



HILARY 2018

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PRESIDENTS' WELCOME



Dear Members of the German Society,

We hope that you have had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season, and that you're returning as refreshed as ever. New year, new term, and new events. The whole committee has worked hard to offer you the best possible set of events for this year's Hilary, and we are happy to present you our new term card packed with events ranging from our classics to new formats.

Socials are, as always, an important part of what we do. In addition to our classic *Stammtisch*, we hope to welcome you at one of our big events. After the huge demand and your great feedback for our *Kaffee & Kuchen* event last Michaelmas, you asked us why we don't do this more often. So here it is - *Kaffee & Kuchen* will return, for the first time ever in Hilary term. And there'll be more – we're sure that you'll find that whether you reuse your Bop costumes at our *Karneval* event, join us for a relaxed Spring Brunch, or feast at our Annual Easter Dinner: We always offer you a good reason to escape the library, relax and meet new people.

Furthermore, we are excited to host another line of impressive guests this term. Our speakers this term include Sir Paul Lever who will talk about his experiences as British Ambassador to Germany, Hans-Josef Fell, father of the *Erneuerbare-Energien-Gesetz* (Renewable Energy Sources Act), Claus Hipp speaking about the importance of family businesses and Ronja von Rönne who will speak to us about her writing and journalism. Furthermore, we are introducing a new format – *Kamingespräche*. Think German academics from Oxford, or academics with a German research focus, discussing their work with a small group next to a fireplace over nibbles and drinks.

On Sunday of 7th week, we invite all of you to one of the most important events of the year, our annual Committee Elections as part of the General Meeting. Whether you want to run for a position, discuss how to improve society work, or simply have your say and vote: This is your chance. If you have any questions regarding the various positions or the elections in general, please contact us – we'll send out more detailed information on the process, and organise an information meeting, in due course.

With that in mind, and although elections seem far away, this is already our last President's Welcome. We want to take this opportunity to thank the whole committee for all the hard work they have done so far, and for all that is yet to come. We hope that you enjoy everything that comes out of it as much as we do.

Our best, and a happy new year,

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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!

Sir Paul Lever, British Ambassador to Germany from 1997 to 2003



Sir Paul Lever was British Ambassador to Germany from 1997 to 2003 and will speak to us about Germany's role on the world stage. In a recently published work, Sir Lever argued that Germany is a reluctant leader, contrary to what many in Europe believe, and that other EU states want to be led by Germany rather than the other way around. His work has been widely acclaimed, and he has been praised as one of Britain's "most-distinguished ex-Ambassadors to Germany".

Sir Lever, an Oxford alumnus, joined the Diplomatic Service in 1966, and his previous postings included service in NATO, in the European Commission, as chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee and as EU and economic director in the Foreign Office.

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

Thursday 2nd Week | January 25th | 5.30 pm | Shulman Auditorium, Queen's College

Hans-Josef Fell, Author of the Renewable Energy Sources Act



Hans-Josef Fell was Member of the Bundestag from 1998 to 2013 and authored the Renewable Energy Sources Act which kickstarted the *Energiewende* (energy transition) in Germany. Today, Mr Fell is founder and president of the Energy Watch group and an internationally renowned energy and climate change advisor.

Mr Fell studied Physics and Sport Sciences at the University of Würzburg and worked as a teacher before beginning his political career on the city council in his hometown of Hammelburg. In 1998, he was elected Member of the Bundestag. There, he was spokesman of the Green parliamentary group on the Bundestag's research committee, and the reports which he initiated there still offer important foundations for legislative developments today. During this time, he also wrote the draft of the *Erneuerbare Energien Gesetz* (Renewable Energy Sources Act), which was adopted in 2000.

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

Saturday 4th Week | February 10th | 5.30 pm | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

Ronja von Rönne, Author, Blogger, TV Presenter and Journalist



Ronja von Rönne is an author, blogger, TV presenter and journalist. She will speak to us about her work, constantly linking the different priorities of literature, culture and politics, as well as how she manages her professional life with recurring mental illness.

After beginning to publish her Online-Blog “Sudelheft” in 2012, she moved on to write weekly columns for German Daily “Die Welt” as of 2015. Her column “Warum mich der Feminismus anekelt” brought her both public controversy and a silver medal at the Media Awards “Axel Springer Preis”. Embracing the controversy but distancing herself from the piece, she declined the Prize. After publishing two books, she co-hosted the widely discussed Talkshow *Überzeugt uns!* during the recent German election, where politicians were urged to make their case to young voters. Since October 2017 she also presents the Arte black and white culture format *Streetphilosophy*. As one of the most recognized voices of her generation, her column moved to “Die Zeit” in 2017 and published on a weekly basis. Ronja von Rönne has been able to achieve all this managing mental illness after a trauma caused by an accidentally infused LSD overdose.

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

Tuesday 5th Week | February 13th | Time and venue to be announced

Prof. Dr. Claus Hipp, CEO of HiPP



Prof. Dr. Claus Hipp is one of Germany’s most remarkable and visionary CEO’s. His life story is inextricably linked with the history of the HiPP company, a German producer of baby food in a family tradition of more than 100 years.

