



MICHAELMAS 2017

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PRESIDENTS' WELCOME



Dear Members of the German Society,

We are happy to welcome new and returning members alike to this year's Michaelmas term!

This term is always especially exciting, as it sees first-years beginning their student life, exploring the city with its various Freshers and Welcoming events, while others return from the long vacation after a well-earned break. Seeing familiar faces again, while also meeting and getting to know all the new members is what makes this term so unique.

To kick off the academic year, we will hold numerous socials throughout the term, amongst them our traditional *Kaffee und Kuchen*, the *Feuerzangenbowle* or the Sunday evening *Tatort*, while also living up to German clichés with our own little *Oktoberfest*. For a relaxed evening in one of Oxford's pubs, and to meet and talk to other members, there will be multiple *Stammtische*. And, on a more formal occasion, we are inviting you to this year's Christmas Dinner! We hope that these will be some of the most relaxing study breaks for you to spend time with your friends and make new ones.

Besides our socials, we are looking forward to our various guests this term. While fellow students from Cambridge and London will visit us for a great day with tours, carols, and dinner during our society exchange, our speakers range from the University's Head of Brexit Strategy, over Roland Koch, former Minister President of Hesse, to Wolfgang Silbermann, Mr. Steinmeier's speechwriter.

We hope that you are as excited for this term as we are. If there is anything you want to talk about, whether it's suggestions on how to improve the society's work, questions, or general concerns, we would love to hear from you. But for now, enjoy the start of the term. We hope to see you soon at one of our events!

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Daria Lange'.

Daria Lange
Co-President
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Julius Hillebrand'.

Julius Hillebrand
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ABOUT OUR SOCIETY

The Oxford University German Society is one of the oldest student-run societies, dating back to the first decade of the 20th century, when it was founded as the "Hanover Club". In 1911 a group of German and British students founded the 'Hanover Club' as a forum for discussion of 'topics of interest and importance to both nations'. The Club, which existed until 1913, was also meant to foster the network between German and British students.

Still the German Society owes to the Spirit of the Hanover Club. All these years the German Society has attracted not only Germans, but we pride ourselves on being a hub for a wide diversity of Oxford students interested in the German culture, language, traditions as well as business and politics. Nevertheless, the growing number of German students at Oxford, forming today the second-largest contingent of non-British students, has also increased membership of the society, which now counts a few hundred members. However, all events are also open to non-members and thus continue to attract large numbers. In order to cater for the variety of tastes and interests represented by our members, the variety of events we offer is very wide, ranging from movie nights (screening some of the most popular German movies), parties, formal dinners and other informal socials to trips to London and Cambridge to meet the German Societies from these "other places". Moreover, the German Society is proud to host a large number of speaker events, inviting many leading politicians, scientists, authors, business people, academics and many other interesting guests from the German-speaking world or with some relevant connection to it.

Overall, we are a non-partisan society aiming at providing a pleasant and open-minded atmosphere where a wide variety of views can be expressed and discussed. No matter whether you are a German, Austrian or Swiss citizen or simply interested in German culture and language, we are sure that you will find our events enjoyable and interesting! Find out more about what we've planned for this term on the next pages.



Members of the Society (and Guests) at one of our recent events



SPEAKERS

As always, we have invited speakers from various backgrounds to facilitate insightful and engaging conversations about topics that matter. Beyond the events hosted by our society, we will also advertise relevant events organised by others throughout the term, so make sure to follow our newsletter.

Also, the committee is always looking for ideas on whom to invite, so if you have any ideas, please pass them on to the committee, and we will try to facilitate an event!

Wolfgang Silbermann, Head of Speechwriting for the President of Germany



Wolfgang Silbermann is Head of Speechwriting for the President of Germany. With him we will speak about the election results, his way into German politics and the power of political speech.

