categories are indicated by letters; sub - categories by numbers. The arrangement of material is given in the table of contents in German, English, and French (p. 9\*). Titles of frequently quoted periodicals are abbreviated (Table of symbols p. 401)."

6. *Bibliographia logica. Verzeichnis der Handschriften zur Logik*. Hildesheim: Georg Olms 1979.

Volume IV

7. *Bibliographia Philosophica Vetus . Pars I: Philosophia generalis*. Hildesheim: Georg Olms 1998.

"In something of a tour de force, Risse has compiled a comprehensive short-title bibliography that attempts to include all independently published works of Western philosophy from the invention of printing, ca. 1455, up to 1800, in (he carefully qualifies) all Western languages accessible to him.

This includes not only works of philosophers who lived and wrote within the specified timeframe, but also editions of philosophers from the ancient, medieval, and early Renaissance periods. They amount to an estimated 76,400 titles. These are divided over eight volumes of varying length, defined by a combination of subject-field and genre categories (...)

Parts 1-7 are uniformly arranged chronologically by year of publication, within each year alphabetically by author. Each part includes an author index, index of titles of anonymous works, index of authors who are the subjects of others' commentaries, and a topical index. Part 8, which lists printed academic theses in volumes 1-2, is arranged alphabetically by author of the original thesis (*disputatio*), regardless of publication year.

Under each thesis entry it lists, where applicable, published responses to it by other writers. The latter are also indexed in volume 3 of Part 8 with references back to the relevant entries in volumes 1 and 2.

The ninth volume, titled *Syllabus auctorum*, contains a complete author index, with birth and death dates, places of birth and activity, and profession (as available); a concordance of Latin and vernacular place names; and a short list of abbreviations of monastic orders.

For nearly every entry in this bibliography Risse provides, besides the customary bibliographic data, one or more location codes for holding libraries where exemplars are available. These included numerical codes for major German research libraries, alphabetical codes for some 350 additional libraries in Europe and America. As Risse notes, many of the works listed are rare, and some were found only in "smaller" libraries (preface). Those he has personally inspected are marked by an asterisk."

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With an introduction by Wilhelm Risse.

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