Campus News

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Dear subscribers,

here you will find current information from the IPU Berlin, information on upcoming Events and the monthly Column by IPU President Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz.

The German Council of Science and Humanities recently reaccredited the IPU Berlin and recommended that the Berlin Senate Administration grant it the right to award doctorates.

This marks a milestone in the IPU's development as a university. At a celebratory get-together, the IPU President Jan-Hendrik Olbertz thanked all those who have contributed over the years to obtaining the right to award doctorates. Further information can be found in a press release from the German Council of Science and Humanities.

IPU's International Career Service Become a clincial practitioner in Germany. Learn how on our website.

still open until 16 March. Our Bachelor of Science PsychologyPLUS and the part-time Master of Arts Interdisciplinary Psychosis Therapy will start in April. Those interested can find more information on our website.

The application window for studying at the IPU Berlin starting in the summer semester 2025 is

analysis is currently being advertised at the IPU Berlin. Applications are open until 20 March. Further information can be found in our call for applications (in German). Our cooperation partners at the KKC Bochum, along with the Society for Cultural Psychology,

are awarding the Ernst E. Boesch Prize for Cultural Psychology 2025. The prize honors merits in the promotion and dissemination of scientific cultural psychology. Nominations for this prize

An endowed professorship for cultural studies with a focus on linguistic and literary social

can be made until 31 March. Further information can be found in the announcement. In our Spotlight you can read about current publications, including those by our research associate Johanna L. Klinge, Aaron Lahl and Prof. Christine Kirchhoff. Find out more on our

All members of the academic staff at IPU Berlin can use the internal research area of the InfoCenter to inform the university public about academic activities or news from the scientific operation. Please use this form for announcements.

Whenever you are active on social networks such as *Instagram* or *LinkedIn*, mention the IPU

Create reach for your posts on social media

Berlin accounts, on LinkedIn for example by adding @International Psychoanalytic University Berlin. This will increase the visibility of your posts. You can access our accounts via the linked icons at the bottom of the newsletter.

In March and April 2025 at the IPU Berlin

Events

website.

Bridging Courses for current or prospective students interested in psychology

With Leon Brenner (Introduction to Psychoanalysis) and Nicolás Lorenzini (Clinical Psychology,

Research Methods). Dates and registration on our website.

25 till 27 April 2025 in Aarhus (Denmark)

Conference organised by the European Group Analytic Training Institution Network and the

Berliner Institut für Gruppenanalyse.

EGATIN Study Days: »Working with polarization«

More Information can be found here. 16 May 2025 | 10 am till 1:30 pm | Hörsaal 2

Career Day - Psychology beyond Approbation

The international Career Service invites all IPU students and alumni to participate in the Career Day at IPU Berlin. This time, the focus is on psychological professions outside of psychotherapy

Register via this form. 21 May 2025 | 8:15 pm

Anti-Zionism and the post-sexual Revolution Evening lecture with Prof. Bruno Chaouat organized by the Verein der Freunde und Förderer

der IPU Berlin e. V.

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Register on our website.

ensure that your event is included in the calendar of events and can be promoted in good time.

Are you planning or organizing an event at the IPU Berlin in 2025?

And a Doctor to boot ...

scholars, have been the core tasks and constitutive principle of a university since the time of

recommended to the Berlin Senate Administration that they grant the IPU the right to award

A doctorate (in German: die Promotion; Latin promotio, meaning "promotion") is proof of

Use this form in the InfoCenter, ideally up to four weeks before the event date. This will

Autonomously run research, teaching, and academic self-renewal, i. e. the promotion of young

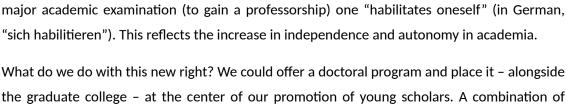
the IPU may exercise this right in the future.

The Februray column by IPU President Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz

Wilhelm von Humboldt. As part of the IPU's reaccreditation, the German Council of Science and Humanities has now

one's ability to carry out independent, in-depth scientific work in a specific field. On the way there, one is accompanied and supported ("promoted" in German: "promoviert") by an authorized professor - in Germany, commonly called a "doctor-father" or "doctor-mother". The old university term "alma mater", meaning "nourishing mother", fits in with this as well (although here, of course, we are talking about intellectual nourishment). Every professor at

Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz has been President of the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin since July 2021. Once a month, he provides commentary here on contemporary, timeless, psychoanalytic and political issues. Interestingly, as a young scholar one is "awarded" a doctorate, but later, as part of the second



What do we do with this new right? We could offer a doctoral program and place it - alongside the graduate college - at the center of our promotion of young scholars. A combination of

psychotherapist training and doctoral work would also be conceivable - an approach that would become an interesting unique selling point among non-state universities. However, there are pros and cons with regard to analytical therapy. Because on one hand - if we dispense with the couch - there would then be a "third chair" in the treatment room (if not outside it), on which the therapist sits as a scientist, while he (or she) should actually be completely oriented towards the patient (as opposed to a test subject) and their suffering. Introspection is part of this concept and so, on the other hand, the knowledge-seeking, researching, generalizing gaze should not necessarily disturb this relationship, as long as it is reflected upon. It was not without reason that Freud considered the "prospects of scientific gain...the noblest and most gratifying characteristic of analytic work" (as he explained in

postscript to lay analysis in 1927). So, as a lay person, I think we should dare to do both - and thus remain unfazed by Faust's famous lament: "Called Master of Arts, and Doctor to boot ... And see that we can know**Valeri Smolko** joined the Finance and Human Resources team in February. She now provides support in all personnel matters. **Maren Budke** has also recently started working as a practice manager in our psychotherapy outpatient clinic. **Welcome to the IPU Berlin.**







