

# Hilary Term 2015



## *A Happy New Year - Welcome to Oxford!*

As always, we have put together a promising term card full of exciting speaker events, socials and cultural happenings! Check your emails and our Facebook group for further information! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Your Oxford German Society Committee 2014 – 2015

## **Week 1**

### **Exchange Trip to Cambridge**

**Sat, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, time TBA**

**Members only, price £14**



This term, our exchange trip with the Cambridge and London German Societies brings us to “the other place”. Starting with a pub visit, we will embark on an exciting social programme including a tour through the city, to end the day with a formal hall at Trinity College, one of the

most prestigious Cambridge colleges. The price for the exchange includes the social programme and the formal hall. Details on time, sign-up, transfer and dresscode for the formal in our Week 0 newsletter!

## Week 2 & 3

### International Pub-crawl

**Wed, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 8pm TBC, Turf Tavern**

**Members and Non-members free**

The German society is warmly invited to an international pubcrawl organised by the Oxford Network of National Societies. We will enjoy the atmosphere of some traditional Oxford pubs together with our friends from the Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Polish and Brazilian societies, just to name a few.



### Language Classes

The German Society offers free weekly language courses for all those interested in picking up the German language or brushing up their skills from school! Beginners and intermediate learners are both welcome!

*A1 German Class (Beginner) – Tue, 6pm, Seminar Room 3, Balliol College* **Nina**

*A1 German Class (continuing MT) – Mon, 7-8pm, MacGregor Room, Oriel College* **Christina**

*B Intermediates – Thu, 8-9pm, Seminar Room 3, Balliol College* **Susanne**

*C Literature – Thu, 7-8pm, Seminar Room 3, Balliol College* **Linus**

For more information e-mail our Language Officer at **[language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk)**

## Beer Tasting

**Thu, Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm TBC, Linacre College, Linacre Bar**

**Members £4, non-members £8**

Our annual all-you-can-drink beer tasting event always proves to be the highlight of the term. We have imported the finest German beers, a

good break for all German beer-lovers from the usual Ale and Guinness. If you are not that up for beer, you can still look forward to meeting some people while indulging in alternative drinks and snacks...



## Week 4

**Talk: Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger**

**Wed, Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, time TBA, Christ Church, Blue Boar Lecture Theatre**

**Members free, non-members £3**



Sabine Leutheusser-Schnarrenberger served as Federal Minister of Justice of Germany under Helmut Kohl (1992-1996) and in the second Merkel cabinet (2009-2013). She is a member of the liberal Free Democratic Party and very well-known for her commitment to human

rights and data protection. In 2014, she was appointed to an advisory council established by Google on implementing the right to be forgotten. *Note: The talk will be held in German.*

## UCL German Summit 2015

**Thu, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 10.30 am TBC, Venue TBA**

**Members and non-members £5**

The UCL German Society invite us to their German Summit 2015 in London. They have organised an exciting programme including the speakers Harald Schmidt, Walter Straten and MdB Steffen Kampeter. Details on venues and topics will follow in our weekly newsletter.

## Week 5

### Talk: Peer Steinbrück

**Tue, Feb 17<sup>th</sup>, time TBA, Christ Church, Blue Boar Lecture Theatre**

**Members only - free**

Topic: "Wer ist eigentlich Herr im Haus? Politische Handlungsfähigkeit in einer globalisierten und vernetzten Welt."



In the federal elections in 2013 Peer Steinbrück was the Social Democratic Party's (SPD) candidate for Chancellor of Germany. During the

outbreak of the financial crisis in 2008, he worked as finance minister in the first Merkel cabinet (2005-2009), and was directly responsible for the bailout of German banks. Before, he served as Minister President of North Rhine-Westphalia (2002-2005). The talk will be followed by a Q&A session. *Note: the talk will be held in German.*

### Originally German – The Stammtisch

**Week 2: Wed, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, 8pm: King's Arms**

**Week 4: Sat, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, TBA with Bulgarian Society**

**Week 7: Thu, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 8pm, TBA**

The "Stammtisch" is our regular social meeting in one of the many Oxford Pubs. Join us to meet friends, practise your German, or just to have a beer or two in a relaxed atmosphere. Look out for the "Stammtisch" sign!



