



TRINITY 2020

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PRESIDENTS' WELCOME 🙌

Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

We hope you are all well and keeping safe.

The pandemic has affected our lives in many unprecedented ways, and it has led to a very unusual Trinity. We should, however, not forget that challenges can be excellent opportunities to question the status quo and to improve what we do as a society. We want to take this opportunity to grow and bring our community together in new ways.

We are happy to announce the termcard for Trinity term, featuring a diverse range of speakers, socials, career events and competitions. We will start the term off with a sweet treat - the first *Kaffee und Kuchen* baking competition. Our 'houseparty' *Stammtische* will allow you to meet new and old friends and compete in quizzes for *Ruhm und Ehre*, whilst in a throwback to the good (and very) old times, we are organising our first Postcard Challenge - who knows where your next postcard will be sent from! We are also hosting a fantastic selection of speakers, such as State Minister of Digitalisation Dorothee Bär, the famous writer of 'Er ist wieder da' Timur Vermes, and 'MrWissen2go' producer and journalist Mirko Drotschmann.

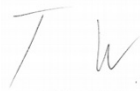
Trinity term is also the inaugural term for us, your newly elected committee, which makes the current situation a real 'trial by fire'! Please have patience with us as we work to take our society online, and feel free to reach out to us with suggestions and feedback at any time.

Finally, we wish those of you preparing for exams or writing theses this term the best of luck!

All the best,



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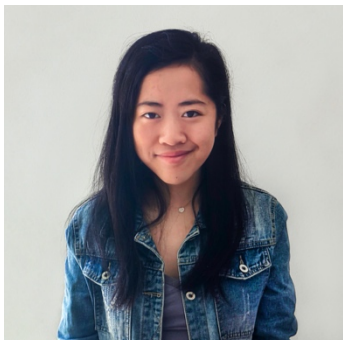


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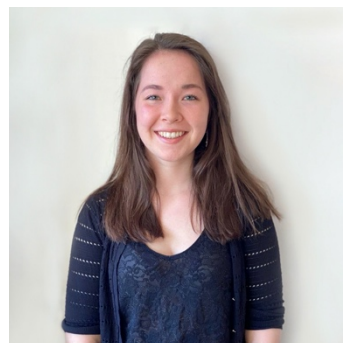
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SPEAKERS



As always, we have invited speakers from diverse backgrounds to facilitate insightful and engaging conversations about topics that matter. In addition to the events hosted by the German Society, we will also advertise external events relevant to our members throughout the term, so make sure to [subscribe to our newsletter](#).

The committee is always open to speaker suggestions. If you want to propose that we invite someone, please do [get in touch](#)!

Mirko Drotschmann - German Youtuber, Journalist and Author



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Mirko Drotschmann (otherwise known as 'MrWissen2Go') is a German Youtuber, journalist and author focusing on online video production. In his career, he has worked with numerous public broadcasters such as ARD, ZDF, SWR, and MDR. His videos cover historical topics and provide intriguing commentary on contemporary debates. They have aroused a great amount of interest which is mirrored in his more than 1.2 million subscribers on Youtube alone. Furthermore, he is an advisor on digital topics to the state

government of Rhineland-Palatinate. In this interview, he will talk to us about his career as a journalist and how opinions are formed on the internet: What role do influencers have on the internet and how can this role impact public opinion? What responsibilities do influencers have as such? How has and how will access to information change our society? Join us for what promises to be an insightful discussion about a topic that is highly relevant for the future of journalism, media, and our society.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/DeHoLFChcrMCEXxm6>

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

Saturday of Week 1 | 2 May | 2.30 pm (BST) | Zoom (link will be sent to you after you signed up with the [Google Form](#))

[Facebook event](#)

Dorothee Bär - State Minister for Digitalisation (CSU)



Dorothee Bär is a German politician from the CSU currently serving as Minister of State for Digitalisation at the Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt) in Berlin. She has been a member of the German Bundestag since 2002 and the Vice Chairwoman of the CSU since 2017. Her previous roles include posts as a Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Transport and Digital Infrastructure and as a Spokeswoman of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag on family affairs, senior citizens, women and youth. In this interview, she will talk about her experiences as a politician and lawmaker in digital policies. The discussion will centre around how digital policies are shaping society: One important topic will be data security, especially the new EU data protection regulation (EU-Datenschutzgrundverordnung). We will also discuss how the COVID-19 pandemic impacts the way we interact, study and work (online). So, look forward to what promises to be an exciting event on our digital future with one of Germany's leading politicians in this field.

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

Thursday of Week 2 | 7 May | 4.00 pm (BST) | Online (link will be sent out closer to the date)

Timur Vermes - Best-selling German Author



Timur Vermes is a best-selling German author, known for both 'Guess Who's Back' (German: 'Er ist wieder da') and 'The Hungry and the Fat' (German: 'Die Hungrigen und die Satten'). Both books provide a well-founded and intriguing criticism of German society focusing on issues relevant to everyone. In this interview, he is going to talk to us about his writing principles and motives: How does he create the dystopian scenarios in his novels whilst keeping the right balance between absurdity and reality? How far away from reality are they actually? And what is his opinion on the general role of literature in the political world? Furthermore, we will discuss with him how to overcome societal challenges in general, particularly with regard to the issues he deals with in his books: the coping with the German past, methods of the media branch and the refugee crisis. This will be a discussion with a wide range of topics, and certainly interesting for everyone.

