

Dear subscribers,

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

Events in October and short lectures on the IPU Berlin YouTube channel

The winter semester is about to begin, and with it a lively October at the IPU Berlin with numerous highlights. For the first time, the one of a kind Erasmus Mundus Joint Master SPOT – Social Psychology of Transformation – is starting. IPU is pleased to welcome students from four different continents. You will soon find more about it on our website. In October, many interesting events will also take place, such as the **semester opening with psychoanalyst Eckehard Pioch on 15 October**. You can find a complete overview of our events below..

Prof. Leonie Kampe recently addressed what characterizes the special psychodynamic perspective in studying at the IPU Berlin in an online short lecture. Anyone interested can watch a recording of the lecture on our YouTube channel. **In the playlist** there, you will also find a short introduction by Prof. Christian Sell and Dragan Šimičević to psychoanalytic thinking in clinical and organizational psychology contexts.



Successfully completed doctorate and IPU Campus Guide

IPU Berlin is also pleased to congratulate its research associate Simon Kempe on successfully completing his doctorate. Learn more **in the InfoCenter**.

In the new IPU Campus Guide, you will find clear information about rooms, accessibility, and more. The Campus Guide was developed on the initiative of IPU Berlin's Diversity Working Group. It will soon be displayed at many locations across our university and published **on our website**.

Register your events

As an IPU member, you now have the opportunity to register your ideas and plans for events with the event management team at an early stage. A new workflow has been set up in the InfoCenter for this purpose. Please use the form provided there to register all events so they can be planned and announced in the long term. All information can be found **in the InfoCenter**.

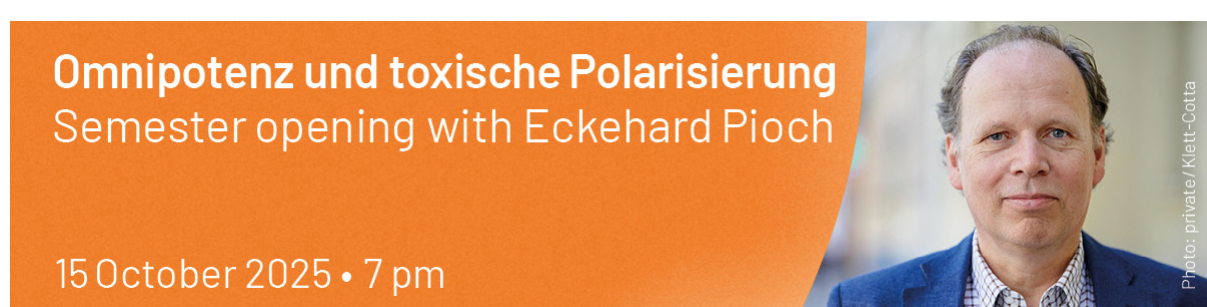
News from the Green Office

The CampusBike program has been extended. The Green Office team shares: "This means you can continue using NextBike across Germany—with 60 free minutes per ride. Simply register in the app with your university email address as usual and get rolling. A perfect way to start the winter semester climate-friendly." The cooperation with the Virtual Academy for Sustainability (VAN) is also continuing. IPU students therefore have the opportunity to take online courses on climate change, sustainable development, and many other topics. The courses can be completed flexibly and count toward the elective subject in the bachelor's program. Ideas, suggestions, or initiatives can be shared with the Green Office **by email**. The Green Office is also active on Instagram (@ipu_green_office).

Benigna Gerisch on ARTE, Andreas Hamburger on stage in Sofia and podcast "50 Minutes"

In our Spotlight, you can read about an ARTE program on the topic of optimization featuring an interview with Prof. Benigna Gerisch as well as about a play by Prof. Andreas Hamburger and Vivian Pramatarov-Hamburger, which was recently performed at the National Theatre in Sofia.

Our new podcast episode addresses the influence that groups have on our feelings and thinking. Daniel Jakubowski speaks with Stephan Alder and Marie-Luise Alder, among other things, about the special nature of so-called large groups. "50 Minutes" is available on all major streaming platforms and **on our website**.



Events

13 October 2025 | 8:30 pm

Bibliotheksgespräch: Judith Le Soldats Bedeutung für die Psychoanalyse

A presentation of works with Monika Gsell on the occasion of the five-volume edition's completion.

Register **on our website**.

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15 October 2025 | 5 pm

Showcase opening in the IPU Library

Opening of the second Freud display case in cooperation with the Archive for the History of Psychoanalysis.

More information on our website soon.

15 October 2025 | 7 pm

Omnipotenz und toxische Polarisierung

IPU semester opening lecture with Eckehard Pioch.

Register **on our website**.

17 October 2025 | 2 pm

Von der Praxis zur Forschung in der analytischen Psychotherapie von Kindern und Jugendlichen

Farewell symposium for Prof. Annette Streeck-Fischer.

Register **on our website**.

21 October 2025 | 7 pm

Evening lecture by Dr. Matthias Heyl as part of the series *Bilder, Bewältigung & Erinnerungskulturen*

Organized by the IPU Berlin together with AMCHA e. V.

Register **on our website**.