## Week 6

### Elections & Frühstück

**Sun, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11 am, Hertford College, Baring Room**

**Members only - free**

Ever since the German federal election of 2002, it has been a "custom" to crown the new committee at a typically German Breakfast. While enjoy-ing our breakfast, we will hold hustings and elect the new German Society committee for the next year. All information on the election process will be announced in due course.

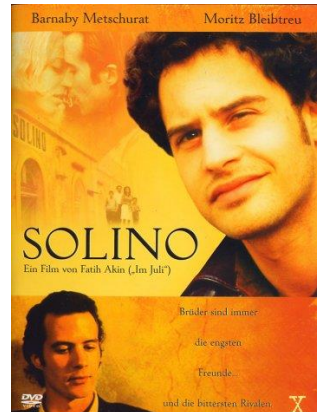
### Italian-German Film Night: Solino

**Tue, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm, Pembroke College,**

**Mary Hyde Eccles Room**

**Free for members and non-members**

Our film night this term will be held together with our friends from the Italian Society. We will be screening Solino, a German-Italiana co-production from the year 2002. It tells the story of a family moving from Italy to Germany in the 1970s to open a pizza restaurant. The film will be screened in Italian with German subtitles.



### DAAD Events

#### Reading by Ilija Trojanow

**Week 8: Frid, Mar 13<sup>th</sup>, time and place TBA**

*Ilija Trojanow is a multiply awarded German author of Bulgarian origin. In 2006 his novel 'Der Weltensammler' reached the final round of the Deutscher Buchpreis (German book prize).*

## Events by our sponsors

Interested in working for consultancies? Our sponsors provide the financial support that enables us to invite our speakers and put on all our events. Have a look at their career events, organised in conjunction with the Oxford German Society. Further information will be provided by email in our weekly newsletter:

**Thu, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm, Sanderson Hotel, London**

*Bain & Company Germany, Inc. – BAINDINNER*

**Thu, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>, 6pm, Oxford**

*Roland Berger Strategy Consultants - Präsentationstraining*

## Week 7 & 8

### Easter Dinner

**Tue, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8pm, Christ Church, McKenna Room, TBC**

**Members only, Price TBA, Dresscode: Black Tie**

Join us for a sumptuous dinner in the stylish surroundings of the McKenna Room in Christ Church. Our traditional formal dinner to celebrate the upcoming Easter season and to inaugurate the new committee is accompanied by a classy three course dinner. Places are limited and the sign-up process will be announced in our Newsletter and Facebook group in the weeks to come.



### Debate with Former German President Christian Wulff

**Wed, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>, time TBA, Christ Church, Blue Boar Theatre**

**Members only, free**

Christian Wulff, born in 1959, works as a lawyer in Hamburg and lives in Hanover. As a former Federal President of Germany (2010-2012) he is dedicated to the cause of the integration of people with a migration background and with interreligious dialogue. He is President of the Euro-Mediterranean-Arab Association and a member of the Transatlantic

Council on Migration since 2014. The Central Council of Jews in Germany honored him with the Leo Baeck Award in 2011. He received the Award of Tolerance of the Protestant Academy Tutzing and was honored by the Turkish Community in Germany. As honorary doctor of the Tongji-University in Shanghai and the University of Tsukuba in Japan, he



also works to foster Germany's relationship to Asia. From 2003-2010 Christian Wulff was Governor of Niedersachsen (Lower Saxony). Prior to that he was the head of the parliamentary group of the Christian Democrats in Niedersachsen. During his tenure as Federal President journalists accused Christian Wulff of having taken advantage of office while he had been Governor of Lower Saxony, which led to an investigation against him being opened by the state attorney. As a consequence he resigned as Federal President in February 2012. In 2014 he was cleared of all charges against him. *Note: The talk will be held in German.*

### *Join the Society!*

Life Membership £20, Annual Membership £10

Become a member of Oxford's central hub for German culture and language! We seek to entertain and bring together all those interested in Germany including learners of the German language and students from German-speaking countries. Membership will give you free entry to most of our events, unique discounts at local shops and enterprises as well as access to a unique network of students who share your interest in Germany.

Join our Facebook group "Oxford German Society" and become a member of the Society at one of our events. Alternatively, you can join online at [www.oxford-germansoc.co.uk](http://www.oxford-germansoc.co.uk)



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