Kahler, Erich von; Papers

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<td>Abstract:</td>
<td>This collection contains diaries, 1906-1913; correspondence; corrected manuscripts of literary works by Hermann Broch, Golo Mann, and others, 1945-1970; lecture notes on philosophy of history; contemporary politics for lectures given in Germany and the United States; and 16 audio recordings of lectures, readings, and other presentations.</td>
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Preferred Citation

Preferred citation for this material is as follows: Identification of specific item, series, box, folder, Erich Von Kahler Papers, 1905-1970. M.E. Grenander Department of Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University at Albany, State University of New York (hereafter referred to as the Kahler Papers).

Biographical / Historical

Erich Von Kahler was born on October 14, 1885 in Prague. Kahler studied at the University of Munich, the University of Berlin, the University of Heidelberg, and the University of Freiburg. Kahler received his doctorate from the University of Vienna in 1911. He was stripped of his German citizenship in 1933 because he was Jewish. Kahler eventually emigrated to the United States in 1938. He became a U.S. citizen in 1944.
Kahler taught at a variety of Universities in the United States including The New School, Black Mountain College, Cornell University, and Princeton University. Kahler was a member of the Institute for Advanced Study and wrote many books on politics, technology, and science. Kahler was married to Josephine Sobotka, and later to Alice (Lili) Loewy. Kahler died on June 28, 1970, in Princeton, New Jersey and was survived by his wife and stepdaughter.

Scope and Contents

Erich von Kahler was a German-American literary scholar and teacher. Kahler taught at the New School for Social Research, at Cornell University and Princeton University. This collection contains diaries, 1906-1913, correspondence in German and English with Hans Bethe, Richard BeerHofmann, Jacob Bronowski, Albert Einstein, Elizabeth Mann Borgese, Erich Fromm, Herbert Marcuse, J. Robert Oppenheimer, Kurt Wolff, and others, 1923-1970. This collection also includes corrected manuscripts of literary works by Hermann Broch, Golo Mann, and others, 1945-1970, lecture notes on philosophy of history, Jewish history, German literature, and contemporary politics for lectures given in Germany and the United States and for courses at Black Mountain College and Ohio State University, 1915-1968, and 16 audio recordings of lectures, readings, and other presentations.

Arrangement

Archivists previously arranged the collection into nine general series.

Administrative Information

Publication Statement

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Processing Information
The Kahler Papers are not processed but a detailed earlier inventory is available for researchers who contact the department.

Immediate Source of Acquisition
This majority of the collection was donated by Alice Loewy Kahler in the late 1970s with a small amount of material donated by Janit Roberts in 1991.

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