

Policy Statement

Die integrale Gemeinschaft (intG)

1. Aim and intention

We are convinced that the work of Ken Wilber is presently the most encompassing "landscape" enabling an integration of humanity's ways of being and knowing (see point no. 6). By applying his work in practically all areas of life – such as in politics, economy, ecology, medicine, art, religion and spirituality, personal, etc. – the most promising possibilities for integral solutions at the present time can be offered. This means an approach that makes use of the best knowledge of our time, thus offering true and adequate solutions to problems. For German-speaking countries in Europe, the intG wishes to provide a platform and a portal for all those who concern themselves with the integral approach in a serious manner. In other words, we wish to offer an opportunity for individuals, organizations and/or publications in the form of books, essays, articles, blogs, etc. to present themselves on the basis of defined quality guidelines.

2. Quality and qualification

Since the release of his first book in German "*Das Spektrum des Bewusstseins*" (*The Spectrum of Consciousness*), Ken Wilber's work has also caused quite a stir in German-speaking areas along with a massive flood of commentaries. Simultaneously there has been a growing need for a common basis and networking of those who seriously concern themselves with his work. The internet platform of intG-Portal is just the right opportunity for such a basis. What does "quality" mean when dealing with Wilber's work? Wilber's work is defined by all that has been published either by him or within the framework of the Integral Multiplex - see www.integralinstitute.org. Quality means that this work and any individual statements therein are first and foremost presented correctly and adequately in form and content before they are commented, supplemented, criticized or before alternative suggestions are made. This presupposes sufficient knowledge of this work. By means of this platform we wish to provide an opportunity for discussion and differentiation which allows an appropriate interpretation and criticism of Wilber's work as opposed to pseudo-interpretations and pseudo-criticism.

3. Ken Wilber and the Integral Institute

Since we expressly refer to the work of Ken Wilber and I-I by means of this *quality-oriented* platform, we seek personal contact and exchange with him and I-I. The I-I is continually informed about our activities.

4. Possible perspectives of an intG (within German-speaking countries in Europe)

Apart from the goal of networking and offering a voice to individuals, organizations and activities on the basis of a qualified discussion about Wilber's

work, there are quite a number of other projects which could be jointly carried out under the umbrella of intG.

Examples:

- The association with I-I according to I-I criteria
- Organization of conferences, congresses, lectures and courses
- Formulation of quality standards for the application of the integral theory
- Development of a platform aimed at networking integral qualified activities and individuals
- Discussion and implementation of an "integral life practice"
- Possible orientation for an interested public against the background of a large number of "Wilber activities" in German-speaking countries
- Passing on information concerning qualified instructors/speakers
- Instruction and training
- Active participation in the "integral" discussion
- Publications, both online and in print
- Mentoring of authors and students
- Passing on expertise
- Publicity work and media contacts

5. Partners of the intG

The current partners of the intG are

- a) the Integrale Initiative Frankfurt (IIF), represented by its board
- b) the Integral Library (website), represented by its editorial staff and
- c) the KenWilber.de/at/ch website, represented by their editorial staff.

The intG is open for other partnerships.

The IIF

The Integrale Initiative Frankfurt e.V. (www.ii-frankfurt.de) is a registered association and brings its organizational structure as well as integral initiative into the intG.

The IIF is registered in Frankfurt but is active in German-speaking countries within Europe.

The Integral Library

The Integral Library (www.integrale-bibliothek.info) aims to publish / point out work regarding the integral approach.

www.kenwilber.de/at/ch

Setting up a website with the following address

www.kenwilber.de

www.kenwilber.at

www.kenwilber.ch

aims to offer an overview to those interested in the activities of the Integral Multiplex (all websites of Integral Institute) as well as www.kenwilber.com (the only Wilber page authorized by Wilber).

6. The intG leadership team

The intG leadership team currently consists of:
Michael Habecker
Hans-Jürgen Schröter
Sonja Student

7. Invitation for discussion/participation

We wish to point out that the intG in its present form is also in continual evolutionary development, nothing more and nothing less. We are presenting our opportunity as one possibility amongst many for those individuals, organizations and activities who want to deal with Wilber within a German-speaking context. We also invite you to submit your feedback to intG partners (see point no. 5). Are these topics "integrally informed"; how can they be improved and further developed? At the same time we are grateful for any suggestions from integrally informed individuals, organizations and activities who wish to become a member of the intG.

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