An Oxford alumnus, Silbermann studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics (PPE) before joining the consultancy McKinsey & Company. In 2009, he took up the role of personal assistant to Frank-Walter Steinmeier, first in his position as candidate for chancellor and later as head of the SPD parliamentary group. From 2010 to 2012 Silbermann studied as a McCloy Fellow for a Master of Public Policy (MPP) at the Harvard Kennedy School. Following this, he returned to German politics and worked in the campaign of Peer Steinbrück's (SPD) 2013 bid for the chancellorship. After the election Silbermann joined the team of then Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier as speechwriter and accompanied him through his election as President.

The talk will be held in German and it will be followed by a Q&A session.

Friday 2nd Week | October 20th | 4.30 pm | Location to be announced

Frank Mastiaux, CEO of EnBW Energy



Dr. Frank Mastiaux is the CEO of the German Energy Utility company EnBW. He will speak to us about how renewable energy is transforming the traditional energy sector and the future of electric transportation.

Dr. Mastiaux studied Chemistry at the University of Bochum. In 1993, he received his doctorate from the University of Duisburg-Essen for his research on mineral oil products. In the course of his career he held crucial positions in various international energy companies including British Petroleum (BP) and E.ON before being appointed to the position of CEO of EnBW in 2012. There he is currently leading a radical transformation of the entire company from a coal and nuclear heavy energy production mix towards renewable energy.

The talk will be held in English and it will be followed by a Q&A session.

Monday 4th Week | October 30th | 6.00 pm | Location to be announced

Professor Alastair Buchan, Head of Brexit Strategy, University of Oxford



Professor Alastair Buchan is the University of Oxford's Head of Brexit Strategy, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, and Head of the Medical Sciences Division of the University. Having studied at Cambridge, Oxford and Harvard, he returned to Oxford in 2004. In January 2017, he was appointed as the University's Head of Brexit Strategy, tasked with coordinating the University's response to policy developments and ensuring that Oxford is best-placed to adapt to the rapidly evolving situation around Brexit.

Various outlets such as the Guardian have stressed that Professor Buchan's seniority, and the status of his post, are a clear sign of the gravity with which Oxford is treating the potential impact of Brexit, and we are honoured that Professor Buchan will join us for a talk, followed by a Q&A session, on the impacts of Brexit on the University. The talk will be held in English.

Thursday 5th Week | November 9th | 6.00 pm | Michael Dummet Lecture Theatre, Christ Church College

Roland Koch, former Minister President of Hesse



Roland Koch is a German manager, jurist and former politician of the CDU. During his time in office, Koch was widely regarded as a conservative hardliner and as one of the main rivals of Angela Merkel within her party. Koch studied law at the Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität in Frankfurt and worked as a lawyer specialising in business and competition law until 1999. After having joined the CDU's youth organisation *Junge Union* when only 14 years old, Roland Koch became a member of the Landtag of Hesse from 1987 to 2010. In the 1999 election Koch defeated incumbent Hans Eichel and became Minister-President of Hesse, an office he held onto until 2010. Following his resignation from politics in 2010, Koch joined German construction giant Bilfinger Berger as CEO and brought significant reform to the company before he stepped down from the position in 2014. Since then Koch has founded a law firm, and holds a variety of advisory and supervisory positions.

The talk will be held in German and it will be followed by a Q&A session.

Tuesday 8th Week | November 28th | 5.30 pm | Location to be announced

All of our speakers' events are free to attend for members and non-members.

Venues and exact times may change due to logistical reasons, so make sure to subscribe to our newsletter and like our Facebook page to get the latest information.

SOCIALS AND OTHER EVENTS

Stammtische



The *Stammtisch* is our regular social meeting in one of the many Oxford Pubs. Join us to meet friends, practise your German, or just have a beer (or non-alcoholic drink) or two in a relaxed atmosphere. Like our Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletter, to find out the exact location closer to the date.

Week 2: Wednesday (October 18th) | Week 5: Wednesday (November 8th) | Week 8: Wednesday (November 29th)

Kaffee & Kuchen Social



Join us for tea (or coffee, or cake) on Friday of 1st week! Come and see what the German Society has to offer, meet new and returning members and the committee, all while enjoying the classic Kaffee und Kuchen tradition. All welcome (members and non-members).

