Campus News

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Dear subscribers,

As we begin the summer semester 2024, here you will find current information from IPU Berlin, information on upcoming events and the monthly column by IPU President Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz.

This year, the IPU Berlin turns 15 years old. A decade and a half with a psychoanalytic university in the heart of Berlin. Thanks to the commitment of founder Prof. Christa Rohde-Dachser and president emeritus Prof. Jürgen Körner, this dream came true. In October 2009, they welcomed the first Master's students to Stromstraße in Berlin-Moabit. Today, the IPU has over 800 students in its Bachelor's and Master's courses in Psychology. This special anniversary will be celebrated with a diverse program starting this summer semester. Find out more on the IPU website.

We wish all IPU members a stimulating and lively summer semester. The application period for the winter semester 2024/2025 is now open for prospective psychology students at IPU. The next information evening for those interested will take place on 11 June.

International Psychoanalytic University Berlin



More information on our website.

Events

15 Years

25 to 27 April 2024 **Emotions and Affects - Perspectives in Political Psychology**

Annual conference 2024 at the IPU Berlin organised by Prof. Thomas Kühn, Prof. Phil C. Langer

and Prof. Gavin Sullivan. The conference is fully booked, but you can still register on our website for the online keynote speech by Prof. Cynthia Miller-Idriss (Washington DC) on 26 April.

DAAD Online Webinar Series for international students

14 May / 23 May

IPU's International Office providing information on our two English language programs.

Further information on our website.

Library Talk: Jacques Lacan - The Basics

23 May 2024 | 7 pm

With Leon S. Brenner and Calum Neill

Register on our website.

11 June 2024 | 5 pm

Register on our website.

Information evening for prospective students

SAVE THE DATE

Long Night of the Sciences at the IPU Berlin

22 June 2024

Information available on our website soon.

Prof. Cynthia Miller-Idriss

Online keynote lecture at IPU's annual conference

26 April 2024 • 7 pm

subtle form of exclusion.

Hate in the Homeland



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



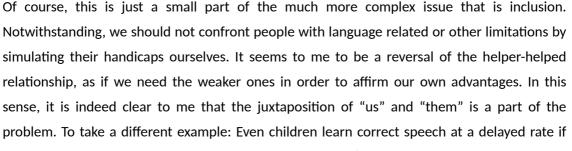
Since 2016, every Friday at 8pm after its news broadcast, the German radio station Deutschlandfunk (DLF) has offered an overview of the main news stories in simplified German language. This offer is oriented towards those who have language deficits. "In our point of view, such people belong just as much as others", stated the DLF news director in an interview

way, "the Federal Chancellor from Germany visited the capitol city in the country China". Of course, in communicating with those who have language difficulties, it's correct to avoid overly complex sentence structure or technical terminology (or to convey them in easily understood language). But does this mean one must reduce style, sentence structure, and grammar to such an extent that even elemental standards suffer? Learning can only happen by following standards, not by giving them up. This approach, however, seems not to be aspiring to progress, but to adaptation. Consequently, deficits are consolidated rather than overcome, and this cannot be reconciled with public radio's educational mandate. **Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz** has been President of the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin since July 2021. Once a month, he provides commentary here on

(translation for this text). But if one really listens, it comes across - at least to me - as just a

The sentences in these news segments are short, sound oddly dry, and conspicuously avoid the German genitive case* (used, among other functions, for indicating possession). In this

Notwithstanding, we should not confront people with language related or other limitations by simulating their handicaps ourselves. It seems to me to be a reversal of the helper-helped relationship, as if we need the weaker ones in order to affirm our own advantages. In this



adults consistently speak to them in contrived baby talk (like always using the third person form). On the other hand, it's a welcome development that public offices have made attempts to use more everyday language, so long as nothing is trivialized or overly simplified, rather, that information is communicated in more understandable, accurate, and effective ways. It would therefore make much better sense if radio stations purposefully cultivated more language models and perhaps built valuable opportunities to learn language into their

*Find a guide to the German genitive case here.

programs..

Prof. Sarah Bergmann is a new junior professor at the IPU as of this month. She previously

worked as a research assistant. Antonia Wieder is the new research assistant to Prof. Dr. Annette Klein. Tiisano Lekganyane and Terry Meyer are continuing their work at our university in new roles as research assistants

In April, Sandra Rodriguez also started working in administration in the Management and Organization team under the supervision of Katja Thiele.

Welcome (in your new roles) at the IPU Berlin.



under Wiebke Stelling and Prof. Dr. Tamara Fischmann respectively.





