

STATUS REPORT 2020



INFORMATION- AND EDUCATION CENTRE GIMBORN CASTLE

An educational institution of the International Police Association



With the pandemic all well laid plans had to be altered or abandoned. But each crisis holds the chance for something new. Lockdown did not bring the IBZ to its knees but inspired the IBZ team and their supporters to strike out in new directions.

Mark Liedekerken, IPA Netherlands, and a valued member of the IBZ board, introduced our team to the possibilities of web-based learning. With his support and the knowledge of members of staff of the Open University in the Netherlands, the IBZ is working on offerings of diverse web-based formats for the members of the IPA soon. This holds a great deal of hopes and expectations to reach out to the IPA family worldwide with the transfer of knowledge and the further connection of its members. Additional to this there are plans to offer a “hybrid” seminars. We are working on this.

The IBZ got in touch with renowned criminologists who agreed to provide podcasts and videocasts tackling the matter of policing in these days.



https://www.ibz-gimborn.de/podcast/policing_challenges_covid19_podcast-karl-roberts.mp3



<https://youtu.be/KO0FfvoZ-mk>

The first IBZ web-based seminar “On Terrorism” went online on the 14th of May. It was well received and widely appreciated by members of the IPA family across the world!



More than 100 IPA members from more than 30 different countries would have liked to participate. For those who could not take part, we provide here the recordings of the webinar series.

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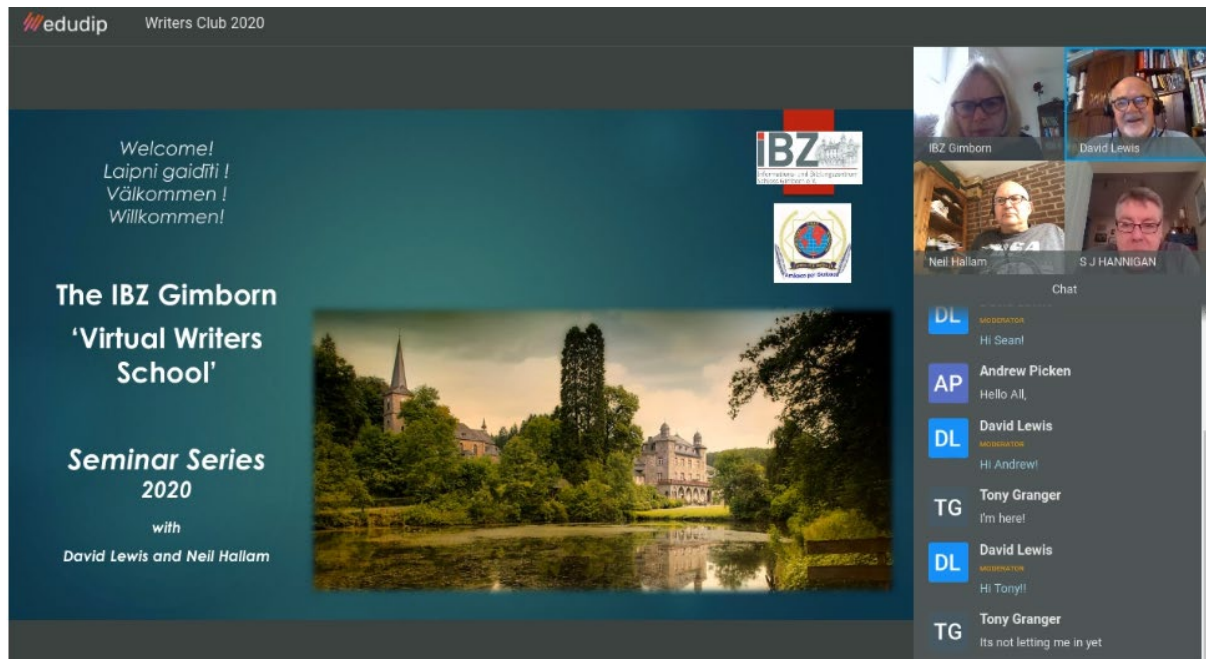
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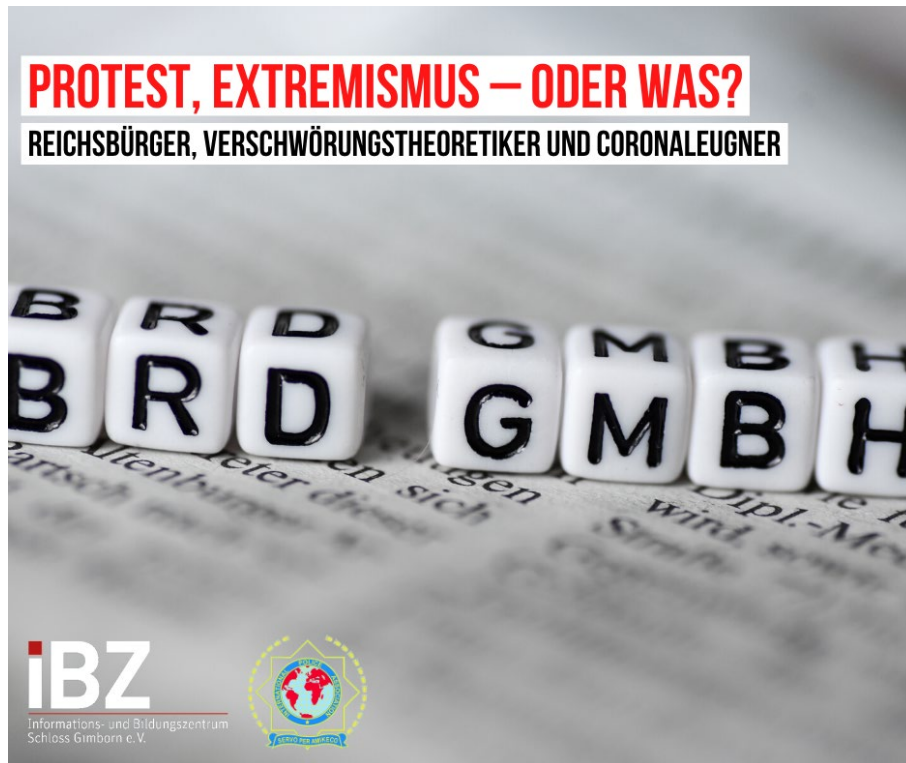
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The UK SIG (Special Interest Group), the WRITERS, get together on a daily base until the beginning of August. David Lewis and Neil Hallam, supported By UK Vice-President Sean Hannigan run this high profile, productive seminar which attracts more and more potential writers.



