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PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Basics: Successful interrogation from a scientific perspective

DAY 2

Practical implementation: How is police interrogation trained?

DAY 3

Practical transfer: How does interrogation expertise find its way into police practice?

SPEAKERS

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"Successful interrogation"

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Basics: Successful interrogation from a scientific perspective

- 11:00 Reception+ Registration
- 12:00 Lunch break
- 13:00 Welcome
Prof. Dr Birgitta Sticher, Prof. Dr Stefan Schade, Prof. Dr Ralf Alleweldt
Greetings from the President of the University of Applied Sciences of the State of Brandenburg Prof. Dr Heike Wagner
- 13:30 Memory psychology basics of police interrogation
Prof Dr Thimna Klatt
- 14:00 False confessions: When interrogation tactics become a risk
Dr Teresa Schneider
- 14:30 Break
- 15:30 Police questioning and human rights protection
Prof Dr Ralf Alleweldt
- 16:00 Investigative questioning as a scientific standard for police work?
Prof Dr Birgitta Sticher
- 16:30 Reflection, summary+ Outlook
- 18:30 Dinner together, Restaurant L'Oasi, Schlossplatz 5, Oranienburg

Practical realisation: How is interrogation trained in the police?

■ 09:30 Introduction

■ 10:00 Workshop morning, 1 - 8

Note: Participants choose two workshops on day 1:

1 workshop out of 8 in the morning and 1 further workshop out of 8 in the afternoon. Participation in the desired workshops is not guaranteed.

■ 12:00 Lunch break

■ 13:00 Workshop morning, 1 - 8

■ 15:00 Break

■ 15:30 Reflection + discussion of the workshops in plenary

■ 18:00 Dinner together, asparagus farm in Kremmen

WORKSHOP 1: Promoting memory performance in the preservation of narratives

The free report is central to the scope and quality of information gathering.

The workshop aims to teach how the witness and interrogator can develop a common affective basis for dialogue and which methods are helpful, to expand the content of a testimony-related narrative. [Prof. Dr Bernd Körber](#), [Prof. Dr Sabine Schildein](#)

WORKSHOP 2: Basic training for child-orientated questioning

The basic training course on interrogation in Berlin's LKA 13 (sexual offences against children and young people), which has been conducted several times by the criminal investigation officer and the psychologist, is presented. The NICHD protocol, which serves as a guideline for child-orientated procedures, is discussed and implemented using a case study as an example. [Beate Fröhlich-Weber](#), [Prof Dr Birgitta Sticher](#)

WORKSHOP 3: The "3K - Competence, Concept and Communication" training programme

The "3K - Competence, Concept and Communication" training programme teaches the basic knowledge relating to the core criminalistic task of the police, customs and judiciary part of professional qualification and attempts to develop interrogation skills over the course of a person's career. Within an interrogation, individual competences, a conceptual approach and communicative strategies work together and combine criminological and psychological expertise. Facts from interrogation practice and practical exercises are used to illustrate how interrogation training can be successful. 3K has been used in the Rhineland-Palatinate police force and is currently being implemented at customs. [Prof Dr Markus M. Thielgen](#), [Patrick Niegisch](#)

WORKSHOP 4: Training with virtual children (ViContact)

In the "ViContact" workshop, a modularised training system for conducting conversations with children is developed.

in suspected cases of sexual abuse or maltreatment. The ViContact training system centres on feedback-supported practice sessions with virtual children in a virtual reality environment. This VR training will be demonstrated in the workshop and the possibilities and limitations will be discussed.

[Anett Tamm](#)

WORKSHOP 5: A gap in the PEACE model on the ethical and practical legitimacy of tactics to overcome testimonial resistance

The PEACE model and the corresponding investigative interrogation technique are rightly regarded as leading and promising approaches to the interrogation witnesses and defendants. However, both models have one limitation: they offer few alternative courses of action if the witnesses resist the interrogators' efforts to establish a good working relationship. The panel will discuss whether it ethically, legally and practically necessary to use further interrogation tactics in order to overcome this resistance as far as possible. [Günter Schicht](#)

WORKSHOP 6: Trauma-informed questioning of victim-witnesses after experiences of sexual violence

Understanding psychological trauma and reflecting on its effects on testimonial behaviour is an important prerequisite for successful questioning or interrogation with the aim of increasing the quality of testimony. In the area of sexual offences, especially in so-called testimony-against-testimony constellations, the victim's is often the most important piece of evidence. The workshop aims to convey the basics of psychotraumatology and focus on the problems involved in questioning traumatised persons as well as providing tips on how to structure questioning in order to prevent re-traumatisation of those affected and to enable suggestion-free questioning. [Dr Estelle Bockers](#)

WORKSHOP 7: Specialisation training "Interrogation"

The workshop will provide an insight into the implementation of the
The first part of the workshop will present the basic principles for successful interrogations presented in the further training courses on interrogations organised by the State Office for Training, Further Training and Personnel Matters LAFP of the NRW Police. In the first part of the workshop, the concept of further training in the area of interrogation of the LAFP department 22.2 will be presented. This will be followed by a practical part of the workshop, in which one or two exercises from the interrogation training courses will be presented as examples. These include the strategic introduction of evidence in interrogations of suspects and the necessary professional preparation of the interrogation using the preparation matrix developed at the LAFP. [Lena Deller-Wessels](#), [Julia Daams](#)

WORKSHOP 8: The impact of expectation on the conduct of interrogations

Hypotheses are formed in group work based on the initial information of a real-life situation. Based on this, a guideline for the interrogation is drawn up and the extent to which the hypotheses can be verified or falsified is discussed. The facts of the case also provide the basis for a legal discussion regarding the instruction. As part of this exercise, aspects of confirmatory hypothesis testing, cognitive dissonance, the effect of an expectation hypothesis (one's own attitude) on the person to be interrogated, the formulation of questions and requests as well as corresponding approaches to solutions are to be addressed. [Katja Schröder](#)

Practical transfer: How does interrogation expertise find its way into police practice?

■ 09:00 Welcome

■ 09:10 The VERITAS model

Outcome of the conference of criminalistics lecturers from the federal and state police forces

Prof Thomas Gundlach

■ 09:30 Panel discussion

Knowledge transfer to police practice: goals, challenges, solutions

- Olaf Gaebel (Head of Staff K, Brandenburg Police Headquarters)
- Sylke van Offern (Head of Department LKA 13, Berlin Police)
- Juliane Grassmann (Head of the ZIW - Centre for Innovation and Science Management of the Berlin Police - together with Clara Ackermann)
- Thomas Kasbaum (Police Academy, Department 3, Criminalistics, Berlin Police)
- Eileen Kühl (Brandenburg Police University, further training specialising in interrogation)
- Jan Merkel (LKA 111- Homicide Division, Berlin Police)

Moderation: Birgitta Sticher

■ 10:30 Break

■ 11:00 Interrogation skills: ways to a modular training concept

Prof Dr Bernd Körber

■ 11:30 Implementing the principles of effective interrogation - insights and ideas from the ImpleMéndez project

Junior Professor Dr Lennart May

■ 12:00 Reflection + farewell

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