Welcome at the International Psychoanalytic University Berlin

More than 34 years after Erich Fromm's death and in view of a long and fruitful history of Fromm-reception we are happy to welcome you to the first International Erich Fromm Research Conference.

The main concern of this conference consists in providing a differentiated survey of the various and widespread fields, in which Fromm's seminal notion is being discussed and advanced by specialists from all over the world.

The topics in focus will deal with questions concerning the general reception of Frommian ideas as well as specific areas of academic research in the realm of Fromm's conceptual work.

Special attention will be paid on further enhancements, actual shortcomings and desiderata in current research.

It is a great honour to the International Psychoanalytic University (IPU) hosting and organizing this research conference in collaboration with the Erich Fromm Institute of Tuebingen and thanks to the generous support of the Karl Schlecht Foundation.

We wish you a fruitful conference and a pleasant stay in Berlin!

Prof. Dr. Martin Teising
President IPU

Prof. Dr. Lilli Gast
Vice President IPU

Dr. Rainer Funk
Erich Fromm Institute
Thursday, June 26, 2014

Opening Session
08:15 p.m.: Public Opening Session
(Stromstrasse 2, 3rd floor)
Welcome
Prof. Dr. Martin Teising (President of the IPU Berlin)
Dr. Rainer Funk (Erich Fromm’s Literary Executor)
Prof. Dipl.Ing. Karl Schlecht (Karl Schlecht Foundation)
Opening Lecture: Building on Erich Fromm’s scientific contributions
Dr. Michael Maccoby, Washington D.C. (Former collaborator of Erich Fromm) – a written translation into German is available
Welcome reception

Friday, June 27, 2014

First Section
Erich Fromm – his background, reception and legacy
Chair: Prof. Dr. Lilli Gast (IPU Berlin)
09:00 a.m.: The reception of Erich Fromm’s writings and ideas and Fromm’s legacy
Dr. Rainer Funk, Tuebingen (Fromm’s literary executor and head of the Erich Fromm Institute)
09:50 a.m.: Facts and fictions about the life and work of Erich Fromm
Prof. Dr. Juergen Hardeck, Mainz (Art director of “KulturSommer Rheinland-Pfalz”)
10:20 a.m.: Erich Fromm in Hebrew bible research
Prof. Dr. Jan Dietrich, Aarhus (Professor at Aarhus University, Denmark, and co-editor of “Fromm Forum”)
10:50 a.m.: Coffee break
11:15 a.m.: Panel 1: (the speakers of this section and Dr. Michael Maccoby)
The scientific and the spiritual Fromm – Are there two voices in Fromm?
12:30 p.m.: Lunch break

Second Section
Fromm’s notion of psychoanalysis and its impact on psychotherapeutic treatment, empirical research, and education
Chair: Dr. Luis Jimenez (University of East London)
02:15 p.m.: Applying Fromm’s thinking to treatment and training: A perspective from the USA
Dr. Sandra Ruecher, New York (Training and Supervising Analyst at William Alanson White Institute)
02:45 p.m.: Erich Fromm’s impact on Humanistic Psychology
Dr. Helmut Jochah, Nuremberg (Co-editor of “Fromm Forum”)
03:15 p.m.: Understanding social motivation for encouraging children’s development. Social character studies in Mexico
Dr. Sonia Gojman de Millán, Mexico City (Seminario de Sociopsicoanálisis – and former secretary general of IFPS)
03:45 p.m.: Fromm's critique of consumerism and its impact for education
Prof. Dr. Burkhard Bierhoff, Cottbus (Brandenburg University Cottbus, Department of Social Work)
04:15 p.m.: Coffee break
04:45 p.m.: Panel 2: Social character formation and its effects on psychotherapeutic treatment
06:15 p.m.: End of the second section
07:30 p.m.: Speaker’s dinner (and accompanying persons)

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Third Section
Fromm’s humanistic concept of man and its relevance for social theory
Chair: Prof. Dr. Joan Braune (Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, USA)
09:00 a.m.: Fromm’s view of the human condition in light of new evolutionary and developmental science
Dr. Mauricio Cortina, Washington, D.C. (Attachment and Human Development Center, Washington School of Psychiatry)
09:30 a.m.: Fromm, Marx, and humanism
Prof. Dr. Kevin Anderson, Santa Barbara (University of California, Dept. of Sociology; holder of the Fromm prize 2000)
10:00 a.m.: Erich Fromm and Critical Theory in post-war Japanese social theory: Its past, present, and future
Prof. Dr. Takeshi Deguchi, Tokyo (University of Tokyo, Department of Sociology)
11:00 a.m.: Panel 3: Is there a reasonable chance that man “is able to set himself in the saddle” (Fromm: The Sane Society)
12:30 p.m.: Lunch break

Saturday, June 28, 2014

Fourth Section
Social character and its significance for the art of living
Chair: Dr. Rainer Otte (Bad Sachsa)
02:30 p.m.: Social character and social unconscious: Erich Fromm’s discovery and the problems of today
Prof. Dr. Tatjana Panfilova, Moscow (Moscow State University, Institute of International Relations)
03:00 p.m.: Fromm and the philosophy of Lebenskunst
Prof. Dr. Igors Šuvajevs, Riga (University of Latvia, Institute of Philosophy)
03:30 p.m.: Erich Fromm: “To be” instead of “to have” as a model for the justice of distribution
Prof. Dr. Dietmar Mieth, Tuebingen (University of Tuebingen, Department of Social Ethics)
04:00 p.m.: Coffee break
04:30 p.m.: Panel 4: Individual and socio-economic requirements of productivity – Factors leading to change
05:45 p.m.: Reflections on the conference by observing students
06:15 p.m.: Closing Remarks
Prof. Dr. Lilli Gast and Dr. Rainer Funk