

SCHEDULE

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Oxford's German Society 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 you want to know about. Please come and join us for events and enjoy the great atmosphere of the most international

European society in Oxford! This term we are proud to offer lots of interesting events – join the **mailing-list** for up-to-date information by e-mail and join the **Facebook group!**

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The 2009/2010 Committee

Week 1



Fresher's Drinks – not only for freshers...

1 Wednesday, 14th October 7.30pm

Venue: Oxford Union **FREE for MEMBERS**

We start into the new academic year with **free drinks and nibbles** – come and have a great evening of banter and meet other members of the society as well as the committee. Bring your friends – you don't have to speak German!



Week 2



Film night: Der Baader Meinhof Komplex

1 Thursday, 22nd October

7.45pm

IMDb: ★★★★★★☆☆

Venue: Worcester Room B

subtitles (German)



Nominated for the Oscar and Golden Globe for the best foreign film, the Baader Meinhof Komplex shows the political turbulences from 1967 until the bloody "German autumn" 1977 – the crucial test for the democratic self-conception of the Federal Republic of Germany. A gripping and enlightening look at Germany's terrorist group, the Red Army Fraction (RAF).

Week 3



Speaker Event: Henning Wehn – "Ze German Comedy Ambassador"

1 Monday, 26th October

6.30pm

Venue: tbc

I don't ssink zis is funny – Perspectives on Germany and Britain

Henning Wehn is the German Comedy Ambassador to the United Kingdom. This is not the easiest of jobs because the Germans allegedly do not have a sense of humour. Henning does not find that funny. As a comedian who has worked both in Germany and in Britain, he has a unique perspective on the sense of humour (or lack thereof) in both countries. In his talk to the German Society, he will talk about genuine differences, stereotypes and the tough life of a German comic in the UK. "Who said Germans have no sense of humour? Gloriously unreconstructed comedy." – The Guardian



Week 4



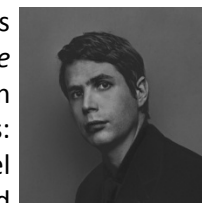
Speaker Event: Daniel Kehlmann - a magic realist on a magic visit

1 Monday, 2nd November

6.00pm

Venue: Lincoln College

Having written not only one of the most beautiful novels of this decade, but also the best-selling book since 1985, the author of *Die Vermessung der Welt (Measuring the World)*, will drop by for an afternoon to read from his new novel *Fame* – exclusively for us: *Fame* hasn't even been published in the UK yet. Afterwards Daniel Kehlmann will be taking questions and we look forward to a vivid conversation with him. The event will be in English.



Speaker Event: Professor Ernst Pöppel 'Never Trust an Expert – Four mistakes in the way we think'

1 Friday, 6th November

6.30pm

Venue: Lincoln

Have you ever doubted a theory but never received a satisfying answer? Our renowned guest Prof. Dr. Ernst Pöppel from LMU Munich will shed light on universal problems of how our brains work. Author of several high selling books he also is known for his accessible and fascinating talks about mental mechanisms in public and on German TV. His talk will illustrate how our thinking in everyday and academic life is subject to four fundamental influences.



1) evolution, 2) the social environment, 3) language 4) common fallacies It promises to be an enlightening talk for people from **all subject backgrounds. No previous knowledge required!**

Trip to London: LSE German Society

📅 Saturday, 7th November details for sign-up follow by e-mail



Once again the LSE German Society has invited us (we promised to behave this time...) to an outrageous afternoon/evening of London fun. The Cambridge Germans will be joining us as well, and after the infamous Cambridge formal last term, there should be enough to talk about. Banter, Pretzels and Käsestangen and then "ab in den Pub" – London is always worth a journey.

Week 5



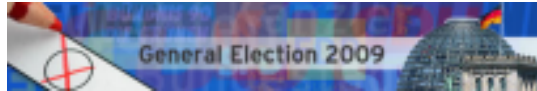
Speaker Event:

Dr Eckhard Lubkemeier

– in cooperation with the Oxford Current Affairs Society

📅 Wednesday, 11th November

📍 tbc Venue: Oxford Union



Dr Eckhard Lubkemeier is the Deputy German Ambassador (Minister Plenipotentiary) to the United Kingdom. He holds a PhD in political science from the Free University of Berlin and used to be a research fellow at Harvard and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. In his talk, he is going to analyse the outcome of the recent parliamentary elections in Germany and its long-term impact on both domestic and foreign policy. The talk will be followed by a drinks reception.



The Boston Consulting Group: „Collateral Damage“

Details will follow by e-mail.

Our sponsors Boston Consulting Group bring you a presentation on the lesser-known effects of the global financial and economic crisis. A senior manager will discuss the hidden impacts of the credit crunch, and possible solutions for the world economy.

Week 6



Speaker Event: Dr Burkhard Wittek

“The Boomerang Effect: Why the crisis is likely to return”

📅 Wednesday, 18th November 📍 & Venue: tbc

Dr Burkhard Wittek is Partner at FORUM, a Munich-based family office, which invests its funds in public and private equity using Warren Buffet's Value Investing strategy. In his recent research, he has found strong indicators that last year's economic and financial crisis is far from over. In what promises to be a fascinating talk by an insider, Dr Wittek is going to discuss the inherent risks from non-sustainable developments in the economy, financial markets and the likelihood of another downturn.



Film night: Schuh des Manitu

📅 Thursday, 19th November 🕒 7.45pm Venue: Worcester Room B

subtitles (German)

Week 7



The legendary event: ★German Beer Tasting★

📅 Saturday, 28th November 🕒 8.00pm
£5 (coupons)

Venue: Merton MCR (tbc)

Last year's most popular event: try the world's finest beers and famous brands as well as some special ones that cannot be found in Oxford or even in Britain!



Week 8

Christmas Dinner

📅 Monday, 30th November 🕒 6.00pm Venue: St Edmund's Hall £18

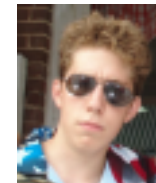
Limited number of places: details for sign-up follow by e-mail

The annual Christmas Dinner is the highlight of the German Society's social calendar and our traditional way to look back on the year gone past. Join the committee for a sumptuous dinner in the stylish surroundings of the Old Dining Hall (built in 1652) of St Edmund's Hall. Tickets are heavily subsidised by the society and sold for £18, which includes a three-course meal and a glass of mulled wine upon arrival. More drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Bookings will open in early November. Please join our mailing list to find out more. *Dress code: smart.*

The committee



Hanns Koenig
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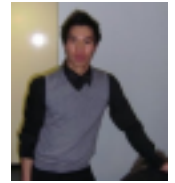
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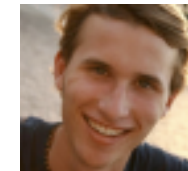
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