

**Horst Seidler**

**Sapientia aedificabitur domus et prudentia roborabitur**

Proverbia SALOMONI; Capitulum XXIV



## Preface



Anthropology is the body of knowledge which looks at the physio-biological fundamentals of mankind as well as its special position within Nature. For the last few decades the Institute for Anthropology at the University of Vienna, founded in 1919, has been inseparably linked with the person of Horst Seidler. It is essentially on the basis of his scientific work that anthropology has evolved into a modern field of science encompassing a host of attractive research branches.

This special edition is a shining example of Horst Seidler's prolific and dynamic work, and thus highlights his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday in an appropriate and appreciative way. The diversity of his work gives ample proof of his scientific interests. Moreover, it bears witness of Horst Seidler as a highly committed university teacher

who is apt and successful at passing on his ideas and principles of research to the up-and-coming generations of scientists.

He is also a capable and wise ally when it comes to improving the quality of our universities, which can stand up to international standards thanks to the courage and innovative spirit of the likes of Horst Seidler. Furthermore, he is a scientist who makes his research findings available to the general public so that social development can directly and rapidly benefit from scientific innovation.

May the gift of rich scientific insight stay with Horst Seidler, and may he be blessed with personal vigour and deep satisfaction with his scientific achievements for many years to come.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'E. Gehrler'.

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