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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Dear Members of the German Society,

We would like to welcome you all back for a hopefully very sunny Trinity term! We hope you have had a wonderful break, filled with relaxation, fun, and just the right amount of revision.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us. For one, we are welcoming great speakers, amongst them Dr. Jürgen Grossmann, former CEO of RWE, and Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert, President of the Bundestag. In addition to that, we prepared great social events, keeping the well-established *Stammtische*, bringing back the Trinity term tradition of hosting a Wine & Cheese Social, as well as introducing the Sunday evening Tatort tradition to Oxford – and there is more to come. As you can see, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to take a study break, and spend some time with your friends, as well as making new ones.

Speaking of study breaks, we wish all those of you who will sit exams this term the best of luck with them!

We hope that all of you will enjoy this term. If you have any ideas how we could make it even better for you, we would love to hear your opinion! Simply reach out to us. For now, have a great start into the term, and we hope to see all of you very soon at one of our next events.

Best Wishes,

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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!

Dr. Jürgen Großmann, former CEO of RWE

Dr. Jürgen Großmann is a billionaire, entrepreneur, and a fierce advocate for a united Europe. He holds a PhD in engineering and started his career in the steel industry. Presently, he is a board member of various companies in international industries. Beyond the management of his company he accepted the nomination to be CEO of RWE, Germany's largest domestic energy producer. Mr. Großmann steered RWE through the *Energiewende*, investing heavily into renewable energies while being called the most vocal opponent to the phase-out of nuclear power in Germany. He initiated "United Europe", a high profile think tank that aims to foster European integration. He also is a member of the Atlantik-Brücke and several other influential American-German and British-German groups and societies.



Mr. Großmann's talk will be held in English, and followed by a Q&A session.

Tuesday 1st Week | April 25th | 5.30 pm | Daubeny Lab, Magdalen College | Free entry for all

Prof. Dr. Norbert Lammert MdB, President of the Bundestag

Professor Norbert Lammert, President of the German Bundestag, will be visiting the Oxford German Society to give a talk about the future of the European project. In his function as president of the Bundestag, Norbert Lammert occupies a prominent role in the representation of Germany's parliamentary democracy. He is a strong defender of the European idea that has led to peace and prosperity. As Norbert Lammert himself spent a semester of his studies in Oxford he cares strongly about the developments triggered by the results of the Brexit referendum. In his address to the students he will discuss future scenarios of the European Union as well as the prospective relationship between the EU and the United Kingdom.



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

Tuesday 2nd Week | 2 pm | Blue Boar Lecture Theatre, Christ Church College | Free entry for members, £5 entrance fee for non-members

Dieter Althaus, former Minister President of Thuringia

Dieter Althaus was Minister President (Governor) of Thuringia from 2003 to 2009 and served as President of the Bundesrat. He was raised in the GDR and educated as a mathematics and physics teacher. He has drawn criticism for his strong support of socialism during his time as principal of a school. After the reunification of Germany, he quickly rose to high ranks in the German Conservative Party (CDU). He became governor of the German State Thuringia in 2003. While in office as governor, he caused a fatal skiing accident in the Austrian alps, colliding with another skier who later died from her injuries. Althaus himself was severely injured, and later sentenced to a fine for negligent homicide.



He lost the subsequent governor's election and joined the Austro-Canadian automotive supplier company Magna as vice-president.

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

Thursday 3rd Week | May 11th | 6.30 pm | Daubeny Lab, Magdalen College | Free entry for all

René Obermann, former CEO of Deutsche Telekom AG

René Obermann is the former CEO of Deutsche Telekom AG. As an economics undergraduate, Mr. Obermann founded a start-up in the telecommunications industry, which he sold successfully before holding several management positions at Deutsche Telekom AG, including CEO from 2006 to 2013. Afterwards, at the age of 48, he decided that he wanted to be “closer to the machine room” and joined a Dutch start-up company in the telecommunications industry. When the company was sold to the private equity firm Warburg Pincus, Mr. Obermann was hired as managing director.



He is married to the German talk show host Maybrit Illner.

Mr. Obermann's talk will be held in English, and followed by a Q&A session.

Wednesday 6th Week | May 31st | 5.30 pm | Shulman Auditorium, Queens College | Free entry for all

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. Look out for the “Stammtisch” sign! Like our Facebook page, or subscribe to our newsletter, to find out the exact location closer to the date.

Week 1: Wednesday (April 26th) | Week 5: Sunday (May 21st) | Week 7: Saturday (June 10th)

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 3: Sunday (May 7th) – *Tatort* – Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

Week 6: Friday (June 2nd) – *Film tbc* – Fraenkel Room, Corpus Christi College

Wine & Cheese Social



Join us for an evening filled with an excellent selection of fine wines and cheese at our traditional Trinity Term drinks event. This is your chance to take a break from revision or work and enjoy food, drinks and great conversations in the relaxed atmosphere of Corpus Christi College.

Week 4: Wednesday (May 17th) – 7pm – Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

Bonn Week



Oxford’s twinning link with the former German capital Bonn is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. For this, Oxford is hosting a weekend of activities, with celebrations from Thursday 25 to Sunday 28 May 2017. There will be a *Bürgerfest* on Broad Street, musical events, and much more!

Read more about the celebrations: https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20273/bonn_week

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! There will be classes for New Beginners, Continuing Beginners, Intermediate Learners, and Advanced Speakers taking place from Week 1 to Week 8. The exact times and locations of the courses are as follows:

- › New beginners: Tuesday, 17.00-18.00, Regent's Park College, Collier Room, taught by Sandra Franz (sandra.franz@regents.ox.ac.uk)
- › Continuing beginners: Friday, 18.30 - 20.00, Manor Road Building, Room 132, taught by Catharina Lewerenz (catharina.lewerenz@bnc.ox.ac.uk)
- › Intermediate: Thursday, 17.00-18.00, Wellington Square 47, Basement Lecture Room, taught by Tiziana Imstepf (tiziana.imstepf@lincoln.ox.ac.uk)
- › Advanced: Wednesday, 17.00-18.00, Wellington Square 47, Basement Lecture Room, taught by Denis Hartmann (denis.hartmann@st-annes.ox.ac.uk)

If you have specific questions to one of the courses, please ask the teachers directly. For general questions, please send them to language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk.

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:

Siemens Consulting | May 18th (4th Week)

BCG | Women's Dinner London | May 19th (4th Week)

Roland Berger | Presentation Techniques Workshop | June 8th (7th 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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