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INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTIC UNIVERSITY BERLIN

Dear subscribers,

Here you will find current information from the IPU Berlin, information on **Events** as well as the monthly **Column** by IPU President **Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz**.

Apply now: MA Psychoanalysis and Cultural Psychology in Contemporary Societies

The application period for the new and innovative full-time master's program in Psychoanalysis and Cultural Psychology in Contemporary Societies has recently opened. The practice-oriented program, which was developed in collaboration with the KKC Bochum, will launch in October 2025. Learn more **on our website**.

Research project on political participation of young people in rural regions

IPU Professor Phil C. Langer, together with the Frankfurt political scientist Claudius Wagemann and the Innsbruck ethnologist Marion Näser-Lather as well as the civil society partners Sächsische Sportjugend, Deutsche Landjugend and the Young European Federalists, has acquired funding for the inter- and transdisciplinary research project "Young People in Remote Regions: Prospects for Strengthening Democratic Attitudes and Participation (YouReACT)". The project is funded by the Volkswagen Foundation as part of the new program "Transformation Knowledge about Democracies in Transition" and is dedicated to researching and empirically strengthening the political engagement of young people in rural regions of Bavaria, Saxony and Schleswig-Holstein. Read more about the project **on our website**.

Offers with the KKC Bochum in the summer semester

Together with its cooperation partner, the Hans Kilian and Lotte Köhler Center in Bochum, the IPU is once again offering a postdoctoral fellowship in social psychology, cultural psychology and psychoanalysis. The application deadline is 30 June 2025. Find out more **here**.

In addition, the KKC Bochum, in cooperation with the IPU, is once again offering a series of interesting lectures this summer semester. You can find here an overview of the dates **here**.

Spotlight and two new audio formats

In our **Spotlight** you can read about the master's thesis by IPU student Steen Thorsson published by Psychosozial-Verlag.

In **Das Unbewusste verstehen**, Prof. Annette Streeck-Fischer, founding professor at the IPU and psychoanalyst, who has been researching in the field of developmental psychology for many years, shares her theoretical and clinical expertise using case examples. The episodes are short and compact and can be accessed wherever podcasts are available.

Fromm Today is the name of the new podcast series from the Erich Fromm Study Center at the IPU Berlin. In the episodes, Jonathan Keir talks to renowned guests, such as Hartmut Rosa and Susan Neiman, and together they explore the relevance of Fromm's socio-psychological perspectives today.

News from the Green Office

On the initiative of the Green Office, all IPU members can now use NextBike's CampusBike service free of charge. There are 60 free minutes available per ride. You can register using your IPU email address in the NextBike app.

Another tip from the Green Office for the summer semester: The Virtual Academy for Sustainability (VAN) offers the opportunity to take online courses on topics such as climate change, sustainable development and many more - with credit points for the related subject in the Bachelor's degree.

"On 23 April, our clothes swap party, which we organised together with the sustainability initiatives of Humboldt University, Alice Salomon University and Fashion Revolution, showed just how much sustainable commitment has an impact beyond theory. Lots of guests, delicious food, creative upcycling ideas and a great atmosphere: Sustainable fashion brings people together. We are very pleased about the great interest and would like to implement further projects together with these initiatives in the future", said the Green Office employees. Anyone interested can contact the Green Office by **email** and also visit the **Instagram channel**.

Offers from the IPU student body

The StuRa, the student representation at the IPU, is currently supporting and organising several events for IPU students. Further group-analytical large groups will take place on 30 April (room 3b-04) and 27 June (room 91b-04). IPU students can **register here**. The StuRa is also organising a workshop at the Sachsenhausen Memorial on 14 June 2025. The registration deadline is 30 April. Further information can be found in the email from 14 April. The next StuRa party for all IPU members will also take place on Friday, 16 May.

The Queer IPU is also active and will meet again tomorrow, 30 April at 6 pm in the EsBar. Interested students can find further information in an email from the Queer IPU dated 14 April.

Events

From April to July 2025 at the IPU Berlin

Specialist courses as part of the FiT program

Including culturally sensitive organisational consulting with Babette Gekeler.

Further information and registration **on our website**.

6/7 May 2025

Perversion heute? Paraphile Störungen und ihre Behandlung aus psychoanalytischer Perspektive

Lecture and seminar by and with Prof. Wolfgang Berner.

Register **on our website**.

8 May 2025 | 7 pm | Lecture hall 1

Outsider. Freud

Film Screening and Q&A with Director Yair Qedar, organised by student initiative *krIPU*.

More information **on our website**.

9/10 May 2025

Gewalt – Subjektive Erfahrungen in kollektiven Verhältnissen

Interdisciplinary symposium of the IPU-KKC Graduate School, organised by our doctoral students Anna Schmidtke, Paul Schreiber and Doreen Zeymer-von Metnitz and IPU Professor Phil C. Langer.

Registration **on our website**.

15/16 May 2025

Nach dem Bruch. Eine historisch-psychoanalytische Analyse aktueller jüdischer Stimmen in Deutschland

Lecture by Dr. Jasmin Spiegel and Dr. Anne-Christin Klotz (Hebrew University Jerusalem), moderated by Prof. Christine Kirchhoff. Workshop with both speakers on the following day.

Registration **on our website**.

