

Michaelmas Term 2015



Welcome to Oxford!

The Oxford German Society welcomes all new and returning students to Oxford for a thrilling first term of the academic year 2015/16! 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 2015 – 2016

Week 1

Freshers' Welcome – not just for Freshers...

Wed, 14th Oct, 5pm, Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi



Come and join us for coffee, tea and cake on Wednesday of 1st week! Here you'll get a chance to meet new and returning members as well as the committee - a great opportunity to see what the German Society has to offer. Everyone is welcome, non-members and members!

Week 2

Talk: Dr. Antonia Rados, Journalist

Tues, 20th Oct, 5.30pm, Blue Boar Lecture Theatre, Christ Church,
Language: English, free for members, 2£ for non-members

Topic: The Middle East Turmoil and its consequences for Europe

Antonia Rados is one of the most popular foreign correspondents on German television. Since 2009 she has been the chief reporter on issues abroad for the Media Group RTL. She is well-known as a crisis reporter, and Middle East expert through her dedicated reports from war zones. Her reports on the Iraq war in 2003 and



the Arab Spring, often broadcasted under dangerous conditions, brought Antonia Rados international recognition. In March 2011, she interviewed the leader of Libya Muammar Gaddafi. Antonia Rados has received multiple awards, such as the German Television Award for the best Iraq reports, and the award 'Media Woman of the Year'.

Originally German – The Stammtisch

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 2: Wed, Oct 21st, 8pm: The Turf

Week 5: Wed, Nov 11th, 8pm: King's Arms

Week 7: Wed, Nov 25th, 8pm, Lamb & Flag

Talk: Prof. Dr. Joachim Sauer, Chemist

Wed, 28th Oct, 5.30pm, Blue Boar Lecture Theatre, Christ Church,
Language: English, *free for members, 2£ for non-members*

Topic: Chemistry research behind the wall
– and after its fall

Joachim Sauer is a professor of Theoretical Chemistry at the Humboldt-Universität Berlin. Until its dissolution, he worked at the GDR Academy of Sciences in Berlin. In 1992, Prof. Sauer became the head of the Max Planck Society's Quantum Chemistry Group in Berlin. He is one of the researchers from East Germany who was successful both before and after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. He is described as one of the Top 30 theoretical chemists worldwide, and is also well-known as the husband of the German Chancellor Angela Merkel.



Week 4

Talk: Prof. Peter Lantos, Medical Scientist



Tues, 3rd Nov, 5.30pm, Lecture Room 1, Christ Church, Language: English, *free for members and non-members*

Topic: Experiences of a holocaust survivor (History Talk)

Peter Lantos (born in 1939) is a holocaust survivor from Hungary. At the age of five, he was deported to the concentration camp of Bergen-Belsen with his family, where his father died of starvation. He and his mother survived and were liberated by

the US Army outside Magdeburg which soon afterwards became the Soviet zone of occupation. After several months of uncertainty, they escaped from the Russians, and, travelling across war-torn Europe, returned to Hungary. In 1965, he managed to get a visa to come to the UK, where he started a very successful career in academic medicine, during which he has contributed to the understanding of diseases of the nervous system. He has become internationally known and was elected to the Academy of Medical Sciences. After the success of his first book "Parallel Lines", which is based on his childhood experience, he has just published "Closed Horizon", his first novel. Peter Lantos' story is a moving testimony of survival against all odds.

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!

Julia Engelmann, Poetry Slam Artist

**Thurs, 5th Nov, 5.30pm,
Lecture Room 1, Christ
Church, Language: Ger-
man, free for members and
non-members**



Julia Engelmann will give us a free presentation of her poetry.

Julia Engelmann is a German actress and poetry slam artist. In the beginning of 2014, she gained viral fame in social networks for a video of one of her poetry slam shows at the University of Bielefeld. The text presented in this show is based on the song "One Day/Reckoning Song" by the Israeli musician Asaf Avidan, and appeals to people to live life consciously. In September 2015, the video had more than 8 million clicks on YouTube. Her second book with poetry slam texts and her own illustrations is published in October 2015. Apart from poetry, Julia Engelmann has a passion for music and acting, and studies Psychology at the University of Bremen.

Week 4

**Julia Engelmann –
Poetry Slam Reloaded**

**Thurs, 17th May, 5.30pm, Lecture Room
1, Christ Church, Language: German
free for members and non-members**

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Language Classes

The German Society offers language courses for all those interested in picking up the German language or brushing up their skills from school!

There will be classes for Beginners, Intermediates and Advanced German speakers as well as a Literature class.

For more information sign up to our weekly newsletters or email

language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk

Week 5

Society Exchange

Date TBC (between week 5 and 6), Venue TBC

Members only, £12



This term it's our turn to host the exchange with our friends from the Cambridge and London German Societies. We will give them a tour around Oxford, enjoy a formal dinner and let the day come to an end over a pint or two in one of Oxford's great

pubs. Places are limited; e-mail secretary@oxford-germansoc.co.uk to sign up for this exciting event.

Week 7

Feuerzangenbowle

Sun, Nov 29th, 8pm, Venue TBC

Members free, non-Members £3

Once again, we will celebrate the end of term, Oxmas and the arrival of the advent season with one of Germany's well-loved drinks classics, the Feuerzangenbowle, and the screening of the legendary film of the same name with Heinz Rühmann. Celebrate Christmas the German way, with us! This event does not only cater to all those who love the style and timeless wit of Heinz Rühmann. In the past years it has also been one of the favourites of those of our members who are learners of the German language.



Week 8

Reading by Benedict Wells, Author

Date and Time TBC, Venue TBC

Benedict Wells is the youngest author in the history of the renowned Swiss publisher Diogenes and arguably the most successful young German author. His novels *Beck* (2008), *Spinner* (2009) and *Fast genial* (2011) were on the prestigious Spiegel-Bestsellerlist for weeks and have been translated into multiple languages (except English). This summer his debut was adapted for the screen with Christian Ulmen in the leading role of the teacher Robert Beck. An adaptation of his novel *Fast genial* is in the works with Benedict writing the screenplay. His forth novel will be published in spring 2016.

Events by our sponsors

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:

Week 3: Fri, Oct 30th, 5pm, Christ Church Lecture Room 1

BCG workshop and later a dinner at QUOD

Week 5: Fri, Nov 13th, 7pm, Christ Church SCR

Oliver Wyman dinner

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Week 6: Mon, Nov 16th, 5.30pm, Christ Church Lecture Room 1

McKinsey talk and dinner

Week 7: Do, Nov 26th, 7pm, Oxford Kitchen

Deloitte dinner

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