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IPU Berlin – Your Erasmus+ Exchange



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The IPU Berlin

- Private, state recognized university founded in 2009
- Currently counting around 800 students,
- A strong psychoanalytic/psychodynamic focus and programmes that combine scientific research with clinical and social practice.

Academic Strengths:

- Clinical psychology
- Developmental and educational psychology
- Trauma research
- Cultural and social psychology
- Psychoanalysis and psychotherapy
- Migration and intercultural studies



Institutional Strengths:

- Strong international orientation
- Interdisciplinary teaching
- Small seminars & individual support
- Close contact with professors and researchers
- Own university psychotherapy outpatient clinic
- Early exposure to clinical practice and real case work
- The only psychoanalytic university of its kind worldwide



What is Psychoanalysis?

Psychoanalytic & psychodynamic approaches — and how we work at IPU

The core idea: The Unconscious

Psychoanalytic / Psychodynamic

The unconscious has its own logic, drives, conflicts, and dynamics. It actively shapes thoughts, feelings, and behavior in ways not directly accessible to awareness.

Cognitive-Behavioral (CBT)

Non-conscious processes are treated as automatic processes — habitual, learned responses — without a distinct unconscious structure of meaning.

How we work at IPU Berlin

1. Psychotherapy Research

We study the effectiveness of psychoanalytic and psychodynamic therapies — how, when, and for whom they work.

2. Researching the Unconscious

We investigate the properties and processes of the unconscious — empirically exploring how unconscious dynamics operate.

3. Society through a Psychodynamic Lens

How does the unconscious — individual and collective — shape politics, culture, and society? Psychodynamic thinking opens new perspectives on the world around us.

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IPU Study Programmes in English

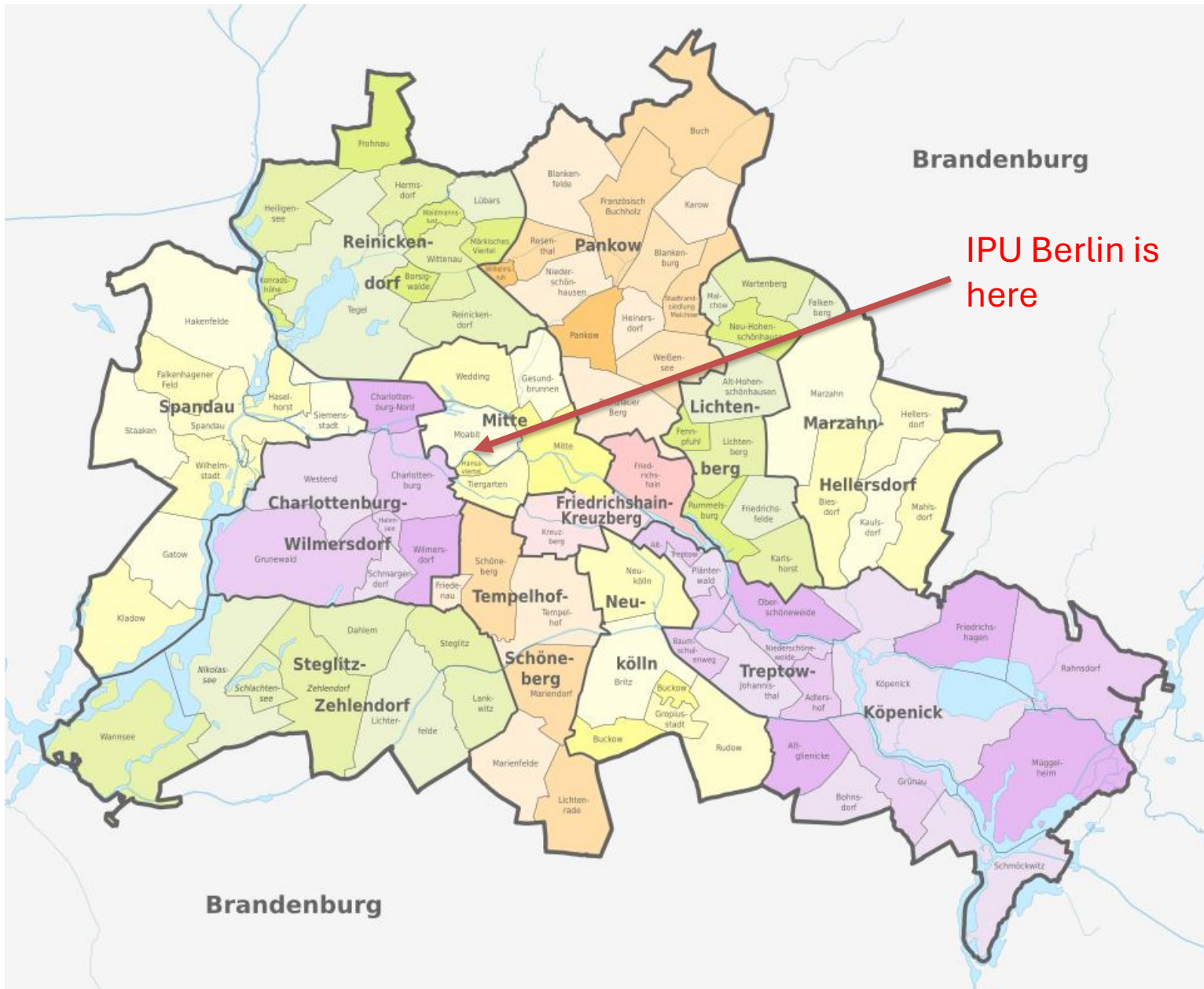
- MA Psychology focusing on Organization – Transformation Processes in Work, Society and Environment
- MA Psychology focusing on clinical Psychology (English Track)
- SPOT Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Program



