



TRINITY 2019

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Dear members and friends of the German Society,

We hope you have had a relaxing spring break and welcome you back to the last term of the academic year! Though Trinity term may be riddled with deadlines and exams, we have put together many events to make this term memorable and exciting outside the library.

We had anticipated that the previous term would be the UK's last term in the European Union. Since it looks as though this will not be the case, and the UK will take part in the European Elections, we look forward to examining the results of this election and what they imply together with an array of experts, both German and international, here in Oxford. We also look forward to celebrating European friendship with our Italian friends at a Formal Dinner in Trinity College, continuing the Trinity dinners inaugurated last year. We can't wait for a rematch with our Polish neighbors in our table-football social later this term as well!

We are thrilled to host a range of fantastic speakers next term, among them Jürgen Wiebicke, German journalist, radio host and author in the area of philosophy. In that vein, we look forward to discussing bioethics and medical ethics with Prof. Dr. Peter Dabrock, Professor for Systematic Theology at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

A number of our traditional social events are also on the agenda. We will continue our popular *Stammtische*. We hosted one out-of-term Stammtisch during the vacation, and will continue to do so throughout the term and the summer, so make sure to keep an eye on updates on our Facebook page. Of course, our traditional first social of the term, *Kaffee & Kuchen*, will feature delicious German baked goods, coffee, cake, and socializing.

For some of you, this term is your last in Oxford. We hope to make this one another unforgettable term as part of the Oxford German Society, and hope to stay in touch with you after you leave Oxford, for instance by inviting you to join our Alumni societies back home in Germany. More information on this will follow later in Trinity term.

Trinity term is also the inaugural term for us, your newly elected committee. Please feel free to reach out to us with suggestions at any time. In particular, suggestions and ideas for speaker invitations are very welcome – if you have an idea for a new speaker's event or otherwise, please let us know and we will do our best to follow up on your requests.

It remains for us to wish those of you sitting exams this term and handing in their theses the very best of luck. We hope you will be able to take a break to join us at one of our many events, meeting old friends and making new ones.

All the best,

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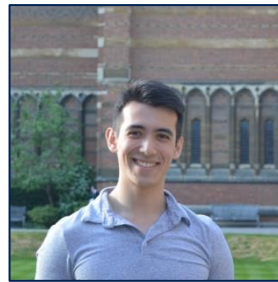
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SPEAKERS

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.

Jürgen Wiebicke, Radio Host of “Das Philosophische Radio”



Jürgen Wiebicke is a German journalist, radio host and author in the area of philosophy. In his radio show *Das Philosophische Radio* (WDR 5, Fridays, 20:05), Wiebicke discusses philosophical questions with German-speaking philosophers and political scientists in an accessible way.

One of his aims being to bring philosophy closer to listeners with a non-academic background, Wiebicke incorporates e-mails and phone calls from the audience into his show. Next to contributing to the philosophical festival *phil.Cologne*, he has also been writing articles for the magazine *Philosophie Magazin* since its launch in 2011. In 2017, Wiebicke published his third book *Zehn Regeln für Demokratie-Retter*.

Join us for an interesting talk and discussion where we debate how to improve the quality of public discourse. The talk will be held in German and will be followed by a Q&A session. This event is open to everyone.

Monday of Week 2 | May 6th | 6.00 pm | Harold Wilson Room, Jesus College

Fireside Talk: 70th Anniversary of the Grundgesetz



Join us as we look back on seventy years since the German Constitution, the so-called Grundgesetz (Basic Law) was approved on May 8 1949 in Bonn, and, with the signature of the occupying western Allies of World War II on May 12, came into effect on the 23rd of May 1949, the birthday of our constitution.

We look forward to having experts such as Dr. Matthias Dilling, Department of Politics and International Relations and Magdalen College, to discuss the Grundgesetz and its legacy thus far.

Join us when we discuss and analyse our unique constitution and the 70 years of German political stability it has granted. Stay tuned - subscribe to our newsletter and like our Facebook page to find out closer to the event!

