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INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTIC UNIVERSITY BERLIN

Dear subscribers,

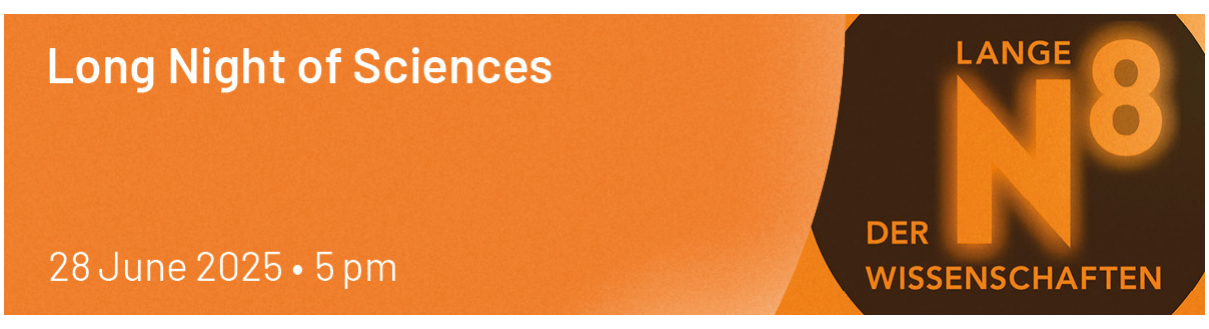
Here you will find current information from the IPU Berlin, information on **events** as well as the monthly **column** by IPU President **Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz**.

Long Night of Science on Saturday at the IPU Berlin

The LNdW is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year. Therefore tickets cost just five euros. Together with the Berlin psychoanalytic institutes, the IPU is once again offering a diverse insight into the unconscious. You can find the complete program **on our website**.

Apply now to study at the IPU Berlin

If you would like to start your bachelor's degree in psychology at **one of Berlin's best universities for psychology courses** in the winter semester 2025/2026, you can apply to the IPU Berlin now. In addition to the bachelor's program, we also offer master's programs, such as the MA Psychology focusing on organisation. Find out more **on our website**.



Deutschlandstipendium Scholarship and offers from the IO: ERASMUS+, DaF courses & Co.

The International Office (IO) of the IPU Berlin has extended the application deadline for DAAD Promos scholarships until the end of the month. Funding is available for two-month internships or four-month study stays abroad within the period from 1 July to 31 December 2025. Further information **can be found here**.

As part of the DAAD-funded STIBET I program, **Study Buddy** positions and two **Graduation Scholarships** (500 euros funding for two months each) are also currently being advertised. Interested parties can apply for both offers until 15 July.

The International Office also invites IPU students to apply for ERASMUS+ semesters abroad in summer 2026. The application deadline is 31 July 2025. Further informationn **can be found here**.

In addition, further courses in German as a foreign language will be held at the IPU Berlin in the near future. Interested parties can register for the upcoming courses at B1 and B2 level. You can find **more information here**.

IPU students can also apply for German scholarships again from 1 July. Further information can be found **on our website**.

Diversity Working Group in the InfoCenter and news from the Green Office

The Diversity Working Group at the IPU Berlin can now also be found in the InfoCenter. The initiative provides information about its activities there. Find out more **in the InfoCenter**.

The first Climate Café, a protected space for all those who want to deal with the emotional aspects of the climate crisis, will take place on 28 June as part of the LNdW at the IPU Berlin. In a moderated round, led by psychologist and psychoanalyst Kathrin Albert, the Green Office offers space for exchange, connection and joint reflection. "The format is based on findings from climate psychology and psychoanalysis and is intended to help promote inner strength and community. Everyone is welcome - regardless of how much previous experience or personal commitment they already have in the field of climate protection," say the Green Office employees.

In addition, all IPU members can use NextBike's CampusBike service free of charge until October. There are 60 free minutes available per trip - simply register in the app with your university email address and start cycling. In addition, the Virtual Academy for Sustainability (VAN) offers online courses on climate change, sustainable development and social justice - with credit points towards a Bachelor's degree (related subject).

Spotlight

Prof. Thomas Kühn was a guest on *rbb24 Talk* on the topic of working hours. You can find the link to the program **in our Spotlight**.

The IPU Berlin mourns the loss of Prof. Rolf Haubl. The former director of the Sigmund Freud Institute in Frankfurt was also an important source of inspiration at the IPU. Read more about his work also in our Spotlight.

Events

27 June 2025 | 6 pm

»Wie die Nazis zu Dealern wurden«. Filmscreening und Workshop zu Sonja Wittes Artikel zu *Notorious/Weisses Gift* von Alfred Hitchcock

Event as part of the series *Gibt es was zu feiern? 10 Jahre krIPU* organized by the student initiative krIPU.

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

27 June 2025 | 7 pm

Geladene Sprache. Die Emotionalisierung der Debatten zum Nahostkonflikt

Lecture by Prof. José Brunner as part of this year's DPV cultural workshop *Die Gefährdung des Gespräches unter den Bedingungen der Polarisierung*, moderated by Prof. Joachim Küchenhoff.