16 May 2025 | 10 am till 4 pm | Hörsaal 2

Career Day: Psychology beyond Approbation

The International Career Service invites all IPU students and alumni to participate in the Career Day. The focus is on psychological professions outside of psychotherapy licensure.
More information **in the InfoCenter**.

21 May 2025 | 8:15 pm
Anti-Zionism and the post-sexual Revolution
Evening lecture with Prof. Bruno Chaouat organised by the *Verein der Freunde und Förderer der IPU Berlin e. V.*
Register **on our website**.

Create reach for your posts on social media
Whenever you are active on social networks such as Instagram or LinkedIn, mention the IPU 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.

Are you planning or organising an IPU Berlin event? ?
Use the **form in the InfoCenter** to announce your event.This way your event will be mentioned in the event calendar in good time and can be advertised well in advance.

22 May 2025 | 4:15 pm | online
„Die Verwirrung bleibt, die ist nicht zu lösen." Vom Anspruch von Interpretationsgruppen & was davon für demokratischere und bessere Wissensproduktion in der Wirklichkeit bleibt
Lecture by Dr. des. Constanze Oth (Goethe University Frankfurt/Main) as part of the series Perspektiven qualitativen Forschens - zwischen Anspruch und Wirklichkeit, organised by: Ines Gottschalk (KKC Bochum) and Prof. Phil C. Langer.
Further information **on our website**.

23 May 2025 | 4:45 pm | Lecture hall 2
Schweigen in der Therapie – Chancen in der Gruppenpsychotherapie mit Menschen mit Psychosen?
Lecture by Prof. Dorothea von Haebler as part of the public lecture series Theoretical and Historical Aspects of Psychoses in the summer semester 2025. .
Registration **on our website**.

23 May 2025
DAAD Online Webinar for international students from China
Get to know IPU's programs MA Psychology and MA Psychology focusing on Organisation.
More information **on our website**.

23/24 May 2025
Psychoanalytisch orientiertes Psychodrama
With Stefan Woinoff.
Register until 8 May **on our website**.

12 June 2025 | 5 pm
IPU information evening for prospective students
Find out everything you need to know about studying psychology.
Registration **on our website**.

SAVE THE DATE
13. Juni 2025 | 17 Uhr
***Psychoanalyse UND Universität*: Abschiedsvorlesung von Prof. Dr. Andreas Hamburger**
With musical contributions from the **Moabiter Küchenchors** and a festive close.
Further information will soon be available on our website.

SAVE THE DATE
28 June 2025 | from 5 pm
Long Night of the Sciences 2025
In cooperation with the Berlin Psychoanalytic Institutes.
Further information will soon be available on our website.

25 to 27 September 2025
Verwoben: Subjekte jenseits von Autonomie und Auflösung
Interdisciplinary conference at the IPU Berlin
Further information **on our website**.

Legendary GDR Film as Easter Story

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

On the Saturday before Easter, MDR (*Mitteldeutscher Rundfunk*; tsl: Middle German Broadcasting) television once again broadcast the DEFA (*Deutsche Film Aktiengesellschaft*; tsl: German Film Corporation) film "The Legend of Paul and Paula" based on a screenplay by Ulrich Plenzdorf. I had actually only channel-surfed to it by chance, but this cult film by Heiner Carow immediately cast a spell over me once again. Paula, the eager, non-conformist young woman played by Angelica Domröse, loves life, challenges it, and falls in love with Paul, a career administrator of the SED (Socialist Unity Party of Germany) played by Winfried Glatzeder, who can't resist the cheerful, beautiful, Paula. But he is married – to the daughter of a private showman of all people – and has a son. How can this wild liaison be reconciled with conformity and convention, with proletarian discipline and class positions? The film shows how ideal and reality abruptly drift apart at the moment of an impetuous love affair, illustrating everyday life in the GDR with stark openness. It could not be further away from – or more playful and colorful than – the "socialist realism", to which art and culture had been confined.

***Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz** has bee President of the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin since July 2021. Once a month, he provides commentary here on contemporary, timeless, psychoanalytic and political issues.*

I realized how much this film can be seen as a prelude to the peaceful revolution in the GDR as early as 1973. Just think of the scenes where Paul sneaks to see Paula late at night wearing the uniform of the "Kampfgruppen der Arbeiterklasse" (tsl: working class task force), gets rid of his paramilitary clothes in an act of self-liberation, and from one moment to the next converts party discipline into pure eroticism. It seems all the more artificial and fake when – on behalf of the party – he bows to socialist morals again and temporarily returns to his staid, conformist life. In all of this, the film plays with opulent fantasies that – both in terms of content and aesthetics – go beyond the framework of norms and customs in East Germany: no political proclamations or confessions, no slogans, no class struggle rhetoric, no calls for socialist competition (all of this ironized at best). Instead, it shows the fullness of life, highly private wishes and dreams, and a rousing joie de vivre that could no longer be contained by ideology.

Even if the end of the romance is tragic – tragicomic – it is a movie full of hope, even confidence, that this regime is inexorably heading towards its downfall, even though it would last another 17 years. For my generation, it's an Easter story of its own kind.

Dragan Šimičević has been a new research assistant to Prof. Thomas Kühn since April. He is also co-coordinating the MA Leadership and Consulting. In addition, Charlie Kaufhold has been working as an administrative member since April as part of a research project with Prof. Phil C. Langer.

Philipp Seilern started working as a psychotherapist in the outpatient clinic this month.

Welcome to the IPU Berlin.