German Society



Schedule Hilary 2008



Oxford's GerSoc is a place for discussion, fun and cultural exchange in German and also in other languages. All of our members will be happy to introduce novices to German culture, politics, cars and whatever else vou want to know about.

Please come and join us for our events and enjoy the great atmosphere of the most international European society in Oxford.

This term we will have the privilege to lay the foundation for another century of GerSoc at Oxford. We will be

recruiting for positions on the committee for next year. So if you enjoy being an active member, which involves preparing events and inviting speakers, talk to us about it. The elections are going to be held at the Bayarian Breakfast, week 7.

THE 2009 COMMITTEE



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Laura Blattner & Christopher Nowzohour

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WEEK 1

Drinks & German Conversation Evenina

Week 1, Thursday 22nd January, 8:00pm, Merton MCR

Share your views on the most recent global events with us at the regular Merton night. This time slightly classier in the MCR, you'll have plenty to discuss regarding current world issues. ALL levels of German are acceptable so even if you feel a little rusty just come along!

WEEK 2

MINI Oxford Plant Tour

Week 2, Friday 30th January, 11:00am, meet on High Street, signing up necessary

As Britain is looking at manufacturing again as a key strength, we would like to take you on a trip to explore the 'cult of the Mini'. Located in North Oxford employing 4000 people, it is one of the most modern assembly lines. Also its owned by BMW... so it's sort of German. Email daniel.medawar@bnc.ox.ac.uk to sign up now.



Film Night:

The Edukators - Die fetten Jahre sind vorbei

Thursday 29th January 7.45pm, Worcester College, Lecture Room B - subtitles

Our weekly choice is about three anti-capitalist youths going on obscure night robberies in Berlin's posh neighbourhoods. When a love triangle develops between them things get complicated... The characterisation and moral message has been widely acclaimed by critics.

WEEK 3

German Beer Tasting

Week 3, Friday 6th February, 8:00pm, Somerville (tbc)

At the legendary German Society beer tasting you are invited to try some of the world's finest beers freshly imported from Germany. Some of these beers you will get nowhere else in Oxford or maybe even Britain, so this is a unique opportunity to taste them!

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WEEK 4

Speaker Event - Marianne Birthler

Week 4, Thurs 12th Feb, 5:00pm, St. Hilda's Vernon Harcourt Room

This term another high-ranking German politician will be our guest. Mrs Birthler is the Federal Officer for the former GDR's secret police files (Bundesbeauftragte für Unterlagen der Stasi). Her insights into a dark chapter of German post war history should definitely by gripping.

Oxbridge German Society Meeting

Week 4, Friday 13th Feb, 5:00pm at the Turf Tavern and Formal Hall afterwards

After our LSE exchange last term we will have the pleasure to welcome our companions from 'the other place' to Oxford. We will give them a tour around the dreaming spires and philosophise about academic issues in the pub. Please bring some money for formal hall at one of Oxford finest colleges.

WEEK 5



Film Night: Der Blaue Engel (Blue Angel)

Week 5, Thursday 19th February 7.45pm, Worcester College Room B

This film from the 1930s tells the story of professor Unrat who is transformed from an esteemed educator at the local Gymnasium to a destitute vagrant. His descent starts with punishing some of his boys for circulating pictures of the beautiful Lola Lola (Marlene Dietrich), the headliner of the cabaret: The Blue Angel. Hoping to catch the boys there, he meets his eventual downfall: the lovely Lola herself...

WEEK 6

Fastnacht's Carnival Ball - with the EAS

Week 6, Tuesday 24th February, details tbc

After the weeks of dire fasting, which most Oxford students patiently endure it is time to ravel up the fun again. Combining old German traditions (Fasching and Karneval) we will have food, drinks and a live band. Dress-code could be black-tie or fancy dress. Be ready for some real atmosphere and funny songs.



Film Night: Schtonk! (1992) - Der Film zum Buch vom Führer

Week 6, Thursday 26th February 7:45pm, Worcester Lecture Room B - subtitled

The movie is a grotesque farce about the events when, in 1983, German Stern magazine began to publish, with great fanfare, the 60 volumes of the alleged diaries of Adolf Hitler – which two weeks later turned out to be entirely fake. That story is commonly described one of the greatest failures of modern journalism overall.

WEEK 7

Corporate Event: McKinsey

Week 7, Thursday 5th March, 7:00pm, location tbc

After an inspirational talk last term about Germany Socioeconomic future, McKinsey will visit us again to speak about job prospects in the current economic climate and the role of consulting in the downturn. Their employees are very approachable so come by.

Bavarian Breakfast + Committee Elections

Week 7, Sunday 8th March 11:00am, St. Hilda's College

After a small pause last term, it's back! The traditional Bavarian way of starting the day with Weißwurst (big white sausages), sweet mustard and Brezen (Pretzels). Bring some juice, bread and enjoy the company of the other GerSoc gourmets. We will also be deciding on next year's committee in an open election so make sure to be there.



WEEK 8

Film Night:

Bekenntnisse des Hochstaplers Felix Krull - (Confidence Man: The Early Years)

Week 8, Thursday 12th March 7:45pm, Worcester College Lecture Room B

Based on a novel by the German author Thomas Mann . Ironic and humorous story of a young man's life journey. Felix Krull is a charmer from the earliest age, a knowing manipulator of his surroundings and even his own body, able to induce fevers by self-will. Blessed by astonishing beauty that affects all that come into contact with him he is able to insinuate himself in the highest circles of aristocratic Europe.