



HILARY 2019

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## PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great Christmas break.

As usual, we prepared many exciting events for you. But this Hilary term 2019 will be special - it is likely our last Oxford term in the European Union. We, the Oxford German Society, will view this political change as a challenge. Since 1911, it has been one of the society's main aims to support a good understanding between our two nations, to promote cultural exchange, and to create bilateral networks amongst Oxford students. This will become more important than ever and therefore, European unity and Anglo-German friendship will lead us through Hilary term 2019.

We start with a discussion and Q&A with Prof. Buchan, the University's Head of Brexit Strategy, about the future of the University of Oxford and the consequences of Brexit on us as students. Later in the term, the *European Evening* - an inaugural event with performances and music - will celebrate the idea of a united Europe; *Abendbrot* will strengthen our bonds with our British friends; and finally, we will gather with our friends from other European Oxford Societies.

But Brexit is only one of a number of pressing topics in the world these days. To give us an insight into the role of science and scientific research in political discussion and decision making in times of fake news and populism, we invited Dr. Heinen, the head of research services of the *Bundestag*. We will also be joined by Andrea Schumacher, the vice-president of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF), with whom we will discuss the European migrant crisis of 2015 and the role of the BAMF. In our media week, representatives from some of Germany's largest newspapers will explain the importance and impact of their work. We will also discuss the culture of exciting and controversial debates.

And as always, we look forward to welcoming you to a great number of social events: our *Kaffee & Kuchen*, a joint wine and cheese event with the French Society, and our *Stammtische*. We are also invited to go to London and Cambridge this term and hope to see many of you at our two great day-trips boasting an exciting programme.

Please check out our weekly beginners and advanced German language classes and spread the word amongst your friends! We have fantastic teachers and all language classes are free for members.

Finally, Hilary term will be the last term of the current committee. Please join us at our annual general meeting on Sunday, the 17th of February to elect the future committee. If you are interested in getting involved in the German Society, please do not hesitate to contact us or get to know us at our meet-and-greet on the 6th of February. Hope to see you at one of our many events.

Best Wishes,



Sven Jaeschke  
President  
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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!

All our speaker events are free to attend for members and non-members.

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### *Dr. Guido Heinen, Head of Research Services of the Bundestag*



The Head of Research Services of the German Parliament, the Bundestag, will join us for a talk and discussion about the interaction between politics, research and science, and knowledge management.

Dr. Heinen studied Catholic theology, philosophy and law at the Universities of Würzburg and Swiss Freiburg, eventually gaining a doctoral degree in theology. After training to be a journalist, he worked as an editor in the director's office and later as the head of department for domestic policy for the national newspaper *Die Welt*. Particularly, he published work on the financing of political parties, organised crime and secret services. In 2006, he was appointed director of press and communication of the German Bundestag. Further, he served as the spokesman to the president of the Bundestag, Norbert Lammert. He has been the head of research services to the Bundestag since 2011.

Join us for what promises to be a fascinating discussion about the German Parliament and Dr. Heinen's work in bringing truth to politics in an age of alternative facts and fake news.

The talk and Q&A will be held in German. This event is open to everyone.

Monday of Week 2 | January 21<sup>st</sup> | 5.00 pm | Sutro Room, Trinity College

## *Prof. Alastair Buchan, Head of the University's Brexit Strategy*



What will come after Brexit? What is going to change for us as students at Oxford University? Prof. Alastair Buchan, Head of Brexit Strategy of the University of Oxford and Pro-Vice Chancellor, will return to the German Society for a discussion evening and Q&A. Prof. Buchan currently holds the chair of stroke research and has successfully initiated the Berlin Partnership programme, a new research collaboration with the three universities of Berlin and the Charité.

The discussion and Q&A will be held in English - Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday of Week 3 | January 29<sup>th</sup> | 5.00 pm | location tbc

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## *Andrea Schumacher, Vice President of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)*



Andrea Schumacher is vice president of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) since June 2018. Before her current position, she worked in a range of departments in the Ministry of the Interior. After working in and directing the departments on co-operation against international terrorism and for international police co-operation, she was Germany's Permanent Representative in the EU as Head of Interior Policy I (refugees, migration and external borders) from 2012 to 2017. In 2017, she became Permanent Representative in NATO as Head of Civil Defence/Security of the Interior.

We are excited to hear from Ms. Schumacher about the BAMF's role in the refugee influx of 2015, the developments since then and an outlook into the future.

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

Wednesday of Week 3 | January 30<sup>th</sup> | 5.30 pm | Shulman Auditorium, The Queen's College

## Prof. Jonathan Wolff, British Philosopher



Jonathan Wolff is a British philosopher, well-known not only as holder of the Blavatnik Chair in Public Policy, but particularly among Politics undergraduates for his Introduction to Political Philosophy. A pupil of G.A. Cohen at University College London, he has written on Marxism, Nozick and inequality.

After the experiences in the GDR, Marxism is viewed in Germany mostly as naive or dangerous. In our Fireside Talk, we hope to examine how perspectives on Marx differ between Britain and Germany, and to gain insights into why he might be still relevant today.

The discussion will be held in English.

