German Society

The Oxford German Society welcomes you to the academic year 2008/2009. We want you to join us for what is going to be tremendously eventful and exciting term. No matter whether you are an old Oxonian, a Fresher or an external member, we have a program just tailored for you.

Our Society does not only aim at native German speakers from Europe. In contrary, it is the case that more than half of our members are non-Germans. While we obviously share a common interest in Germanic virtues our events have proven incredibly mixed and exciting for international students, too.



The aim of GerSoc is not only to provide a basis for discussion and exchange in German but also in other languages. All of our members will be happy to introduce novices to German culture, politics, cars and whatever else you want to know about. As you see we are very much outward oriented! Please come and join us for our events and enjoy the great atmosphere of the most international European society in Oxford.

THE 2008/2009 COMMITTEE

Limited Fresher's Offer

Join us for life for 15 £.

Pidge a cheque with your name to Senem Erhun, St. Hilda's College or pay cash at one of our events.

Presidents: Laura Blattner & Christopher Nowzohour

Treasurer: Sam Tansley

Events & Membership: Senem

Erhun & Tanja Velling

Films: Till Schröter & Anna Mertens

Communications: Daniel

Medawar

Sponsorship: Philipp Gärtner

Advisor: Fabian Pregel

Schedule Michaelmas 2008

FIRST WEEK

Welcome (back) to Oxford Drinks

Week 1, Friday October 17, 8:00 pm, Merton JCR

Start the new year where the last one finished in style. This kick-off event should get you all excited and informed about what GerSoc has to offer. Come by for some initial bonding with new and old students. Those who are already homesick are especially welcome. Drinks included!

SECOND WEEK

Debating Social

Week 2, Wednesday October 22, 6:00 pm, Balliol JCR

A good opportunity to brush up your German by discussing contemporary issues with native speakers in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Any level of German is sufficient since groups will be arranged according to speaking ability.

Film Night: Der bewegte Mann

Thursday 23rd October 7.45pm, Worcester College, Lecture Room B, no charge. - English subtitles

Axel (Till Schweiger) loves his girlfriend Doro (Katja Riemann), but he simply cannot resist other women. When Doro catches him red-handed, he has to leave their flat for good. Looking for a new place to live Axel meets Walter who is nice, tidy and gay. What a shame that Axel is absolutely straight and also becoming a father - Doro is pregnant...

ORIGINALLY GERMAN - "STAMMTISCH"

If you have time after the movie or just want to hang out come to our Stammtisch (English: "Banter"). It takes place every other Thursday after movie nights at one of Oxford's many pubs. Especially if you are a language student this is great to practice!



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THIRD WEEK

Franco German Alliance - Wine Tasting

Week 3, Thursday October 30, 8:30 pm, Merton MCR



GerSoc and the OU French Society invite you to discover the wide variety of wines produced in the renowned vineyards of Germany and France. We will not only offer you a broad selection of red and white wines but also delicious cheese, bread and other nibbles to go with it. Treat yourself to a relaxed evening and take the opportunity to brush up your German and/or French conversational skills.

FOURTH WEEK

Corporate Event McKinsey Talk: Germany in 2020

Week 4, Friday November 7, 6 pm, Lincoln College Oakshott Room

Our Corporate Partners from McKinsey are visiting us to tell you their perspective on where Germany is heading in the upcoming decade. Demographic and economic issues in the wake of the US Financial crisis are the issues our generation needs to face. Come along for recruitment info, food and what will definitely will be a very insightful talk by the leading consulting firm.

Film: Lola rennt!

Thursday 6th November, 7.45pm, Worcester College, Lecture Room B. 70 min.



One of Tom Tykwer's great film productions - A couple (Franka Potente and Moritz Bleibtreu) is in big trouble. He, a minor drug messenger working for a big drug dealer, has lost a lot of money in a tram. There are only 20 minutes left to get the money back or to find another way to pay the boss. An exciting race against time begins - the film shows the hectic 20 minutes three times, every time with slightly different details and every time the story has an entirely different outcome

FIFTH WEEK

Inter University LSE Weekend Trip

Week 5, Friday November 14, 5 pm Location: London (meet at Gloucester Green)

Join us for a fun trip to London where we will visit the LSE German Society. This is a good opportunity to meet people from another Uni while having a great night out in London. Sightseeing, dinner, and lots of drunken fun afterwards guaranteed!

SIXTH WEEK

The Political Landscape in Berlin, Norbert Lammert

Week 6, Tuesday November 18, 4:30 pm, Lincoln College

Norbert Lammert, the President of the German Parliament (Bundestagspräsident), is coming to Oxford to visit the OU German Society and talk about the political culture in Germany. The Bundestagspräsident is ranked second in the German constitution after the German President and before the Chancellor. There will be a discussion afterwards with a chance to ask questions. You can't miss this one!



SEVENTH WEEK

Culinary Experience - Bavarian Breakfast

Week 7, Sunday November 23, 11:30 am, location tba

Ever had a traditional Bavarian breakfast? Now is your chance: We'll have Weißwürste (traditional Bavarian sausages) with sweet mustard and Brezen (pretzels), all freshly imported from Germany.

EIGHT WEEK

Christmas Celebration Dinner

Week 8, Thursday December 4, Christ Church Hall

It is an old German Society tradition to host a Christmas Dinner in 8th week. This year we invite you again to get you festive spirits up and enjoy a Christmas dinner at one of the most impressive college halls of Oxford. Dinner will be followed by a reception at Christ Church. Book your place for this popular event in Week 7 by sending an email to events@oxford-germansoc.org as places are limited.

"Your German Soc" programme

GerSoc is a great platform to invite speakers and hold all sorts of events. Feel free to contact us with your specific idea of who you want to see.