

The International Horst Kächele Memorial Webinar Series 2022–2023

3rd webinar with Chris Muran and Louis G. Castonguay
11 February 2023 | 3 pm (CEST)



Dear members of the IPU Berlin,

All the best for the new year! In this newsletter you can find out more about upcoming **Events** as well as read the monthly **Column** by IPU President **Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz**.

The IPU Berlin, in cooperation with the KKC Bochum, has **founded the Research Training Group Trauma and Collective Violence: Articulation, Negotiation and Recognition** – an important step towards obtaining the right to award doctoral degrees. The opening ceremony of the Research Training Group will take place this Saturday at the IPU. **Prof. Aladin El-Mafaalani** (University of Osnabrück) will give a lecture, followed by a discussion with the members of the new group. Further information and the form to register for the event can be found **on our website**.

Currently, applications to hold **project-specific tutorials** during the upcoming summer semester are open again. Applications are open until 10 February. Further information can be found **here**.

You can apply now for the winter semester 2023/2024

Next Online Info Session for prospective students
26 January 2023 • 5 pm



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Online Information Event for prospective students

Register **on our website**.

10 February 2023 | 7 pm

First Do No Harm: Psychoanalytic Reflections on Gender Dysphoria

Lecture by Dr. David Bell, organized by the friends and patrons association of the IPU Berlin.

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Alliance Rupture Repair as a Critical Change Process

Online Webinar with Christopher Muran and Louis C. Castonguay

The third webinar of the International Horst Kächele Memorial Webinar Series on Contemporary Psychoanalytic Research

Register **on our website**.

23 March to 24 May 2023

DAAD Online Webinar Series for International Students

Meet our International Office and find out more about our English language programs.

Further information **on our website**.

Grandpa makes fruit salad

The **January Column** by IPU President **Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz**

It is New Year's Eve, and Grandpa has promised to make fruit salad. Grandchild #1: "But please with no oranges". Grandchild #2: "And no apples, and definitely no lemon". Grandchild #3: "And absolutely no raisins", and the oldest one reminds us that Mama is allergic to nuts and Papa doesn't like grapes.

So, I cut up all the different types of fruit and divide them into different bowls plus one with raisins and one with sliced lemon. Everyone can put together their own fruit salad – it seems to be the most inoffensive solution. After all, if possible, it should be avoided that the children stage a protest in the kitchen.

And then it's time: New Year's Eve desert – after five different types of potato salad – can finally begin. But then the first grandchild takes almost all the apples, because they don't like any other kind of fruit. The second takes almost as many orange pieces, because they only like those. The third puts all the raisins on their plate because those are their favorite. This proves to be fatal for the ratio of fruit salad ingredients for the rest of the family.

Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz has been president of the IPU Berlin since July 2021. Once a month, he provides commentary here on contemporary, timeless, psychoanalytic and political issues.



When I think back to my childhood in the previous century, in the dark 60s (in East Germany), we were presented with the choice of eating fruit salad or not – what an archaic setting, whose inexorability only becomes apparent to me in the retrospect.

I don't even want to think about what could have happened if our next holiday destination is a topic of "negotiation".

But at least, many families today identify themselves as an equal community, in which all individual wants and needs are respected and foster an attentive, appreciative togetherness.

In such moments, there is no grandpa in the world more confident than I.

At the beginning of this year, **Laura Nini** started her position in the Department of Advanced Studies and Trainings.

Julian Reitzenstein-Kurz is now member of the team Facility Management. Among other things, he will be responsible for the media management in our buildings. A warm welcome to our university.

