

## Master Psychology

### Elective Course „Social Trauma“

### Announcement of three scholarships for attending the Summer School/Dialogue School in Belgrade, September 2018

Since the summer semester 2015 the IPU Berlin provides the elective course “Social Trauma” that emerged from the DAAD research network “Trauma, Trust and Memory” (TTM), a cooperation from IPU Berlin with several universities in Central- and Southeast Europe. In 2017 the focus of the network changed to working on migration and trauma. The new research network “Migration – Trauma in Transition - Exploring sociotraumatic roots of migration” (MTT) continues to offer the elective course “Social Trauma”.

“Social Trauma” is fully taught in English. Students, from all the countries involved, can participate in this seminar at all locations of the network. One option to study parts of the elective course 2018 will be the summer school in Belgrade, which will take place from September 21<sup>st</sup> until September 29<sup>th</sup> (tbc).

### Course "Social Trauma" (CST)

Shared Teaching Course on Master Level

Offered by Universities Cooperating within the DAAD Network *Trauma, Trust, and Memory*, since 2017 within the new DAAD Network *Migration – Trauma in Transition*

#### 1 Objective

Social Trauma is a most important subject in clinical, social, and general psychology, as well as in cultural theory. It is of high interest and practical relevance for students of psychology to be informed about the causes, consequences, and therapeutic options regarding Social Trauma.

In the syllabus of most psychology study programs, Social Trauma can be only addressed incidentally. In clinical psychology, psychotraumatic pathology and trauma therapy are regularly taught subjects, but the specific conditions of Social Trauma require an interdisciplinary and specific approach. Therefore the CST will address clinical, developmental, social psychological, culture theoretical, ethical, and research methodological aspects.

The course will be jointly offered by psychologists as well as by professors working in non-psychological departments, as an elective course for students of psychology.

#### 2 Summer school

The Dialogue School/Summer School will contain:

- three keynote lectures, connecting migration to social trauma.
- CST courses including additional elements regarding refugees.
- Workshops in which refugee experts, social trauma researchers and policy makers will discuss relevant topics and draft a list of good practices to be presented to the concluding conference, December 2018 in Berlin.

- Fishbowl plenary session in which the experts will share the results of the expert workshop to the summer school students.

### 3 Student workload for CST

Students have to attend all the topics listed in the subject list, with the following specifications:

- Students have the option to book up to three teaching blocks at the MTT summer school in Belgrade. At least three teaching blocks, the first and the last session must be studied at IPU Berlin.
- If a student wishes to attend a subject more than once (with different lecturers), this is basically possible, but it would not replace another subject. Additional hours will not count as an extra in the final certificate – the certificate will be issued for 60 hours.

### 4 Admission for the summer school in Belgrade (including 3 sessions of CST)

Admission for students will require a motivation letter (min. 1 page) which must be sent **until March 30<sup>th</sup> 2018** to: [studienbuero@ipu-berlin.de](mailto:studienbuero@ipu-berlin.de), subject “Social Trauma”.

Student participants will be selected based on

- their prior academic success,
- their interest for the topic and prior experience with refugee relief organizations (assessed from motivational letters that are a part of admission procedure),
- their short reports on attitudes toward migrants / refugees in their local communities. These reports will be submitted before the Dialogue school and will be discussed there. Students are not expected to present conclusive research at this point, but personal first stage investigations, in contact with refugee organizations. They will be encouraged to elaborate their reports into a qualitative or quantitative research paper after the conclusion of the Dialogue School.

### 5 Funding

There are **three scholarships** available to partly cover the travel and accommodation costs (Euro 275,- for travel + a maximum of Euro 46,- per night) for students who would like to participate in the **summer school** in Belgrade.

Students may apply for a scholarship **until January 14<sup>th</sup> 2018** with an extended motivation letter including the admission criteria and send it to: [international@ipu-berlin.de](mailto:international@ipu-berlin.de), subject “Summer school scholarship”.

A commission will decide on the three scholarship holders and two alternates in case there might be more than three scholarships available until the end of January. The main criteria for selection will be as described under ‘admission’.

### 6 Subjects

1.	The concept of Social Trauma	4 h
2.	Specific Methodology and Practice in Social Trauma Research	8 h
3.	Ethics	8 h
4.	Clinical Psychology of Social Trauma	8 h

5.	Developmental Psychology of Social Trauma	8 h
6.	Memory Studies	8 h
7.	Social Psychology and Cultural Theory of Trauma	8 h
8.	Concluding session and course assessment	4 h
<i>The starting and the concluding sessions are offered at every participating department for its own students.</i>		