

The Future Now?! Interdisciplinary Psychological Perspectives on Global Ruptures, Challenges, and Actions

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The future has never been as present as it is today. Orientation toward the future can be conceptualized in simplified terms as positive or negative attitudes (optimism or pessimism), but also in utopian and dystopian fictions. In our time, technological, environmental, political, and social changes coincide in ways that are difficult for people to predict and imagine. Old familiar stories, patterns, and certainties begin to falter. For psychology and the social sciences, this requires complex engagement with the products of human, material, and ecological interaction, and the drivers of global change.

How can we anticipate future challenges, develop, and implement sustainable concepts, and contribute ideas on how to resist dystopian political visions and warnings?

The two-week international Summer School **“The Future Now?! Interdisciplinary Psychological Perspectives on Global Ruptures, Challenges, and Actions”** of the IPU Berlin addresses these questions from sociological, psychological and psychoanalytic perspectives. In a multifaceted program consisting of lectures, workshops, discussion and reflection groups, and field trips, international scholars and students will engage with the following topics:

- Thinking about the future
- Health challenges
- Global inequalities
- Climate Change

Intercultural reflection groups offer students the opportunity to pursue their own experiences with the treated contents and allow them to build international networks.

Application

Who is eligible to apply?

The course is especially designed for master and PhD students from abroad with studies of the areas of psychology, sociology and cultural studies. Bachelor students have to be in their final year of study to be eligible for application.

Students should have some pre-knowledge in at least one of the topics addressed by the course. We will give preference to applications from students who are writing their bachelor, master or PhD thesis in either Psychoanalysis or Critical Theory.

We accept applications from students from all around the world and do not prioritize any particular region. However, it is our aim to compile an as diverse group of students as possible.

Participation and Scholarship for IPU students

Since the Summer School is primarily an event for students from abroad who are not yet studying at a German university, there are only 10 spots available for students of the IPU Berlin. As the event takes place during the lecture period, these spots are available to students who are currently writing their Bachelor's or Master's thesis.

Out of these 10 spots, the IPU Berlin awards 5 scholarships to reimburse the course fee of 440 €. Deadline of application for the scholarship for IPU students is 1st April 2022. For all IPU students who receive a scholarship, participation in the whole two weeks of the course is mandatory.

What is required for the application?

1. Application Form
2. Letter of Motivation (one page)
3. Transcript of Records and/or last university degree (not necessary if you are student of the IPU)
4. Short CV (one page)
5. Proof of English language proficiency min. B2
6. In case you are applying for a DAAD scholarship, a certificate of current enrolment from your home university is required.

*Please send all documents together in **one PDF file** via e-mail to: summer.school@ipu-berlin.de*

In case a **visa is required**, please **take the timely aspect** of this matter **into consideration before applying**.

Criteria for selection

1. Letter of motivation
2. Academic engagement in related projects
3. Academic performance
4. Regional diversity of participants

Costs

Euro 440,- (course fee only) to be paid three weeks after acceptance.

Accommodation, meals, and transportation have to be organized and covered by the participants themselves.

DAAD Scholarship

Who is eligible to apply for the scholarship?

The summer school is funded by the *German Academic Exchange Service* (DAAD). All participants from abroad who apply for the summer school before 1st April 2022 (**application deadline**) have the option to apply for one of approx. twenty DAAD scholarships.

Please state clearly in your application whether you still apply for participating in the summer school if your scholarship application is not successful.

What does the scholarship cover?

The scholarship for applicants who reside within one of the Erasmus+ program countries (EU countries + Iceland, Liechtenstein, North Macedonia, Norway, Serbia, Turkey) comprises a lump sum of Euro 500,- per participant.

The scholarship for all other applicants consists of a country specific lump sum for travel costs. For further details, please refer to Annex I of the application form.

For all applicants who receive a DAAD scholarship, participation in the whole two weeks of the course is mandatory.

Scholarship payment

The scholarship will be paid in cash upon arrival at IPU Berlin only.

Please send your application to:

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