In addition to these English-speaking online seminars we also provide some German-speaking webinars on preparation for retiring police officers and on right wing conspiracy theories.





Besides all that we hold on to the classic IBZ seminar. And it was with great joy and excitement that we opened the doors of the IBZ after three months of lockdown to our guests and visitors. We were able to run **seminars on stress management, preparation for retiring police officers and a hostile environment training.**

In August we will proceed with, once again, **seminars on retirement preparation, motorcycle training for responsible driving, and an English course for advanced learners.**

A highlight in the second half of 2020 will be the **Spanish/German seminar in cooperation with IPA Section Spain**, dealing with the matter of unattended minors. Fingers crossed there will not be a second wave and our Spanish friends will all be able to travel! For the rest of the year it will be mainly seminars on leadership, stress management, violence around football games and extremism.

All English-speaking seminars in Gimborn had to be cancelled with great regrets. Most of the inscribed participants got in touch, telling us, that they were not able to travel.

But the planned online seminars will keep us connected with the International IPA community.

Supported by our Finnish and English friends an English-speaking **online seminar that takes a deeper look at aspects of terrorism starts on the 1st of September**. Martin Turner, UK and Jari Taponen, Finland succeeded in attracting high profile speakers from within their branches with huge expertise.



A further **English-speaking** online seminar is planned for November. This seminar addresses a current issue that seems to concern a huge number of police institutions worldwide: allegations that police institutions are institutionally racist. The planned seminar will take a deeper look into protests against the police. These protesters claim that the police are predominantly racist. The ongoing discussions and the different actions and reactions by law enforcement institutions are being tackled.

Planning 2021

With mixed feelings, but also brave and enthusiastic we started the planning for 2021. And that is what we want to offer:

Sexual abuse of children is raising great concerns within law enforcement agencies worldwide. The tremendous challenges for those who are detecting and investigating in this field will be met in a **German/English seminar in March (15th – 19th of March)**. In the **last week of March there will be a seminar in English on terrorism (22nd – 26th of March)**. There will be a **seminar in French, supported by the French section, on public safety and order ((19th – 23rd of April)**. Section UK had planned a seminar **on street gangs to organized crime** in 2020. This fine international seminar fell victim to COVID-19, too. We will reintroduce the program at the **end of April (26th – 30th of April)**.