Tuesday of Week 4 | February 5<sup>th</sup> | 5.30 pm | location tbc

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## Media Week

We will be discussing the relationship between media and politics. What was the media's role in 2015's so-called migration crisis? Would the AfD have been able to gain as many parliamentary seats if the media had done something different?

People are split both in the UK and Germany: over Brexit, over migration, over globalisation. How can these differences be bridged in debates, public and private?

Join us for discussions with **Alexandra Borchardt**, **Julian Reichelt** and **Bernd Ulrich**.

Wednesday and Friday of Week 5 | location tbc

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## Carolin Kebekus, German Comedian and TV Host



We are thrilled to welcome Carolin Kebekus, who won the *German Comedy Award* for best comedian six years in a row. Starting out as an intern, she worked her way through sketches and stand-up comedy. As a cast member of “*die heute-show*” since 2013, she shows her skill in political satire. In her own award-winning show “*PussyTerror TV*”, Ms. Kebekus hosts other comedians and celebrities, but also acts in sketches. Join us when we explore the allegedly non-existent “German” humour.

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

Monday of Week 7 | February 25<sup>th</sup> | 5.00 pm | location tbc

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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

### *Kaffee & Kuchen Social*



Coffee and Cake, our traditional first social event of the term! Start the year off right with some baked goodies, alongside coffee and tea. Kaffee und Kuchen is a great way to socialise with others (particularly for freshers) who are interested in German culture, to meet the committee or simply join us for the (free!) cake. Open to both members and non-members of the German Society, everyone is welcome!

Friday of Week 1 | January 18<sup>th</sup> | 5.00 pm | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

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### *Meet the Committee Stammtisch*



Are you interested in getting involved in the committee next year? Feel free to join us for an informal session to find out how to get involved, what roles are available and listen to our personal experiences as part of the German Society committee.

Wednesday of Week 4 | February 6<sup>th</sup> | 7.00 pm | Wadham Room, Kings Arms

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### *Abendbrot*



As part of our European friendship series, we warmly invite you to experience a part of German tradition: Abendbrot, or literally translated “Evening Bread”. Abendbrot is a light meal eaten around dinner time, and as the name suggests, it mainly consists of bread accompanied with various sausages and more. Don’t miss out on this invaluable opportunity to experience authentic German culture and food.

Wednesday of Week 6 | February 20<sup>th</sup> | 6.00 pm | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

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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

### *Europe in Concert*



Come join us for a European Evening full of song, music and poetry! We invite each and every one to tell us their association with “Europe”, whether it is through a self-written piece, a story or any other contribution. The event is free and open to everyone to join, and there will be a wine reception afterwards. If you are interested in performing something, please e-mail our responsible Event Officer: [celine.li@ccc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:celine.li@ccc.ox.ac.uk).

Friday of Week 3 | February 1<sup>st</sup> | 5.00 pm | Auditorium, Corpus Christi College

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### *Exchange with London German Societies*



Last term, we have hosted our friends from the German Societies from Cambridge and London Universities. Now, we are invited to go to London. Get excited for an half day-programme that will be led by our Londoner German Societies and which will include a tour of London, a rooftop drink reception and dinner in Shoreditch.

Saturday of Week 4 | February 9<sup>th</sup> | London

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### *Annual General Meeting*

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Sunday of Week 6 | February 17<sup>th</sup> | 4.00 – 6.00 pm | Pusey Room, Keble College

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### *Exchange with Cambridge German Society*



Our second Society exchange will lead us to “the other place.” We are invited to join our friends in Cambridge for their infamous Oktoberfest in March.

A tour through the town, access to the Colleges, and a ticket for the Oktoberfest will guarantee a great trip! Transport will be organised!

Saturday of Week 8 | March 9<sup>th</sup> | Cambridge



## LANGUAGE CLASSES

We are very happy to be able to offer FREE German language classes for our members. The classes are open for all those interested in picking up the German language or brushing up their skills from school. Beginners and advanced learners are both welcome!

We are delighted to announce that we will continue offering a beginner and an advanced class this Hilary Term (those who haven't been to any class in Michaelmas Term can join any time).

**Beginner Class:** Mondays, 6 - 7 pm, Refugee Scholars' Room, Corpus Christi College

**Advanced Class:** Thursdays, 4.30 - 5.30 pm, Corpus Christi College

Weeks 1-3, 5, 8: Rainolds Room

Weeks 4 and 6: Morelli Room

Week 7: Auditorium

For more information check our newsletters or e-mail [language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk)!

## DIE MANNSCHAFT

The season for our Polish-German Football Team is going into the second half. This term we will be facing the Rhodes Scholars, St. John's College and Sommerville College. Our team is open for everyone – no prior experience required.

If you are interested in joining, please e-mail our responsible Officer for Football:  
[steven.dierksmeier@st-hughs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:steven.dierksmeier@st-hughs.ox.ac.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:

**BCG** | Careers Event | February 21<sup>st</sup> (Thursday of Week 6) | 4.00 pm | location tbc

**Bain & Company** | Careers Event | March 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday of Week 7) | time and location tbc

**Burda** | Investment Workshop | time and location tbc

**Roland Berger** | Workshop | time and location tba

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



## JOIN THE SOCIETY!

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](http://www.oxford-germansoc.co.uk).



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