

From the review by Dr. Ulrike M. Vieten, Amsterdam/Sheffield

“The reports based on her collected calendars, diaries, essays, letters, anecdotes and numerous interwoven secondary sources illustrate important sections of the life of a woman who never knuckled under not even where in post-1989 Germany a symbolical nowhere was created. Love, family, work, and intellectual production, leisure time occupations and holidays: collective experience and visions in the GDR. In the context of her academic work on the subject of working class literature Behrend was influenced since the early 1980s by the new western specifically anglo-american women’s movement. A founding member of the East German Independent Women’s Association (UFV) in the time of the ‘Wende’ and as the editor of the series *Auf der Suche nach der verlorenen Zukunft* (Searching for the lost future) she also produced other topical texts”.