

Oxford University German Society

Termcard Hilary 2022

Speakers – Socials – Community

Presidents' Welcome



Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome back to Oxford! We hope that you had a fantastic winter break with lots of Glühwein and Lebkuchen and that you could enjoy some time off with your loved ones. The German Society is back for Hilary Term with a Termcard that is packed with socials, speaker events and career events. We hope to make the dark winter months truly enjoyable through inspiring events and good company.

We are looking forward to welcoming various speakers both in-person and on Zoom. Author, journalist, and founder Düzen Tekkal will join us in Oxford for a discussion about the pluralistic society in Germany and her work for the empowerment of women. You can also meet Dr. Danyal Bayaz, the State Minister of Finance in Baden-Württemberg, at our online event in Week 7. Further, top executives of BMW and N26 will speak to us about the challenges in their industries.

Once again, we have a full and diverse social calendar. In addition to our classics such as Kaffee und Kuchen, a Pub Quiz, and a Filmabend, we have also planned some new events. Join us and other European national societies for our European Evening at Freud. And make sure to mark your calendars for the Karnevalssaison in Week 6, as we will host a big party on 26th February. Then, we will end our term with a true classic, the traditional Easter Dinner in Christ Church College.

Finally, Hilary term will be the last term of the current committee. It has been a great pleasure for us to serve on the committee. If you are interested in getting involved with the German Society, make sure to come to our Meet the Committee Stammtisch in Week 5 where you can ask us anything. Whether you are running for a position or not, we hope to see many of you at our Annual General Meeting on Saturday Week 7 to look back on the past year and elect the future committee.

You can find more detailed information about everything that is happening right below. Also, make sure to <u>subscribe to our newsletter</u>, like our <u>Facebook page</u>, and follow us on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> to always get the latest information.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Julia and David Co-Presidents 2021/22





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*University regulations use President for David Danin and Secretary for Julia Klapperich instead



Speakers



As always, we have invited speakers from various backgrounds to facilitate insightful and engaging conversations about topics that matter. Our speaker events are free to attend for members and non-members. Arrangements may change, so make sure to <u>subscribe to our newsletter</u>, like our <u>Facebook page</u>, and follow us on <u>Instagram</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> to always get the latest information.

The committee is always looking for ideas on whom to invite, so if you have any ideas, please pass them on to the <u>committee</u>, and we will try to organise an event!



RICARDA LANG

Member of Parliament for Bündnis 90/ Die Grünen

Ricarda Lang is currently running for the "Doppelspitze" of Bündnis 90/Die Grünen. Since 2019, she has been the party's deputy co-leader and speaker for women's politics. She became a member of the national parliament in September 2021 and led her party's delegation on equality in negotiations on the formation of the "Ampelkoalition". We look forward to a discussion about the hate that female politicians are subjected to, and her expectations for the next four years. The interview and Q&A will be in German.

Tuesday of Week 1 | 18 January | 16:30 | Zoom



DR. MARKUS GRÜNEISL

CEO OF BMW UK MANUFACTURING AND SWINDON PRESSINGS

Dr. Markus Grüneisl is the CEO of BMW (UK) Manufacturing and CEO of Swindon Pressings. Next to its headquarters in Germany and production facilities in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom is one of BMW's few locations in Europe. Dr. Grüneisl has been leading the UK branch since September 2021. We look forward to an engaging discussion about the future of the automobile industry. The interview and Q&A will be taking place in English.

Thursday of Week 5 | 17 February | 17:00 | Oriel College



Speakers





Düzen Tekkal

Author, Journalist, and Founder

Düzen Tekkal is an author, journalist, and founder. Her documentaries "Háwar, a cry for help" and "Jiyan - The Forgotten Victims of ISIS" deal with the destruction caused by ISIS, and raised attention to this issue in the international community. Ms Tekkal is also the co-founder and chairwoman of HÁWAR.help, a non-profit association working on women's rights and empowerment. We look forward to a discussion about a pluralistic German society.

Friday of Week 6 | 25 February | 17:00 | Location TBD



Minister Dr. Danyal Bayaz

State Minister of Finance in Baden-Württemberg

Minister Dr. Danyal Bayaz has been serving as the State Minister of Finance in Baden-Württemberg since May 2021. He was a member of the Bundestag for Bündnis 90/Die Grünen from 2017 until 2021, and represented his party on the investigative committee for the Wirecard scandal. Previously, Minister Dr. Bayaz worked at the Boston Consulting Group. The interview and Q&A will be in German.

Wednesday of Week 7 | 2 March | 15:00 | Zoom



Speakers





Alexander Weber

Chief Growth Officer at N26

Alexander Weber is Chief Growth Officer and member of the leadership team at N26, one of Germany's most successful start-ups with a valuation of over \$3.5bn. After its founding in 2014, the online bank grew rapidly and services provided by N26 are now available in 24 different markets. Mr. Weber joined N26 as Entrepreneur in Residence in 2014 and is of this day the longest serving member after the founders. The interview and Q&A will be in English.

