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here you will find current information from the IPU Berlin, information on upcoming **Events** and the monthly **Column** by IPU President **Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz**.

**Beate Ella Deppe** is the new Chancellor and Managing Director of the IPU Berlin. She took over the role in January from **Rainer Kleinholz**, who has shaped the development of the IPU in this position for over ten years and will remain with our university in an advisory capacity. Find out more about our new Chancellor **in our Spotlight**.

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Since the amendment of the **PsychThG** in 2020, the path to psychotherapy training has become more complex and confusing. This poses a **challenge for international students** in particular, for example when it comes to the question of which transition periods apply from the old to the new training system and to whom these still apply. We answer many of these questions in an **FAQ from our International Career Service**.

IPU students can apply for a **Deutschlandstipendium** scholarship until the end of this January. Find out more **on our website**.

All members of the academic staff at IPU Berlin can use the internal research area of the InfoCenter **to inform the university public about academic activities or news from the scientific operation**. Please use **this form** for announcements.

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## Events

31 January 2025

**Online Info Session for Prospective Students**

Further information **on our website**.

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21 February 2025 | 2 pm (Room 01, 2nd Floor, Alt-Moabit 91b, 10559 Berlin)

**Madness as Prism: On Psychoanalytic Variations**

Symposium organised by IPU-KKC-Fellow Candela Potente, PhD

Further information on our website soon.

25 till 27 April 2025 in Aarhus (Denmark)

**EGATIN Study Days: »Working with polarization«**

Conference organised by the European Group Analytic Training Institution Network and the Berliner Institut für Gruppenanalyse.

More Information can be found **here**.

Are you planning or organizing an event at the IPU Berlin in 2025?

Use **this form** in the InfoCenter, ideally up to four weeks before the event date. This will ensure that your event is included in the calendar of events and can be promoted in good time.

## No Cap

The **January column** by IPU President **Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz**

At Christmas I was with several adolescent grandchildren – an international group of young people – who were talking to their parents and grandparents, but above all with each other, in a peculiar way.

I said something that they agreed with and heard "lit" (probably from "literally") as confirmation. If one agreed with the other, it was "no cap", which means clearly obvious (no lid/hat, free brain).

This led me to the question of which slang words we boomers actually used beyond the middle of the 20th century. They were still "analog" terms, but often already Anglicisms derived from rock and beat music, while today's youth slang is strongly influenced by terms from the computer world.

*Prof. Jan-Hendrik Olbertz has been President of the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin since July 2021. Once a month, he provides commentary here on contemporary, timeless, psychoanalytic and political issues.*



For our parents, some things were "famos" (*swell*), "knorke" (*smashing*) or "dufte" (*neat*), and they called people they didn't think much of (including us) "Heinis" (*twerp*; from the name Heinrich) or simply "Knalltüten" (*nitwit*). They contradicted us with "Papperlapapp" (*rubbish, hogwash*). As teenagers, we thought something was "hammer" (*awesome*) if it excited us, used "urst" (*totally*) as a comparative and already had "geil" (*epic, wicked*) and "cool" in our repertoire. There were things that were "in" and others that were "out". Incidentally, "cool" has survived the generational change, and I still use "total" (*totally*), "super" or "klasse" (*great*) to this day. We were also admonished not to become "Gammler" (*bums*), i.e. "rumhängen" (*loitering*) somewhere and having long hair. We "went together" if we had a girlfriend or boyfriend, and organized "Feten" (*parties, bashes*) if there wasn't a "Mucke" (*gig; something like a job – usually connected to music*) keeping us from it. That was a "blast".

On the list of Langenscheidt's Youth Word 2024, the top three expressions today are "Aura", which is given in numbers after plus or minus, "Akh" for "brother" – from Arabic as a way to address a friend, similar to the widespread "Digga" (from "Dicker", *fat*, but not alluding to body size). In third place is "Hölle nein" (*Hell no*), meaning "for God's sake", and "Schere" (*scissors*) – from online games – means "my fault". The abbreviation "f. r." ("for real") is used to succinctly mark something as a fact, and "Yolo" (you only live once) is an encouragement – to do or dare to do something. All these expressions are not just designations for something, but highly compressed "one-word phrases" that signal authority and belonging to a group.

The young readers of this column will not necessarily find it "legit" and will probably respond with a "side eye" (LOL), implying doubt, and the older ones with "low key". But that's „schnuppe" to me (*I don't give a damn*), f. r.

Matthias Büttner took up his position in the Office for Studies and Teaching in January. In addition, Tiisano Lekganyane is now an administrative assistant and will continue her work in alumni relations as part of Wiebke Stelling's team. **Welcome to the IPU Berlin.**

