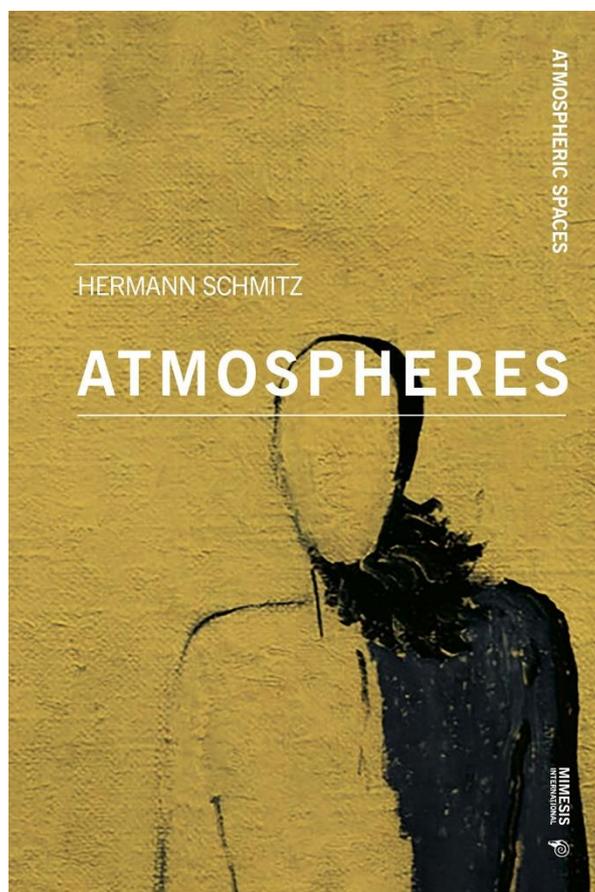


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English Translation of Hermann Schmitz' *Atmospheres* (*Atmosphären*)



When the psychopathologist Hubertus Tellenbach (1968) and the philosopher Hermann Schmitz (1969) introduced the notion of “atmosphere” into the debate, it could hardly have been imagined that this concept would be at the heart of a real “atmospheric turn” a few decades later. Hermann Schmitz himself, who was the founder of a wide and challenging antireductionistic New Phenomenology of the felt body (Leib) and involuntary life experiences redefined as a felt-bodily communication with all the perceived, constantly returned in his many subsequent books on the topic of feelings as atmospheres, i.e. as not subjective-internal moods projected outside, but affective powers that exist discontinuously but objectively outside and that authoritatively fill a certain surfaceless (lived) space. Nevertheless, only in 2014 he decided to publish a thematic volume on this notion collecting some of his main contributions on it. The book translated here, translated by Lorenzo Marinucci (KOIAS member; Tohoku University) and edited by Tonino Griffero (Rome Tor Vergata University;

KOIAS visiting professor of Kobe University) - which is only the second book by Hermann Schmitz now available in English (both available in “Atmospheric Spaces” book series by Mimesis International - offers a concise but brilliant overview of the background that has guided the German philosopher to elaborate for half a century an approach that is also increasingly benefiting many applied human sciences. (Tonino Griffero)