Further information **on our website**.

28 June 2025 | 5 pm

Long Night of the Sciences 2025

In cooperation with the Berlin psychoanalytic institutes.

Further information **on our website**.

2 July 2025 | 12 pm

Mini Lecture

An introduction to studying psychology at IPU Berlin with Prof. Christian Sell and Dragan Šimičević.

Register **on our website**.

3 July 2025 | 4:15 pm (hybrid)

Heilsames Erzählen und Zeugenschaft im Kontext qualitativer Forschung: Was kann qualitative Forschung im Vergleich zu therapeutischen Settings (nicht) leisten?

Lecture by Ines Gottschalk (KKC Bochum) organized by her and Prof. Phil C. Langer in the series *Perspektiven qualitativen Forschens*.

Further information **on our website**.

4 July 2025 | from 3:45 pm

Two lectures in the series *Theoretische und historische Aspekte von Psychosen*:

3:45 pm

Moritz Petzold (Berlin): Arbeit mit Menschen mit akutem psychotischem Erleben: Handlungsdialog und implizite Arbeit in der Praxis.

5:30 pm

Frank Röhricht (London): Wenn die Worte fehlen und der Körper kein Zuhause gibt. Ich-Konsolidierung in der Körperpsychotherapie.

Registration **on our website**.

4 July 2025 | 7:30 pm

›das Grauen hatte meine Gefühle nicht abgestumpft‹. Die Kriegsreportagen Lee Millers

Lecture by Benedikt Salfeld as part of the series *Gibt es was zu feiern? 10 Jahre krIPU* organized by the student initiative krIPU.

Further Information and dates **on our website**.

15 July 2025 | 7 pm

Kunst und (transgenerationales) Trauma: Die Shoah in Film, Performance und Literatur – künstlerische Auseinandersetzungen mit Überleben und Erinnern

Lecture by Dr. Juliette Brungs (Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences) to kick off the event series *Bilder, Bewältigung und Erinnerungskulturen*, organized by the IPU Berlin together with AMCHA.

Registration **on our website**.

25 till 27 September 2025

Verwoben: Subjekte jenseits von Autonomie und Auflösung

Interdisciplinary conference at the IPU Berlin.

Find the program **on our website**. Registration opens mid July.

SAVE THE DATE

26/27 November 2025

Forschungslabor plus

Symposium at the IPU Berlin with a public evening lecture by Prof. Vera King (Sigmund Freud Institute Frankfurt/Main)

More information coming soon 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 accounts of the IPU Berlin, 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 organizing an IPU Berlin event?

Use the **form in the InfoCenter** to announce it. This way, your event will be mentioned in the event calendar in good time and can be advertised with sufficient advance notice.

Amok

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

On 10 June 2025, a grammar school in Graz was the scene of a terrible tragedy – nine teenagers and a teacher were shot dead and others injured before the perpetrator took his own life. The coldness and precision with which the 21-year-old ex-student proceeded – according to the police, for over seven minutes – represent an emotional distance that experts say is typical of those who run amok. “Amok” is borrowed from the Malay “amuk”, which means “angry” or “furious”. .

Where might the roots of this young man’s unbridled rage have been? His behavior does not fit into any political ideology; it was an isolated, individual act, which nevertheless exists within a social context. Apparently, he was socially marginalized in connection with poor school performance and being bullied, and finally he chose to escape into the virtual world of – sometimes violent – computer games. Nobody really noticed the escalation, or his school and relevant authorities were indifferent to it.

***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.*

According to serious newspaper reports, the perpetrator was slender and shy, an introverted loner who was also mocked by his peers as a "femboy". While the Austrian Armed Forces discharged him in 2021 due to mental health issues, a psychological test for the acquisition of firearms later revealed no reservations. These state organizations were either not networked or invoked "data protection", which did not allow the exchange of such information. So, data was protected instead of people.

The debate in Austria is now mainly about tightening gun laws and much less about expanding school social work or the presence of school psychologists. It is precisely here where inferences should be made. School psychology shows that bullying often goes hand in hand with many individual experiences and humiliations that can accumulate into a significant wound. As early as 1993, in his essay "Why psychoanalysis in schools?”, Harald Leupold-Löwenthal referred to the need to pay attention to psychological processes in schools and to the fact that "learning processes involve cognitive as well as instinctual and emotional factors that are interwoven in a tight, confusing and complex network". Thus, "psychoanalysis as a method of investigating mental processes...in the school sector can provide information about the emotional background of learning processes, about the disruption in the relationship between those involved in the school, namely children, teachers, and parents."

According to a Scandinavian prevention model, teachers keep a list of all students and mark those whose emotional state they can gauge. The aim is to find out in good time which ones are flying under the radar and need special attention – these are the ones who don't get a mark.

James Roshanak started as a research assistant at the IPU in June. He supports Prof. Annette Klein in teaching and research.

David Berger started working as an administrative assistant in the study office this month.

Welcome to the IPU Berlin.