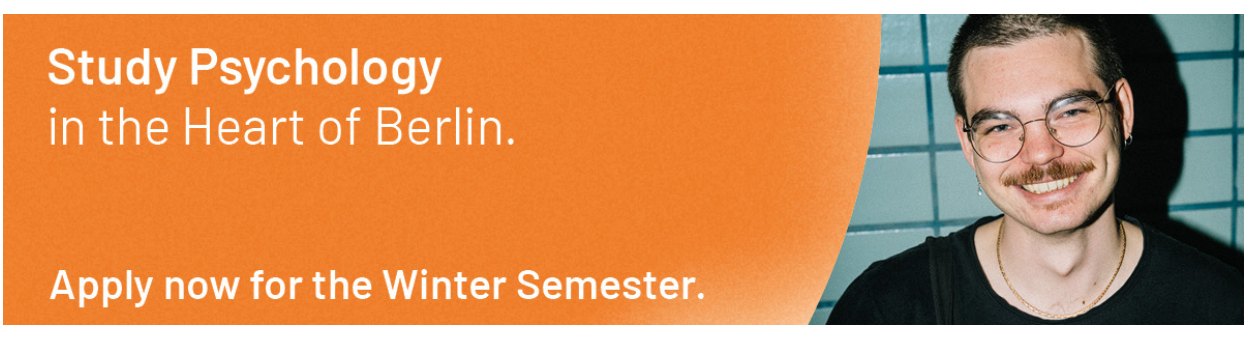
Campus News
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INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTIC UNIVERSITY BERLIN



Digital networking, academic freedom, and the beginning of the semester

In the “50 Minuten” podcast, Dr. Anna Gätjen discusses the psychological consequences of constant connectivity for young people. You can **listen to the episode here**. To mark the 25th anniversary of the Scholars at Risk (SAR) network, IPU Supervisory Board Chair Prof. Dr. Lilli Gast discusses the importance of the academic pursuit of truth in the “Free to Think” podcast. You can **access the episode here**. A panel discussion at the beginning of the semester in October 2026 will build on this anniversary. Entitled “Academic Freedom in Uncomfortable Times,” the panel will address current debates and threats to academic freedom. All information about the program will be available soon on our website.

IPU Annual Conference to be on artificial intelligence

The third IPU Annual Conference, to be held on November 12 and 13, will explore shifting boundaries in psychology, culture, and psychotherapy under the theme “Conditio humana in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.” In addition to presentations by visiting experts and responses from IPU, the conference will conclude with a panel discussion. The conference program and registration will be available soon on our website.

Current research and publications

In their publication in "Psychoanalysis in Contradiction," IPU students Philip Jammermann and Charlotte Salomon argue for subjectivity as a source of knowledge in higher education. An EEG study from the IPU's MOCON Lab, published in the journal "Motivation and Emotion," demonstrates independent neuronal effects of self-determination and emotion processing. The EU-funded project DeAppeal, which investigates anti-democratic tendencies, will launch in November 2026 with the participation of Prof. Dr. Gavin Sullivan. A study on the effectiveness of psychodynamic short-term therapy for obsessive-compulsive disorder, co-authored by Prof. Dr. Christiane Steinert, has been published in "Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics." More information on all these topics **can be found in our IPU Spotlight**.

Preparing and applying for studies

The IPU is once again offering preparatory bridging courses in psychoanalysis, social psychology, and research methods. Details about the courses **can be found here**. Applications for the winter semester beginning in October for the Bachelor’s program in Psychology and our Master’s programs are still being accepted. Information about the application process is **available on our website**.



Events

17 September 2026 | 6 pm

The Neuroscience of the 21st Century and the Concept of Embodiment in Mental Health

Lecture at the IPU Berlin.

More information **on our website**.

25 September 2026 | 5 pm

MUTTiER IV: Bilder sehen. Stimmen hören. Medien in Kunst und Klinik.

Lecture and participatory performance.

More information **on our website**.



Are you planning or organizing an IPU Berlin event?

Use our form in the InfoCenter to register your event. More Information **can be found here**.

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12 October 2026

KPKC-KKC-Lecture with Prof. em. Dr. Osama Kitayama and Dr. Jhuma Basak

Online lecture by the Kilian Köhler Center (KKC) at IPU Berlin.

More information will be available soon on our website.

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23/24 October 2026 Psychology of science: A neglected Issue in the Philosophy of Science

Workshop organized by the Kilian Köhler Center (KKC) at the IPU Berlin.

More information coming soon to our website.

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12/13 November 2026

Conditio humana in Zeiten künstlicher Intelligenz: Psychische, soziale und kulturelle Grenzverschiebungen

IPU's annual conference 2026.

More information coming soon to our website.

10 November 2026 | 7 pm

Wie halten wir es eigentlich aus, zu leben?

Lecture evening as part of **Berlin Science Week**.

Register **on our website**.

17 November 2026

Panel with Jasmin Spiegel (Hebrew University Jerusalem) und Anne-Christin Klotz (FU Berlin)

Event as part of the series *Die Wucht der Erinnerung: Zwischen Zeugnis und Zumutung*, in cooperation with AMCHA Deutschland e. V.

Further information **on our website**.

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10 December 2026

Erich Fromm Lecture 2026

With Prof. Ueli Mäder.

More information coming soon to our website.

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29 May 2027

IPU Open Day

More information coming soon to our website.

A Warm Welcome to the IPU Berlin

The Kilian-Köhler Center has been affiliated with the IPU Berlin since January of this year. As of 1 August, **Prof. Dr. Jürgen Straub** has officially joined the IPU as a professor and co-director of the KKC, alongside Prof. Dr. Pradeep Chakkarath.

Ulrike Auge began working as a research assistant for Prof. Dr. Dr. Phil C. Langer back in June. **Lola Haase** joined Prof. Dr. Leonie Kampe’s team as a new research assistant this month.

Current job openings, including for student assistants, can be found regularly on our website.

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