Shortly after Claus Hipp graduated from his studies of law in Munich with a PhD, he took over the leadership of HiPP. Growing the company to an international champion of baby food with more than 3,500 employees and hundreds of millions of revenues, Claus Hipp put HiPP on an unrivalled path of environmental leadership for which he was honoured with the Bundesverdienstkreuz. But he is an exceptional figure far beyond this. His daily routine that includes getting up at 4.30 am every morning dwarfs that of today’s big shots of Silicon Valley. He is an accomplished painter under his birth name of Nikolaus Hipp with exhibitions around the world, holds a professorship in art and is known to be a fabulous musician.

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

Tuesday 6th Week | February 20th | 4.00 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 Oxford's many 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.

Tuesday of Week 2 | Wednesday of Week 5 | Third date to be announced

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).

Friday 1st Week | January 19th | 5.00 pm | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

Karneval



After the great success of our Oktoberfest last term, we're now bringing Karneval to Oxford! Whether you say Alaaf or Helau this promises to be a fun evening full of crazy costumes, magical music, cool conversation and banging beverages, so make sure to bring your costume to Oxford and not miss out on this unique night!

Thursday 4th Week | February 8th | 8.00 pm | St Giles Parish Room

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: Friday (February 2nd) – *Good Bye, Lenin!* – Corpus Christi College

Week 5: Sunday (February 11th) – *Tatort* – Corpus Christi College

Spring Brunch



Need a pick-me-up after 5th week? Or a hangover cure? Or just LOOOOVE brunch in general? Then our *Sprunch* is for you! We look forward to welcoming spring together with you in the cozy atmosphere of the Rainolds Room. Join us for a buffet brunch of your dreams!

Sunday 6th Week | February 18th | 11.30 am | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

Trip to the Cambridge German Society Oktoberfest



After having been visited by the Cambridge and London German Societies in the past, this term it is our turn to embark on the journey westwards to Cambridge. There, we will have something special to look forward to: The famous *Oktoberfest* of the Cambridge German Society! Join us to meet old and new friends, relive *Oktoberfest* memories and create new ones, and enjoy a breather outside of Oxford.

An exact schedule and more information on how to sign up for this event will be provided in our newsletter and on Facebook.

Saturday 7th Week (March 3rd)

Annual Easter Dinner



Join us for our yearly Black Tie Easter Dinner to celebrate the end of yet another great term. There will be friends, port and dinner so make sure to ballot for a place – we will release information on how to do so soon.

Time and location to be announced

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.

NEW AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual General Meeting and Committee Elections



We invite all our current and prospective members to our Annual General Meeting on Sunday of 7th Week. Come along to hear a report about the activities of the committee over the past year, and for the hustings and elections for the 2018-19 Committee of the Society. If you are interested in running for a position yourself, make sure to follow our newsletter as we will announce an introductory meeting for all candidates soon!

Sunday 7th Week | February 25th | 11.00 am | Lecture Room 23, Balliol College

New Format: Kamingespräche



We will have another new event series kicking off this Hilary term: Join us for Akademische Kaminabende (Fireside Talks)! This open format at a real fireside will provide the opportunity to bring together opinions on some of the most debated topics of our time, guided by an academic expert on the field.

For the inaugural fireside talk this term, we will be joined by Felix Krawatzek, British Academy Postdoctoral Fellow at the Department of Politics and International Relations, who will provide insights from previous migration flows. He will focus on the huge political controversy over the capacity of modern nation states to integrate diverse migrant stocks. We know very little about how processes of integration unfold over a long period of time, impact on the sense of belonging of migrants and also change national identity. His talk will reflect on the notions of belonging in a migratory context by looking at the migration from German-speaking Europe to the US and the varying forms of transnationalism maintained by those migrants throughout the 19th and 20th century.

Our new format will allow everyone to share their opinions and will provide a space for open discussion. We look forward to presenting you many more German Oxford academics in the upcoming terms and provide a forum to engage with them and their work.

Tuesday 3rd Week | January 30th | Time to be announced | Old Taberdar's Room, Queen's College

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 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:

- › Beginners: Wednesday, 18.30-20.00, Manor Road Building, taught by Catharina Lewerenz (catharina.lewerenz@bnc.ox.ac.uk)
- › Intermediate: Friday, 18.00-19.00, Manor Road Building, taught by Sofia Derer (sofia.derer@some.ox.ac.uk)
- › Advanced: Thursday, 16.00-17.00, Ertegun House, taught by Eileen Jakeway (eileen.jakeway@pmb.ox.ac.uk)

If you have any questions, please contact language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk or on specific questions the individual teacher. The classes are free, you just need to become a member of the society.

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:

Oliver Wyman | February 9th (4th Week)

Bain & Company | March 1st (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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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1 14 January						Kaffee & Kuchen Social 5-7pm	
Week 2 21 January			Stammtisch Social 7.30pm		Sir Paul Lever Speaker's Event 5.30pm		
Week 3 28 January			Inaugural Fireside Talk Time tba			Film Night: Good Bye, Lenin! 8.00pm	
Week 4 4 February					Karneval Social 8.00pm	Oliver Wyman Careers Event	Hans-Josef Fell Speaker's Event 5.30pm
Week 5 11 February	Tatort Night 8.15pm		Ronja von Rönne Speaker's Event Time tba	Stammtisch Social 7.30pm			
Week 6 18 February	Spring Brunch Social 11.30am		Prof. Dr. Claus Hipp Speaker's Event 4.00pm				
Week 7 25 February	Annual Meeting and Committee Elections 11.00am				Bain & Company Careers Event		Trip to the Cambridge German Society Oktoberfest
Week 8 4 March							