Prof. Dr. Thomas Kühn (MAO)



Prof. Dr. Christian Sell
(MA Psychology)



Your (potential) Erasmus+ Scholarship



- **900 Euros** per month plus **309 euros** for your travel expenses
- **70% of the scholarship** is paid after your arrival in Berlin
- The remaining **30% is paid** after your departure
- Pay attention: You need a visa if you do not have a European Citizenship



Top Ups

- **Participants with a disability or chronic illness** who have additional financial needs abroad (Required documents: proof of disability of at least GdB 20, or a medical certificate)
- **Participants with one or more children** who will travel with their children for the entire stay abroad (Required documents: birth certificate(s) and travel documents of the child/children)
- **Participants who qualify as working students**
This applies to students who have been employed for at least six months before the application date, earning between €450 and €850 per month. Employment cannot continue during the stay abroad. Self-employment is not eligible. (Required documents: payslips and employment contract)
- **Students with a non-academic background** This applies if neither parent/caregiver has obtained a university degree.

-> Around **250 euros per month**

- **Green Travel:** You may receive an additional grant if you choose a low-emission mode of travel (e.g., train or car) to come to Berlin for your Erasmus+ stay.

-> One time payment: around **100 euros**

Potential Financial Costs

Semester Fee: 320-370 Euros for one semester includes:

- Germany-wide public transport ticket (Deutschlandticket)
- Student council contribution
- Discounts in university cafeterias (Mensa)
- Must be paid at least **2 weeks before the semester starts**

Accommodation

- **Shared apartment (WG):** €350–700 per month
- **Private apartment:** from €800 per month
- Rent prices vary significantly depending on location
- Kaution (deposit): around 2-3 months rent



Bank Account:

- You can keep your Bosnia and Herzegovina bank account, but:
 - Transfers may take longer
 - Additional fees often apply
- Opening an EU (SEPA) bank account is a good alternative
- There are also online banks that are reliable and popular among students

Language Requirements



Bachelor's Classes:

- Most Bachelor's programs are taught in **German**
- Required level: **at least B2 (German)**

Master's Classes:

- Many Master's courses are offered in **English**
- Required level: **at least B2 (English)**
- **Language Certificate must be not older than 2 years**

About Berlin



Getting to know Berlin

- Capital City of Germany
- Biggest City in Germany: 4 - 6 Million inhabitants
- Political and Cultural Center of Germany
- One of the most important economical centers in Europe

History:

- Founded in the 13th century as a trading town
- Became capital of Prussia and later the German Empire (1871)
- Major cultural and political center in the early 20th century
- Heavily destroyed during World War II
- Divided into East and West during the Cold War
- The Berlin Wall (1961–1989) symbolized this division
- Reunified in 1990 after the fall of the Wall
- Berlin is a city shaped by history, division, and transformation



Science:

- One of the largest hubs for the sciences in Europe: Over 40 universities and more than 70 non-university research institutes.
- Also: the Max Planck Society, the Helmholtz Association, the Leibniz Association, and the Fraunhofer Society have seats in Berlin

Cultural:

- Berlin offers an extraordinary and diverse cultural scene
- More than 180 museums, plus world-famous galleries and exhibitions
- Cultural landscape shaped by history, division, and migration→ Strong contrasts between former East and West still visible in art and urban spaces
- Distinct independent art and project spaces, especially in districts like Kreuzberg and Neukölln
- Internationally known club culture→ e.g. Berghain, electronic music, and subcultures
- Very political city, with culture often linked to social and political topics
- Large international population influences everyday culture:
 - food culture
 - languages spoken
 - cultural events and festivals



- Events in winter semester 2026/27:
 - Jazz Festival (October 2026)
 - Berlin Freedom Week (October 2026)
 - Voices Berlin Festival (November 2026)
 - Festival of Lights (October 2026)
 - Berlin Food Week (December 2026)
 - Fujiko Nakaya: Fog Sculpture in the Sculpture Garden (October 2026)
 - Manga and Entertainment Expo (October 2026)
 - Ukrainian Film Fest (December 2026)
 - Tanztage Berlin (January 2027)
 - NBA German Game (January 2027)



Nature

- Although Berlin is a large city, it is incredibly green. You'll find:
 - Huge parks like Tiergarten, Tempelhofer Feld, Treptower Park
 - Over 40 lakes in and around Berlin for swimming and relaxing
 - Forest areas and rivers perfect for walks or picnics



- For international students, Berlin offers endless opportunities: academically, socially, culturally, and personally. It is a city that encourages exploration, freedom, and personal growth.
- Berlin is home to people from more than 190 countries.
- English is widely spoken in cafés, universities, coworking spaces, and everyday life.



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Do you have questions

