

# Horst Kächele

was a co-founder of the Ulm School of Psychotherapy Research and taught at the IPU from its founding until his passing in 2020.

He inspired teachers and students alike through his work towards establishing research-based psychoanalytic theory and practice.

## The Webinar Series

The Horst Kächele Memorial Webinar Series is part of a DAAD-funded series of visiting professorships that invites leading researchers from all over the world pressing topics within contemporary psychoanalytic research during their stay as guest professors at the International Psychoanalytic University. It accompanies the establishment of the new Master's programme in Clinical Psychology and Psychotherapy at the IPU. Moreover, it will connect the IPU with the global academic community.

IPU Berlin welcomes its distinguished guests and wishes all participants a fruitful scientific exchange.



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## The Hosts

Our distinguished guest professors, who will invite leading international scholars to discuss their contemporary fields of research:

**Mark Solms** is the world's leading researcher in the field of neuro-psychoanalysis and one of the most important specialists in the early history of psychoanalysis. His work has given new impetus to the psychoanalytic theory of mind and has facilitated a dialogue with the neurosciences.



**Heidi Levitt** is one of the leading international representatives of psychotherapy process research, qualitative methods and LGBTQ+ research. Her psychotherapy research focuses on therapists' responsivity and emotional attunement. In recognition of her work in developing qualitative research standards in psychotherapy, Division 5 of the APA granted her the Distinguished Contributions to Qualitative Inquiry Award.



**Christopher Muran** is a world-renowned psychotherapy process researcher. His research focuses on the study of the therapeutic relationship, especially alliance ruptures and treatment impasses, which incorporates research findings on interpersonal and intersubjective phenomena, cognition and emotion. He has developed an internationally recognised research program at Mount Sinai Beth Israel for this purpose.

## Terms and Conditions

The Horst Kächele Memorial Webinar Series is free of charge and open to all students of the participating universities. Additionally, any others who are interested can also register for the webinar series.

**Registration is required.** After registering we will share a Zoom link with you shortly before the webinar.

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## Contemporary Psychoanalytic Research

2022–2023

Mark Solms • Heidi Levitt • Christopher Muran



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## Webinar #1

12 February 2022 • 3–6 pm

**Mark Solms • Thomas Fuchs**

The Hard Problem of Consciousness

In this first webinar, Mark Solms, IPU's Winter 2021/22 guest professor, will discuss the problem of consciousness—a haunting issue in the theory of mind—with Thomas Fuchs, Karl Jaspers Professor for Philosophical Foundations of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy in Heidelberg, whose book *Ecology of the Brain. The Phenomenology and Biology of the Embodied Mind (Oxford UP 2018)* challenges the reductionism of mainstream neuroscience.

Students from IPU, Cape Town University and the University of Heidelberg as well as the interested professional public will be connected to discuss the topic from the perspective of neuropsychanalysis and philosophy of mind based on current research.

Input lectures, parallel breakout-sessions, concluding panel

## Webinar #2

9 July 2022 • 3–6 pm

**Heidi Levit • Sharon Horne • Phil Langer**

Diversifying Guidance through Qualitative Evidence

Heidi Levitt, IPU Guest Professor in Summer 2022, has invited 20 leading researchers in qualitative and mixed-method psychotherapy research to provide guidance for the integration of qualitative psychotherapy research into the Evidentiary Basis for Clinical Guidelines.

The webinar will discuss and further develop a previously drafted statement from the working party with student researchers and the interested scholarly public. Results will be fed back to the researchers' group.

Issues discussed:

- Qualitative research identifies context-based microprocesses
- Qualitative research adds cultural, epistemic and psychotherapeutic diversity
- Acceptance of qualitative research guidance
- Integrating qualitative, process, and RCT research

Input statement, heterogeneous small breakout-sessions, concluding discussion

## Webinar #3

11 February 2023 • 3–6 pm

**Christopher Muran • Louis G. Castonguay**

Alliance Rupture Repair as a Critical Change Process

Christopher Muran, IPU Guest Professor in Winter 2022/23, discusses alliance rupture and repair with leading psychotherapy researcher Louis Castonguay, who has made seminal contributions to the literature on psychopathology and principles of change, and has built bridges from science to practice. His most recent empirical efforts have concentrated on the investigation of psychotherapy as practice in clinical routine and the development of practice research networks.

Christopher Muran will introduce the significance of alliance ruptures and their repair or resolution, as well as research approaches to the subject. Louis Castonguay will consider alliance rupture repair in the context of other change processes, including the state of the research evidence.

Students from IPU, Adelphi University, and Penn State University, as well as the interested professional public will connect to discuss the topic from the perspective of psychotherapy research and practice.

Input lectures, parallel breakout-sessions, concluding panel

## Webinar #4

24 June 2023 • 3–6 pm

**Mark Solms • Heidi Levit • Christopher Muran**

Pluralism of Research Approaches in Psychoanalysis

In the concluding webinar, the three invited visiting professors will reflect on the overall project together with researchers from the IPU.

All researchers are distinguished representatives of innovative research strategies in psychoanalytic discourse and will discuss the different tasks and ranges of the research approaches they represent for a worldwide professional audience.

Input lectures, parallel breakout-sessions, concluding panel