



An overshadowing, but eventful, year lies behind us. The global coronavirus pandemic brought sudden and significant changes to the IPU. Within a short period of time, we moved university teaching to online formats, not least through the terrific work of the IT department. Since then, it has become quiet in the IPU buildings.

However, university operations are still bustling. Current **IPU president Prof. Dr. Lilli Gast has summed up in a letter** all that has happened in this highly unusual 2020 year, even if it wasn't always apparent. You can find this letter in full on our website. Important milestones mentioned were the university's re-accreditation and the introduction of the psychotherapy training law reform. Mrs. Gast writes about the innovative strength, which was discovered through the challenges brought on by the pandemic.



Donate blood at the IPU Berlin

In cooperation with the DRK-Blutspendedienst Nord-Ost

Wednesday, 13 January 2021, from 1 pm to 5:30 pm
Lecture room 2, Stromstraße 2, 10555 Berlin

Register on our website.

By now, online formats for public events have been put into effect, i.e. **which you can watch on our YouTube channel**. And despite the necessary distance, IPU was able to report a new enrollment record at the start of the Winter semester

In the coming year, anyone interested is welcome to mark **the date of 13 January 2021 for a blood drive at IPU**. The Covid-19 pandemic led to a significant drop in blood donations in 2020. In cooperation with the German Red Cross, IPU would like to invite you offer support through a blood drive in these difficult times. The event will take place in the IPU buildings under strict adherence to the current protective measures.

We would like to wish all newsletter readers a pleasant year's end and will continue to keep you up to date in January. You can find all relevant updates from IPU on our social media channels on **Facebook** and **Instagram**.

Welcome to the IPU Berlin

Sarah Geisel is a new member of the administration since December and is in charge of Advanced Studies and Trainings. A warm welcome to her.



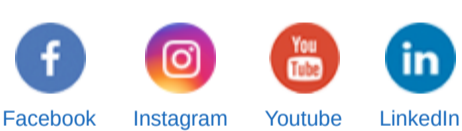
News from IPU's International Office

Due to the extraordinary circumstances of the year 2020, international IPU students who displayed a high level of social commitment, while at the same time maintaining excellent grades related to their studies, were invited to apply for the **2020 DAAD Prize**. Earlier this month **Ms. Alexandra Kachramanoglou received this award**, having convinced the selection committee with her above average voluntary engagements, stretching over the course of several years and across a number of different projects. The International Office sincerely congratulates Ms. Alexandra Kachramanoglou for the reception of this prize, highlighting her profoundly important and consistent volunteering.



IPU's **International Office team** (from left to right): *Nadja Lindner, Carmen Scher (Head of Department) and Julian Irenkäufer.*

Between 19 December and 4 January the International Office will be closed for the holidays. Until then, we send you our warmest greetings and wish you a blissful and healthy new year.



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