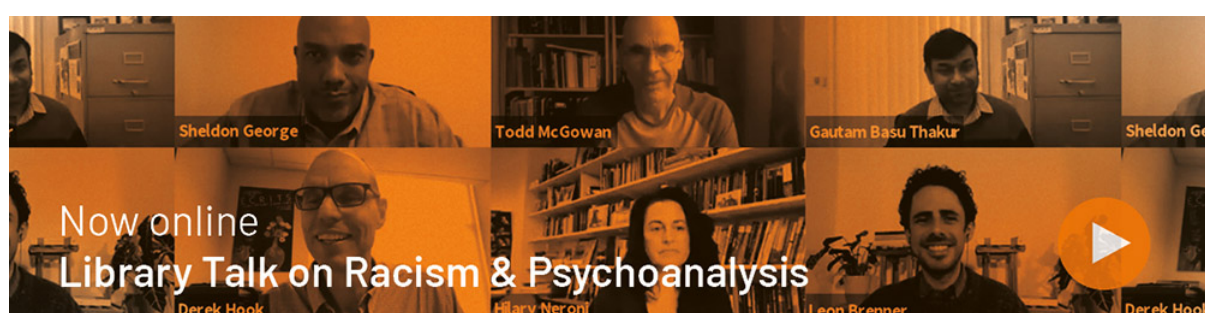


A compact overview of information and events from the IPU.



## Spotlights

**Prof. Andreas Hamburger** recently spoke in Munich on the topic of paternalism and autonomy with Nathalie Weidenfeld and Julian Nida-Rümelin: You can view the filmed event on YouTube. Freiburg im Breisgau's biennial conference held by the Council for Literature & Psychoanalysis will take place on 21 & 22 January 2022. IPU's **Prof. Joachim Küchenhoff** serves as the council supervisory board's chair. IPU has established the **Psychosis Outpatient Clinic Berlin**. Read more [in our Spotlights.](#) >>>

**Vanessa Stanzel** joined the IPU community in the Quality Management and Development Department this November. IPU Berlin sends her a **warm welcome**.

## Events

Since 26 October 2021 | 8pm

**Lecture Series on Psychoanalytic Cultural Studies (including Prof. Insa Härtel)**

A cooperation between the Berlin Institute for Psychotherapy and Psychoanalysis (BiPP), Humboldt University in Berlin, the ICI Berlin, and the IPU Berlin.

### IPU Information Session for prospective students

Online event  
25 November | 5pm



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Register [on our website](#).

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Further information [on our website](#) (registration opens in December 2021).

## Lost in silence

The **November Column** from Prof. Jan-Hendrick Olbertz

A few days ago in the morning rush, I left my mobile phone at home. It was too late to go back for it, so I had to face a day mobile-free. That shouldn't be such a problem, I thought. But then the dissonance started to happen: When I was driving to an address, I had to use my car's built-in navigation system, which I've almost never used, since it's so much easier just to use my phone. Besides that, there are many actions in daily life related to one's mobile phone, and our hands are always certain of its presence, except when they are suddenly empty. And then you keep thinking about where you could have left it (again).

Above all, the worst part of it was the narcissistic worry of not being reachable. Is it possible that I'm not actually the one prepared to save the world if called? Well, now I can understand why it is so difficult to quit smoking. It's the same mechanism: You are always thinking of the cigarette. There will probably soon be mobile phone patches like nicotine patches that you can just stick to your shoulder during withdrawal.

*Prof. Dr. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz took up the office of IPU Berlin President in July 2021. His background is in educational sciences, and he was previously head of the Institute for University Research in Wittenberg, president of the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, and Minister of Education and Cultural Affairs in Saxony-Anhalt.*



In just one night, from 16 to 17 May 1992, the Riem bei München Airport moved to the new Munich Airport in Erdinger Moos, and was fully functional the next morning – everything logistically organized completely without the existence of mobile phones. And around 25 years ago, the German Federal Government moved from Bonn to Berlin, and not one person had a smartphone. Are these tiny computers perhaps degenerating our abilities and undermining our control?

The absence of my smartphone completely dominated the day – and brought along an unplanned course in self-awareness. Interestingly, I also felt anger, probably born of disappointment, at being abandoned – by my mobile phone. But the worst part was the insight that my not being reachable was less a problem for those who may have wanted to reach me, and much more my own problem. It felt like an insult to be “switched off” to others for a whole day without any consequences for them or the rest of the world. No one except me had a problem with it.

The forgotten mobile phone brought me back down to earth.