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

Week 6 (exact date and time to be confirmed) | Online (link will be sent out closer to the date)

All our speaker events are free to attend for members but may have capacity limits. For more information, [subscribe to our newsletter](#), like our [Facebook page](#), and follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

SOCIALS



Stammtisch



The German Society Stammtisch - a true classic, is back! The Stammtisch is a good way to practice your German and meet new people. It will be held on the Houseparty app. Sign up alone or together with a friend, and we will allocate you into a small group of 4-5 people.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/GGqLRbJBnd3b332a6>

Wednesday of Week 2 | 6 May | 8.00 pm to 9.00 pm (BST) | Houseparty app

[Facebook event](#)

Movie Night



Join us for our Kinonacht on Netflix Party! On Wednesday of Week 4, we will be watching a German film together. Bring your popcorn or snack of choice and we look forward to seeing you then. More information on the film to come soon!

Tuesday of Week 4 | 19 May | 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm (BST) | Netflix Party

[Facebook event](#)

We will announce the logistics of above events and will organise more events as the term proceeds, so make sure to [subscribe to our newsletter](#), like our [Facebook page](#), and follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) to always get the latest information.

CHALLENGES

Kaffee und Kuchen Baking Challenge



Kaffee und Kuchen is our traditional first social of term. Given that we can't currently socialise together in Oxford, we are instead organising a baking competition! Simply send us a picture of your best-baked goodies, either on [Facebook](#) or by [email](#), by Friday of Week 1. We will then post the pictures on our [Facebook page](#), so that our members can vote on which cake is their favourite (by liking the picture). You can also get

5 bonus likes by posting a picture of your cake on your Instagram story and tagging us ([@germansoc.ox](#))! The winner will receive a free ticket to our popular Christmas Dinner in Michaelmas and the photo of her/his cake will be the background photo of our normal Kaffee und Kuchen-event in Michaelmas. Happy Baking!

Photo submission deadline: Friday of Week 1 | 1 May | 12.00 pm (BST) | [Facebook message](#) or [Email](#)

Vote for your favourite cake: Saturday of Week 1 | 2 May | All day | [Facebook](#)

Announcement of the winner: Sunday of Week 2 | 3 May | 4.00 pm (BST) | [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Newsletter](#)

[Facebook event](#)

Postcard Challenge



In week 3, we are planning a postcard initiative! Anyone wanting to participate will get allocated a pen-pal whom you can send a friendly postcard. You can write whatever you like - a friendly message, a funny poem, you can draw a picture, create a haiku... Get to know someone new and lift their spirits during these difficult times! We will randomly select one pair of participants to win tickets for our Oxtoberfest in Michaelmas so our pen-pals can meet in person, too.

Make sure to update us on [Facebook](#) or by [email](#) once you have received a postcard so you can enter the ballot with your pen-pal.

Please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/2SgnjyJBqtyz5XEy9>

Sign-up deadline: Friday of Week 3 | 15 May | 12.00 pm (BST) | [Google Form](#)

Announcement of pairings: Sunday of Week 4 | 17 May | 4.00 pm (BST) | [Facebook](#), [Newsletter](#)

Announcement of winning pair: Sunday of Week 6 | 31 May | 4.00 pm (BST) | [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Newsletter](#)

[Facebook event](#)

LANGUAGE CLASSES

We are very pleased 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, intermediate, and advanced learners are all welcome!

In light of the ongoing lockdown, we will be offering classes online:

Beginner Class (taught by Max Heitmann):

Saturdays of Term | 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm (BST) | Microsoft Teams

Intermediate Class (taught by Thomas Henning):

Saturdays of Term | 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm (BST) | Microsoft Teams

Advanced Class (taught by Lucas Orchard-Clark):

Saturdays of Term | 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (BST) | Microsoft Teams

To sign up and for more information, please email language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk.

ISOLATION INSPIRATION

Feeling uninspired in isolation? Then read on! In our weekly [newsletter](#), as well as on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#), we will provide you with plenty of ideas for how to fight impending quarantine-boredom. Each week, one committee member will share with you some of their favourite (more-or-less German culture-related) lockdown pastimes, such as books, movies and hobbies, which have made their last few weeks a lot more enjoyable - we hope they will do the same for you! (If not, we will eat our hats. Oder einen Besen.)

Week of Term	Committee Member
0 th Week	Helena Koch Co-Marketing Officer Magdalen College
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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 German Society:

Lidl: "Building Your Personal Brand Webinar" | Wednesday of Week 3 | 13 May | 5.00 to 6.00 pm (BST) | Online (Lidl will send an invitation link to interested members)

The "Building Your Personal Brand Webinar" event will be held exclusively for the Oxford German Society. It will be focused on supporting students with how to get 'Grad Job Ready' and how to increase their personal brand to help them stand out from the crowd. This event is targeted at all year groups and course types, but more specifically for students who are thinking ahead at how to plan and prepare before applying to graduate programmes. Students who are interested in applying for a specific direct hire roles at Lidl or general Graduate/Placement programme should also attend to further understand what Lidl has to offer for direct hire and graduate opportunities. As well as learning what the Lidl Recruitment process looks like and how to best prepare for the application stage, online tests and assessment days.

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 on our website](#).



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