

Webinar: Introduction to the
MA Psychology focusing on Organisationwith Prof. Birgit Stürmer
25 April 2022 | 4:30 pm CEST**Dear subscribers,**

here you can find all current information for upcoming **Events** as well as the monthly **Column** by IPU President Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz.

Prof. Michael B. Buchholz and **Dr. Aleksandar Dimitrijević** have published two books together: *Silence and Silencing in Psychoanalysis: Cultural, Clinical, and Research Perspectives* and *From the Abyss of Loneliness to the Bliss of Solitude*. IPU graduate **Florian Bossert** recently published his thesis – a psychoanalytic study of the pandemic's effects on people's ability to think. You can find more information [in our IPU Spotlight](#).

The **Gerhard Fichtner Scholarship** provides regular funding for research projects on the history of psychoanalysis. The scholarship was created and is financed by the Archive for the History of Psychoanalysis e.V. as well as the Symposium on the History of Psychoanalysis and includes a one-time sum of €2,000. The next application deadline is on 30 April 2022. You can find [more information here](#).

The IPU's own **OEDIPUB** repository provides all students and teaching staff the possibility to publish their theses and studies. Anyone interested can contact project manager Julia Degenhardt. You can find [more information here](#).

Andreas Weyda joined our university in March and is assisting Rainer Stöcker in Facility Management. A warm welcome to the IPU Berlin.

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27 June – 8 July 2022**Post-heroic Heroes****The March Column** from IPU President Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz

My columns are meant to just be humorous accessories to the newsletter in order to reflect daily life with a light hand and a wink. But mirth becomes obscene during wartime.

One sees impressions from not so long ago all at once in a new light. For example, a lecture series on psychoanalytic cultural studies. It focused on the figure of the "hero" who in the post-heroic age is perceived as a "precarious embodiment". According to the debate, we don't need heroes anymore. In their place, we now have groups of campaigners who come to fight for climate protection, social justice, or sexual autonomy. I agreed with them and even brought up the example of James Bond, who has somehow fallen out of his role, to the extent that in the most recent film, he became an empathetic, loving figure – even became a father – and left all of his bravado behind him.

Heroes undermine our illusion of equality. Hardly anyone in the social sciences today can hold their own in the community if they don't mention "research on inequality" somewhere, and with the latent expectation of conquering inequality. I always suspected that it is those who face inequality themselves who further the trend, because they are stuck in a dilemma of justification regarding their own privileges. The inflation of inequality research reflects back an uneasiness on the bright side, which is compensated by a particular intensity from those who do not approach it.

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.



But are we perhaps deceiving ourselves in banishing the heroic figure from Greek mythology or at best giving credit to Hollywood? New, real heroes are surprises in this post-heroic age: A young woman held up a sign protesting the war during a live Russian news broadcast; a democratically elected head of state, previously a comedian (It is unimaginable that he would have landed there if the elections had been manipulated), places himself decidedly in the forefront of defending his country despite the sheer superiority of the opposing army; a courageous yet shockingly level-headed mayor, who previously held first place in a global boxing ranking, keeps a large city running and functioning, is visible in its streets and squares in order to encourage its people. And three European Prime Ministers travel through the oppressed country to the capital city of Kyiv in order to show their solidarity. Likely a symbolic act, but a courageous one with a large effect on the public.

Of course I know that heroes are also often staged. Both sides of a (every) war do it – present or create their heroes, who are also a part of the media presence during wartime. But those who keep that in mind will be able to recognize the real heroes through their acts.

Doubts about the "post-heroic age" are accumulating these days in a fatal way. Should we not be thankful for the "inequality" of such heroes (in comparison to us, who are not)? The Renaissance of exemplary actions by individuals, especially in the sense of straightforwardness and courage, should be welcomed, not mistrusted.

