

Our contribution is a family contribution, because it all started in the Toennies Group. Two words have characterised Peter's attitude and, consequently, our scientific life at the institute: Curiosity and internationalism. There was always an international presence for seminars and research stays, and we could discuss and talk about our projects with these guests from all over the world. Moreover, the working groups themselves were multinational too. You could feel how borderless the research was (and should be). This fostered curiosity (no question was considered dummy), encouraged us to look around, compare and be critical, even by photocopying articles for the research groups. His enthusiasm for science has been a crucial aspect of his interaction with persons, irrespective of their status (student, technician, post doc, professor). Everyone has also experienced writing an article with Peter: a lot of red comments and lines but always biasing towards improvements rather than discouragements. Finally, Peter's small notes that he left on all our desks from time to time must not be forgotten.

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