The IBZ has put Cybercrime on and off for the last three years. Together with our friends and supporters from the Irish section we worked out a fine program and had been very much looking forward to the seminar to happen. But COVID-19 put a stake in our wheel: We had to cancel. In 2021 we shall give it another go. In the beautiful month of **May (3rd – 7th of May)** there will be a seminar on **cybercrime in English, followed by three days course training in Tactical First Aid 10th – 12th of May**). The IBZ ran a first Tactical First Aid training in February 2020. It was internationally well booked and there is a great demand for more seminars / trainings in this field.

The Italian/German seminar will take place in June (14th – 18th of June) and it will deal with environmental crime.

Police Street Survival training, run by Rob Stenhouse, supported by section UK, would have been the third training in a row in 2020. We had to cancel it due to COVID-19. For 2021 it is going to happen at the end of **June (28th – 2nd of July)**.

Together with the Finnish section we scheduled a English-Speaking seminar for the end of August **(30th – 3rd of September)**. The topic of the seminar must still be defined.

The **Spanish/German seminar 2021** – the only International seminar that is going to happen in 2020 after the lockdown – is scheduled **for September (20th – 24th of September)**. The subject is yet to be confirmed.

Kyle Hardcastle, section UK, introduced **Virtual Realty Training** as a relevant subject for police training and education in 2018. 2019 there was a well booked and internationally perceived five-day workshop. Members of Romanian, Suisse, Danish, English, and German police forces took part in the very inspiring seminar. It was meant to be the subject to the 2020 Young Police Officer's seminar in Gimborn. Once again COVID-19 interfered. The IBZ has plans to pick it up again in 2021 at the end of **September (27th – 1st of October)**.

Section UK and Section Poland decided to run again a **seminar in Polish and English** with professional translators **(18th of October – 22nd of October)**.

The **ASP Instructor Course**, also a regular course since 2017, had to be cancelled. It will happen again in October 2021 from the **21st – 16th of October**.

Finally, we reserved a slot for another seminar in English at the end of November **(29th – 3rd of December)**. At this time of year Xmas markets in Cologne attract visitors and an excursion to Cologne in combination with Glühwein and Reibekuchen on one of the markets full of atmosphere will make the IBZ Gimborn seminar experience complete for visitors from abroad.

Dates for a few other seminars like the **Polish/German**, the **Writers** are still missing but we are working on this.

We are all together in this pandemic, facing uncertainties about what the future might bring to us. In the last months we were ever so lucky to experience support and solidarity from so many friends within the IPA. This is encouraging and keeps us going. We hope to see many of you in 2021. In the meantime, we wish you all the best. Stay safe and well!

Upcoming International Seminars

Seminar Topic	Date	Language
Unattended minors	2020, 21 st – 25 th of September	Spanish /German
Combatting Terrorism *ONLINE*	2020, September	English
Police & Racism *ONLINE*	2020, November	English
Sexual abuse of children	2021, 15 th – 19 th of March	English / German
Terrorism	2021, 22 nd – 26 th of March	English
Public safety and order	2021, 19 th – 23 rd of April	French
Street gangs to organized crime	2021, 26 th – 30 th of April	English
Cybercrime	2021, 3 rd – 7 th of May	English
Tactical First Aid	2021, 10 th – 12 th of May	English
Violence around football games	2021, June	Polish / German
Police Street Survival training	2021, 28 th of June – 2 nd of July	English / German
Topic to be confirmed (IPA Finland)	2021, 30 th of August – 3 rd of September	English
Virtual Realty Training	2021, 27 th of September – 1 st of October	English / German
Topic to be confirmed (IPA Spain)	2021, 20 th – 24 th of September	Spanish / German
ASP Instructor Course	2021, 21 st – 16 th of October	English
Topic to be confirmed (IPA UK + Pol)	2021, 18 th of October – 22 nd of October	English / Polish
Topic to be confirmed (IPA UK)	2021, 29 th – 3 rd of December	English