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# Propositions

1. The concept of contact disorders that Leo Kanner and Hans Asperger applied to autistic children originated with Georg(e) Frankl.
2. George Frankl conceptualized autism as a disorder of communicative contact that affects affective language and its integration with logical language.
3. Leo Kanner did not ignore Hans Asperger's work, but contributed to its recognition in the English-speaking world
4. Leo Kanner conceptualized autism as an emotional disorder that affects and is affected by the whole personality.
5. Typologies were a more important influence on Hans Asperger's concept of Autistic Psychopathy than Eugen Bleuler's concept of autism.
6. Hans Asperger conceptualized autism as a disorder of the personality, involving an overdevelopment of differentiation and an underdevelopment of integration.
7. The conceptual-historical approach that Pieter J. van Strien developed for the historiography of psychology can be fruitfully applied to the history of child psychiatry.
8. The concept most central to the autism theories of Georg(e) Frankl, Hans Asperger and Leo Kanner was integration, not contact.
9. In the work of Hans Asperger and Leo Kanner there is a convergence between the term autism, all the symptoms of autism and the concept of personality integration.
10. Solitary children are not defined by being solitary but also have a wider and unique personality.