Date and Time TBD | Zoom



Committee Elections



MEET THE COMMITTEE STAMMTISCH

If you have burning questions for your German Society committee, come along to this event. Especially if you would like to run for a position at the Annual General Meeting, this is a great opportunity to get to know the roles that are up for election and the people currently in those roles. Even if you are not running for a position, make sure to come along for a fun Stammtisch to meet some old friends and to make some new ones!

Wednesday of Week 5 | 16 February | 19:30 | King's Arms



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting is the democratic heart of our society. Join us to elect our future committee or to run for a position. Further details about the Annual General Meeting and the elections, including the agenda, are provided in this <u>election guide</u>. If you are interested in getting involved in the German Society, please do not hesitate to contact us or join us at our Meet the Committee Stammtisch.

Sunday of Week 8 | 06 March | 13:00 | Pembroke College





Socials



KAFFEE UND KUCHEN

What better way to brighten up a winter evening than with coffee, home baked cakes and good conversation? After the incredible success of last term's *Kaffee und Kuchen*, we are once more hosting the German Society's most beloved event classic at the Balliol Buttery. With an increased supply of home baked cakes it'll be (almost) wie bei Oma!

Friday of Week 1 | 21 January | 17:00 | Balliol College Buttery



Pubquiz

It's been a while since we held a non-Zoom pub quiz, so we're very excited for this one. Expect a classic five-round affair with small teams of up to 5 and questions in English (although some knowledge of all things German will help). There will be prizes for winners and our visitors from the LSESU German Society will join us for the event.

Saturday of Week 2 | 29 January | 19:30 | King's Arms



Language Stammtisch

The German Society Language Stammtisch - a true classic, is back! The Stammtisch is a good way to practise your German with fellow language students and native speakers. Do not miss out on this in-person event and get to know new people.

Saturday of Week 3 | 05 February | 15:00 | The Chequers





Socials



EUROPEAN EVENING

Celebrate European friendship with our friends from other societies. We're inviting you to a festive evening at Freud - music, drinks, dancing, and the opportunity to meet new people and make friends from all over Europe! The dress code for the event is black tie/formal, so get those suits and dresses out and get excited for what is sure to be a night to remember.

Wednesday of Week 4 | 9 February | 20:00 | Freud



Filmabend

Join us for a film screening of another German classic, this time a more recent one: *The Lives of Others* or *Das Leben der Anderen* tells the story of a dissident playwright in the GDR and the Stasi Captain spying on him. In 2007, it became the last German movie to date to win an Academy Award. We will screen it in German with English subtitles.

Saturday of Week 5 | 19 February | 19:30 | St John's College



WEIBERFASTNACHT

What should you be doing at 11:11 on Weiberfastnacht? Exactly: Eat Pfannkuchen/Berliner/Krapfen and listen to Karnevalsmusik! Luckily, we've got you covered. Interrupt your busy Thursday with a little mid-day party in the Trinity College JCR. Bonus points if you show up in a costume!

Thursday of Week 6 | 24 November | 11:11 | Trinity College JCR





Socials



KARNEVAL

Fasching, Karneval or Fasenacht; Helau or Alaaf; Pfannkuchen, Krapfen, or Berliner - few other holidays give rise to as many regional debates as this one. What we can (hopefully) all agree on: an evening of German beer, sweet pastries, questionable music, and dancing is the right way to celebrate it! Don't forget your costumes!

Saturday of Week 6 | 26 February | 19:00 | St Giles Church

EASTER DINNER

Join us for our yearly black tie easter Dinner to celebrate the end of yet another great term. We look forward to a festive evening with friends and with a sparkling wine reception followed by a three-course formal dinner in the elegant setting of Christ Church College's McKenna room.

Thursday of Week 7 | 03 March | 19:30 | Christ Church College





CAMTOBERFEST

After we were able to welcome a bus full of Wiesn-enthusiasts from the other place at our Oxtoberfest last term, Cambridge is returning the favour and inviting us to their Oktoberfest, traditionally held in March. Schlager, Bier, Brezn - everything you loved (or hated) about Oxtoberfest once more - so get your Dirndl and Lederhosn ready and get excited!

Saturday of Week 8 | 12 March | Time TBD | Cambridge





Language Classes



We want to help you discover the German-speaking world. That is why we offer free, weekly German lessons to all our members. We have the right class for you, regardless of your language level and in addition, we will be hosting in-person language socials for all our language students.

Call for German teachers! Are you passionate about the German language, master it to a high degree, and are ready to acquire some excellent CV skills? Then make sure to email <u>language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk</u> and apply for the role of a German teacher with us!



If you would like to participate, please email <u>language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk</u> and we'll assign you a space or put you on our waiting list if demand for our language classes exceeds availability.







Our sponsors provide the financial support that enables us to invite our speakers and to put on all our events. They also organise career events in cooperation with the Oxford University German Society. All important information regarding the events will be provided by email in our weekly newsletter and on our social media accounts. We would like to thank all our sponsors for their kind support.

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Join the Society!



Become a member of Oxford's central hub for 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 with a shared interest in Germany. Upon 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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