22 October 2025 | 6:30 pm

AI and Psychoanalysis: Exploring the implications of artificial intelligence for psychotherapeutic practice

The event is hosted by "Themenklasse AI and Psychoanalysis" as part of the Deutschlandstipendium at the IPU Berlin.

Register **on our website**.

23 October 2025 | 7 pm

Trans* in der psychotherapeutischen Praxis

Lecture and discussion with Gisela Fux Wolf as part of the series *trans*denken: Perspektiven aus Psychotherapie, Geschichte und Gesellschaft*, organized by Queer IPU.

Further information **on our website**.

4 November 2025 | 7 pm

Die Queerness der Psychoanalyse

Book presentation with Esther Hutfless, Luce deLire, and Myriam Sauer, organized by Queer IPU.

Register **on our website**.

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6 November 2025 | 5 pm

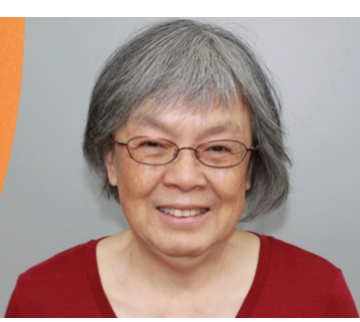
„Wir könnten uns von dieser Hölle befreien...“ (Ester Wajcblum). Netzwerke weiblichen Widerstands in Auschwitz

IPU-KKC lecture with Prof. Iris Därmann (Humboldt University Berlin).

More information on our website soon.

Hearing Silence Lecture by Prof. Ping-Chun Hsiung

12 November 2025 • 7 pm



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Hearing Silence: Teaching and Studying the Politics of Qualitative Interviewing

Lecture by Prof. Ping-Chun Hsiung (University of Toronto)

Register [on our website](#).

15 November 2025

Vom Ver-Schweigen. NS -Täterschaft und -Mitläufertum in deutschen Familien und ihre transgenerationalen Folgen

Seminar on genealogy and deep hermeneutics.

Register [on our website](#). Further dates: 17 January and 7 February 2026.

18 November 2025 | 7 pm

Evening lecture by Assaf Uni as part of the series *Bilder, Bewältigung & Erinnerungskulturen*

Organized by IPU Berlin together with AMCHA e. V.

Register [on our website](#).

19 November 2025 | 7 pm

Eine Sprache der Liebe. Über die Interspezieskommunikation von Pferd und Mensch in ihren Schnittstellen zur psychoanalytischen Theorie und Behandlungspraxis

Reading and discussion with authors Loretta Würtenberger and Hubertus Graf Zedtwitz, moderated by Prof. Benigna Gerisch.

Register [on our website](#).

20 November 2025 | 5 pm

IPU information session for prospective students

Register [on our website](#).

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26/27 November 2025

Forschungslabor plus

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

More information on our website soon.

Are you planning or organizing an event at IPU Berlin?

Use our new form in the InfoCenter to register your event. You can find all links and information [here](#).

Truant Behavior

The **September column** by IPU President Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz

I recently had the opportunity to observe the first day of school for a friend's son. The event was preceded by a few trial days at his future elementary school, which is located in the immediate vicinity of the daycare center that Moritz (as we'll call him here) had attended until then.

He didn't like the school; he felt lost and returned to the daycare center on his own initiative – alone – that morning. Given that the classroom and school doors were open, this was no problem, and his disappearance went unnoticed. His mother brought the boy back, but a few days later the incident repeated itself. This time, the child's absence from school was noticed.

Shortly after the enrollment ceremony, Moritz's mother received a letter from the school principal stating that her son had a tendency toward "truant behavior" and that she must make an effort to stop it. I myself still show a similar tendency in many situations, even though I have learned to resist it over time. Above all, however, I was surprised by the description of the phenomenon. I find the use of the term "truant behavior" to be questionable in an educational context and is more appropriate for official authorities, preferably a judicial body. What effect do such forms of language have on children and their parents in a school setting? My hope has always been that school problems would be communicated using pedagogically appropriate language patterns that demonstrate sensitivity and attentiveness.

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So how do you talk about a child, and above all with them, when they are being "truant" towards school, or to put it bluntly, when they run away? Shouldn't the first question be what could have caused this, especially since it happened at the moment of their first encounter with the institution? The school administration should reflect on this and not use language that only serves to intimidate parents and children (if not intended to do so).

I found it difficult to reassure Moritz's mother about her concerns regarding her son's start at school. Her worries would be lessened if she could be sure that her child would be treated with understanding, attention, educational sensitivity, and an appropriate tone. Otherwise, the foundation for a deep aversion to school – in both the children and parents – could be laid on the very first day. To put it in terms that the authorities would understand: It's about developing and strengthening resistance to dropping out, but actually much more than that – simply put, it's about joyful learning in a friendly place.

It seems to me that there is still a lot wrong at this elementary school.

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Welcome to the IPU Berlin

Starting mid-August **Olga Kroo** joined the Team Finance and Personnel Team as a controller.

Are you missing something?

We look forward to your feedback on our newsletter. Suggestions and criticism are very welcome. Just write us an **email**. Also, feel free to recommend our newsletter. Those interested can register [here](#).

