Campus News
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INTERNATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTIC UNIVERSITY BERLIN



Winter Semester is here

As the winter semester begins, we warmly welcome all IPU students and community members (back) to Berlin-Moabit. A calendar of events packed with outstanding activities will help make this an engaging semester. On November 12 and 13, the **IPU Annual Conference** will explore the psychological, social, and cultural shifts brought about by artificial intelligence. As part of Berlin Science Week, a **live recording of the IPU podcast *50 Minuten*** will take place on 7 November at the Haus der Kulturen der Welt. Prof. Dr. Leonie Kampe will provide a clinical perspective on this topic on 10 November 10 **with her lecture at IPU**.

"Who owns psychoanalysis?"

An event announcement: On 7 November, the University of Kassel will host a farewell symposium for Prof. Patrick Meurs. Until recently, he served as co-director, alongside Prof. Vera King, of the Sigmund Freud Institute, one of our closest partners. Among other topics, the symposium will address the question, "Who owns psychoanalysis?" Prof. Rolf-Peter Warsitz, a member of the IPU's Scientific Advisory Board, will deliver a welcoming address. Further information **can be found here**.

***50 Minuten* on Chatbots**

In the latest episode of the IPU podcast *50 Minuten*, Daniel Jakubowski and Alissa Geffert explore why and how people form emotional bonds with chatbots. They speak with media psychologist Prof. Jessica Szczuka about this topic. You can listen to 50 Minuten anywhere podcasts are available, as well as **on our website**.



Events

2 November 2026 | 5 pm

Applications of Biologically Inspired Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Brain-Computer Interface (BCI)

Public lecture by Prof. Petia Koprinkova-Hristova

Registration **on our website**.

2 November 2026 | 6:30 pm

Erstes Online-Treffen des Alumni-Netzwerks des MA Leadership und Beratung.

Further information is available **on IPU Connect**.

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4 November 2026 | 4 pm | Lecture Room 4 (Alt-Moabit 91b)

Forschungsforum

Platform for exchange among IPU students and researchers.

With contributions by Prof. Phil C. Langer and Leon-Alexander Helm.

5 November 2026 | 7 pm

The humanization of Feminine Differentiation and Sinthomic Singularity

A lecture by Prof. Eve Watson.

More information **on our website**.

6 November | 7 pm

Was hat sie davon? Trad Wives, faschistische Frauen und die Lust an der Unterwerfung

A lecture by Nina Zimnik.

More information **on our website**.

7 November 2026 | 4:30 to 5:30 pm | Haus der Kulturen der Welt

Jenseits der Couch: Wozu Psychoanalyse?

Live-Podcast as part of **Berlin Science Week**.

More information **on 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**.



12/13 November 2026

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

IPU's annual conference 2026.

More information **on our website**.

17 November 2026 | 8:30 pm

Panel with Aurélia Kalisky (Universität des Saarlands)

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

More information **on our website**.

19 November 2026 | 5 pm

Info-Session @ IPU Berlin

The Study Office will answer your questions about applications, admission requirements, and career opportunities.

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

19 November 2026 | 7 pm

Vom Verlöschen zur Beziehung – Von der Möglichkeit und der Unmöglichkeit des Todes im Psychischen

Lecture by Phillip Denzin as part of the series *"Jenseits der Selbsterhaltung" – Der Todestrieb und die Arbeit des Negativen in Individuum und Kultur*, organized by krIPU.

Further information **on our website**.

23 November 2026 | 6 pm

Antisemitismus an Hochschulen – Betroffenenperspektiven und Handlungsoptionen

Internal university workshop for IPU members.

Register **on our website**.

28 November 2026 | 7:30 pm

Vom Stier des Phalaris zum Doom-Scrolling. Ästhetische und psychoanalytische Überlegungen zum Sog des Schreckens

Lecture by IPU doctoral candidate Nora Kühnert, organized by the IPU Sponsors and Fundraisers Association.

Register **on our website**.

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30 November 2026 | 4:30 pm

Some Reflections on Creativity and Therapeutic Engagement with Childhood trauma (from a Diaspora analyst)

KCPC-KKC lecture (online) with Dr. Jaswant Guzder and Dr. Shekhar Seshadri.

Further information coming soon.



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3 December 2026 | 6 pm

Psychoanalyse und soziale Ungleichheiten

Eine Veranstaltung der Queer IPU.

More information coming soon to our website.

10 December 2026 | 4 pm

Year End Party: Alumni of MA Leadership und Beratung and Organizational Studies

Further information is available **on IPU Connect**.

10 December 2026

Erich Fromm Lecture 2026

With Prof. Ueli Mäder.

Register **on our website**.

8 January 2027 | 7 pm Library Talk: Autisms

Leon S. Brenner in coversation with Darian Leader.

Registration **on 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

In October, **Michele Bianchini** began working in the Management and Organization team.

IPU welcomed **Mats Helge Stromberg** as a new research associate in October. He has been working with Prof. Dr. Thomas Kühn. **Francesca Bohn** has been employed as a psychotherapist in the psychosis outpatient clinic since this month

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

Missing something?

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