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

Monday of Week 4 | May 20th | 5.00 pm | location tbc

Timon Ruban, Founder of luminovo.ai



Timon Ruban is one of the founders of luminovo.ai, a deep learning start-up from Munich with the goal of accelerating the use of AI in Europe. Before returning to Germany to found his start-up, Timon spent two years as a Fulbright scholar at Stanford University where he helped teach Andrew Ng's machine learning class.

In an interactive talk and discussion, Timon will shine some light on different ethical and moral considerations involving the present and future use of AI, how to bring machine learning from academia to the industrial sector, and the obstacles and opportunities one may face when starting a start-up or business in Germany.

The talk will be held in German and is open to everyone.

Thursday of Week 4 | May 23rd | 6.30 pm | Harold Wilson Room, Jesus College

Dr Matthias Dilling, Departmental Lecturer in Comparative Politics



The 2019 European Elections promise to be one of a kind, with respect to its impact on German, British, and European politics at large. We will analyse the results of this election with Dr. Matthias Dilling, Departmental Lecturer in Comparative Politics at the University.

He regularly comments on German and European politics for print and broadcast media. Join us as we examine the results of the first European Elections in which many of us have a vote!

The talk will be held in German and is open to everyone.

Monday of Week 5 | May 27th | 5.00 pm | location tbc

Peter Dabrock, Chair of the German Ethics Council



Prof. Dr. Peter Dabrock is Professor for Systematic Theology (Ethics) at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. Since 2012, he has been a member of the German Ethics Council (Deutscher Ethikrat) and was appointed as its chairman in 2016. His work focuses on topics related to bioethics and medical ethics.

In this talk he will explore how the two megatrends 'artificial intelligence' and 'genetic engineering' will shape the 21st century, trends that have prompted euphoric but also apocalyptic visions. Join us in this interesting talk on the fusion of biotechnology and artificial intelligence and how this challenges the future of the biological human. The talk and discussion will be held in English.

Tuesday of Week 5 | May 28th | 6.00 pm | Danson Room, Trinity College

SOCIALS AND OTHER EVENTS

Kaffee & Kuchen Social



Coffee and Cake, our traditional first social event of the term! Start the term off right with some baked goodies, alongside coffee and tea. Kaffee und Kuchen is a great way to socialise with others 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 | May 3rd | 5.00 pm | Danson Room, Trinity College

Europe Day – European Social



Europe Day held on 9 May every year celebrates peace and unity in Europe. The date marks the anniversary of the historical 'Schuman declaration'. At a speech in Paris in 1950, Robert Schuman, the then French foreign minister, set out his idea for a new form of political cooperation in Europe, which would make war between Europe's nations unthinkable.

His vision was to create a European institution that would pool and manage coal and steel production. A treaty creating such a body was signed just under a year later. Schuman's proposal is considered to be the beginning of what is now the European Union.

Celebrate European peace and unity with the European Societies in Oxford with a picnic in University Parks, or at Kings Arms in the case of rain. Everyone is welcome!

Saturday of Week 2 | May 11th | 3.00 pm | University Parks; Kings Arms in case of rain

Stammtisch



The ever popular Stammtisch returns twice this term, once on **Wednesday of 3rd week** and a farewell event on Wednesday of 8th week. Come down to the Wadham room at the Kings Arms for a relaxed night of drinking and socialising with the German Society. Members and non-members welcome.

Wednesday of **Week 3** & 8 | **May 15th** & June 19th | 7.00 pm | Wadham Room, Kings Arms

Exchange Dinner with the Italian Society



We are excited to continue one of our favourite traditions: The Trinity Term Exchange Dinner.

We're looking forward to jointly hosting a formal dinner with the OU Italian Society, enjoy great food and drinks, while spreading some European spirit with our close neighbours.

Tickets will become available in Week 2 of the term - exclusively for members of the German and Italian Societies.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Wednesday of Week 4 | May 22nd | 7.00 pm | Trinity 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 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 a beginners and an advanced class this Trinity Term (those who haven't been to a class in Hilary Term can as well 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, 6, 7, 8: Seminar Room. Week 4: Refugee Scholar's Room

For more information check our [newsletters](#) or e-mail 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, for instance a workshop by Celonis on the 15th of May, which will discuss Digital Transformation and Big Data.

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.



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