Week 1: Friday (October 13th) – 4pm – Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

Oxtoberfest



It's October and you know that can only mean one thing – Oktoberfest (or, as we like to call it, Oxtoberfest)! Come and join us for everyone's favourite Bavarian festival!! Sadly, we cannot promise any roller coasters – but we can guarantee free beer, pretzels and a great time :)

Week 3: Thursday (October 26th) – 6.30pm – Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

Please email events@oxford-germansoc.co.uk if you'd like to come as places will be limited.

German film nights



We will be hosting screenings of some of the best German films throughout the term. Join us for a relaxed and entertaining evening!

Week 5: Sunday (November 5th) – *Tatort* – Fraenkel Room, Corpus Christi

Week 6: Friday (November 17th) – *Film tba* – Fraenkel Room, Corpus Christi

Exchange with the Cambridge and London German Societies



After having visited Cambridge and London in the past, it is our turn to host the exchange with our friends from the Cambridge and London German Societies. We will give them a tour around Oxford, go to the Evensong in Christ Church, and enjoy a formal dinner in Christ Church's fabulous hall. This event is always a great way to see familiar faces again, or to meet new people not only outside your college, but outside our university. An exact schedule and more information on how to sign up for this event will be provided in our newsletter and on Facebook.

Week 4: Saturday (November 4th) – More information on times and venues will be released soon

Christmas Dinner



Join us for our yearly Black Tie Christmas Dinner to celebrate the end of a great year and another Michaelmas Term. There will be friends, port and dinner so make sure to reserve your seat as soon as possible – we will release information on how to do so soon.

Week 6: Monday (November 13th) – 7.30 pm – Christ Church College

Feuerzangenbowle



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. This event does not only cater to all those who love the style and timeless wit of Heinz Rühmann, in the past it has also been one of the favourites of those learning German.

Week 7: Tuesday (November 21st) – 7.30 pm – Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

We will organise more events as the term proceeds, so make sure to like our Facebook page and subscribe to our newsletter so that you always receive the latest information.

LANGUAGE CLASSES

We offer language courses for all those interested in picking up the German language or brushing up their skills! We are planning to organize classes for New Beginners, Intermediate Learners, and Advanced Speakers taking place from Week 1 to Week 8. If you are interested in participating in one of our courses, please come along to our *Kaffee & Kuchen* social in First Week, where we will announce more information about the language programme! And if you cannot make it to this event, follow our weekly newsletter or email language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk to get the latest information once term has started.

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, which are organised in cooperation with the Oxford University German Society:

Bain & Company | October 19th (2nd Week)

Roland Berger | October 27th (3rd Week)

Deloitte | November 2nd (4th Week)

BCG | November 10th (5th Week)

McKinsey | November 17th (6th Week)

Further information will be provided by email in our weekly newsletter. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their kind support:



JOIN THE SOCIETY!

Membership £20.

Become a member of Oxford's central hub for the 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 as well as access to a unique network of students who share your interest in Germany. After your graduation, you will be designated a "friend of the society", keeping your right to attend all *Stammtische*, events, and talks.

You can become a member at one of our events, or join online at www.oxford-germansoc.co.uk.



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1 8 October						Kaffee & Kuchen Social 4-6 pm	
Week 2 15 October				Stammtisch Social 7.30pm, King's Arms	Bain & Company Careers Event	Wolfgang Silbermann Speakers' Event 4.30pm	
Week 3 22 October					Oktoberfest Social 6.30pm	Roland Berger Careers Event	
Week 4 29 October		Dr. Frank Mastiaux Speakers' Event 6.00pm			Deloitte Careers Event		Society Exchange with Cambridge and London
Week 5 5 November	Tatort Night Social 8.15pm			Stammtisch Social 7.30pm, King's Arms	Prof. Alastair Buchan Speakers' Event 6.00pm	BCG Careers Event	
Week 6 12 November		Christmas Dinner Social 7.30pm				Film Night 8.15pm McKinsey Careers Event	
Week 7 19 November			Feuerzangenbowle Social 7.30pm				
Week 8 26 November			Roland Koch Speakers' Event 5.30pm	Stammtisch Social 7.30pm, King's Arms			