Press Release

Germany’s First Institute of Criminology Turns 50

Celebration of innovative research that has helped shape German law since 1962.

Tübingen, 23.10.2012

The University of Tübingen celebrates the 50th anniversary of Germany’s first Institute of Criminology (IfK) at 4pm on Friday, October 26, lecture theater 9 in the Neue Aula, Wilhelmstr 7. Representatives of the media are welcome to attend.

Many of Germany’s leading criminologists are graduates of the school. More than 120 guests from across Germany will be attending the ceremony. The director of the University of Heidelberg’s Institute of Criminology, Professor Dieter Dölling, will outline criminology research in Tübingen as seen from outside the University, and academics who have worked there – Professor Jörg-Martin Jehle of Göttingen and Professor Klaus Boers of Münster – will provide a look from the inside. The session will end with a roundup of important current research.

The IfK has headed key research in a number of areas in criminology, including youth criminality, the fall of the Berlin Wall’s influence on crime, hate crimes, the links between values, religiosity and delinquency, the development of nationwide statistics on victim-offender mediation; evaluating alternative forms of the youth penal system, and appraising the follow-up of former convicts in the state of Baden-Württemberg. The IfK’s current director, Professor Kinzig, spearheads research into sanctions law (preventive custody and supervision of conduct), and safety in special locations (security at institutions of higher education, soccer violence).

Further information in German: www.jura.uni-tuebingen.de/einrichtungen/ifk

Contact:
Prof. Dr. Jörg Kinzig, Direktor des Instituts für Kriminologie
University of Tübingen
Faculty of Law
Phone +49 7071 29-72549
Kinzig[at]jura.uni-tuebingen.de