



HILARY 2020

TERM CARD

PRESIDENTS' WELCOME



Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you have had a relaxing winter break and a great start into 2020.

We anticipated several times now that the coming term would be our last one in the European Union, and we were wrong each time. Now it looks as though this term will almost certainly be the one in which the United Kingdom actually leaves the EU. That is why we are especially interested in discussing what to expect with Prof. Alastair Buchan, Vice Pro-Chancellor of the University and Head of Brexit Strategy. We are also excited to celebrate European friendship with our Polish friends with a rematch of our termly table football tournament social later this term. We also look forward to diversifying our cultural exchanges beyond Europe with a Salsa dance taster class in Week 6.

We are thrilled to host a range of fantastic speakers next term, among them Olaf Scholz (SPD), Germany's Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Finance, and Dr. Dani Kranz from Ben Gurion University, Israel, who conducts long-term fieldwork concerning Jewish life and the fight against antisemitism.

A number of our traditional social events are also on the agenda. We hosted one out-of-term Stammtisch during the vacation in cooperation with the Austrian Society. There will be more Stammtische to come throughout the term, so make sure to keep an eye on updates on our Facebook page. Of course, as always, our first social of the term is Kaffee & Kuchen and will feature delicious German baked goods, coffee, cake, and socializing. Other social highlights of this term include our Karneval - make sure to keep your eyes peeled for more information on what promises to be an entertaining evening full of fun costumes!

Finally, Hilary term will be our committee's last term in office. Please join us at our annual general meeting on Saturday of Week 5 to elect the future committee. If you are interested in getting involved with the German Society, we encourage you to reach out to us and to mark your calendars for our meet-and-greet before our first Stammtisch of the term.

All the best,

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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 [subscribe to our newsletter](#).

Also, the committee is always looking for suggestions on whom to invite, so if you have an idea, please contact the committee, and we will try to make it happen!

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

Olaf Scholz, Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister of Finance



Olaf Scholz is a German politician and member of the social democratic party (SPD). He is Germany's current Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister of Finance. Before, he served as Mayor of Hamburg from 2011 to 2018 and as Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs from 2007 to 2009. Mr Scholz has held several roles within his party - Secretary-General (2002-2004) and Deputy Party Leader (2009-2019) to name only two of them. In December of 2019, he lost the election for the party's leadership after receiving the most votes in the first round.

Mr. Scholz is considered part of the conservative wing within the SPD. He is a supporter of the SPD's "grand coalition" with the Christian democratic party (CDU). As Minister of Finance, he has continued his predecessor's policy of zero net debt ("Schwarze Null"). Among the policies he has suggested are a tax on financial transactions and an EU-wide insurance for unemployment during economic shocks.

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

Friday of Week 3 | February 7th | 5.00 pm | Britton Room, Trinity College

Dr. Dani Kranz, Researcher in Migration and Antisemitism



Dr. Dani Kranz works as an academic at Ben Gurion University, Israel, and as an applied academic and director of Two Foxes Consulting, Germany. Trained in anthropology, social psychology and history, her thematic expertise covers migration, ethnicity, law, state/stateliness, political life, organisations as well as memory politics. She has been conducting long-term fieldwork in Europe and the Middle East. Her current work concerns the genesis of moral economies as well as Jewish life and the fight against antisemitism as a consultant to the German high commissioner for Jewish life, and against antisemitism.

The talk and discussion will be in German.

Friday of Week 5 | February 21st | 5.00 pm | location tbd

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

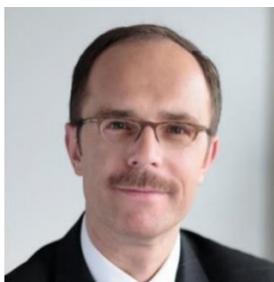


How will Brexit affect university life? What is going to change for us as students at Oxford University? Prof. Alastair Buchan, Head of Brexit Strategy of the University of Oxford and Pro-Vice Chancellor, will return to the German Society for a discussion evening and Q&A. Prof. Buchan currently holds 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!

Monday of Week 7 | March 2nd | 5.30 pm | Sutro Room, Trinity College

Dr. Thomas Steffen, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Health



Thomas Steffen is State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Health since 2019. He has previously served in various positions at the Federal Ministry of Finance (BMF), including as State Secretary from 2012 to 2017. A lawyer by training, Steffen has served on a variety of German and European financial and economic committees and boards, including the European Stability Mechanism.

We are looking forward to discussing a variety of topics with Dr. Steffen. How does he look back on his career in the German civil service and what advice would he give to anyone going into it? Where does he feel that he has had a real impact on policy making? How can the German health system become fit for the future and how can we deal with the challenge of demographic change and an aging population? What role will the Federal Ministry of Health play in this?

The discussion and Q&A will be held in German.

Monday of Week 8 | March 9th | 4.00 pm | location tbd

All our speaker 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

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 | January 24th | 5.30 pm | Britton Room, Trinity College

German Society x KEEN Teens



Aimed at teenagers, KEEN Teens is a social club that gets up to all sorts of shenanigans, including baking, science experiments, challenges, a multitude of games and even murder mystery nights! Join us to meet KEEN's teen members and learn from each other in an event centered around German language and culture.

KEEN believe that no person should be excluded in their community because of their differences. We exist because this still isn't the case, and this must change! KEEN have a particular focus on creating inclusive spaces for people with additional needs and disabilities. German Society is joining KEEN Teens, an inclusive project where everyone, regardless of disability and additional needs, is able to get involved in a huge range of recreational activities.

Monday of Week 2 | January 27th | 6.00 pm |
KEEN Oxford, St Clement's Centre, Cross St, Oxford OX41DA

Stammtische



The German Society Stammtisch - a true classic is back, this time twice a term. Join your good old friends, or soon to be friends, and socialise over a pint or two (or non-alcoholic drinks). The Stammtisch is a good way to practice your German in a casual, informal environment, but also an easy way to meet new faces, which you hopefully will recognise next time.

Wednesdays of Weeks 3 & 5 | February 5th & 19th | 7.30 pm | Wadham Room, Kings Arms

German Society x Polish Society Table Football



How could a new decade begin without another Polish-German table football tournament? Clearly, it could not. So we have taken it upon us once again to host the most competitive sports event in Oxford at the Jesus College Bar. As last time, for every match you win you will be awarded a shot of vodka, a beer, or a soft-drink - your choice. The one rule: no spinning*. Also get hyped for a first-class playlist of Polish and German songs.

The team tournament will be between teams of two active players on each team and start at 8.30pm. The one-on-one tournament is for players of the most competitive sort and will begin earlier at 7.45pm.

Tuesday of Week 4 | February 11th | 7.45 pm / 8.30 pm | Jesus College Bar

Salsa Class



Forget Waltz and Schuhplattler, in Week 6 we are dancing salsa. We are grateful for the opportunity to work together with the Oxford University Salsa Society to provide an evening filled with dance and music.

Please sign up for free via this link: <https://forms.gle/zZYGUR8ttHNNY6s28>

Friday of Week 6 | February 28th | 7.00pm | location tbd

Easter Dinner



Join us for our annual Easter Dinner to celebrate this holiday, handover to the newly elected committee, and come together at the end of term to review the high points of our busy Hilary termcard. 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 Somerville College.

Monday of Week 8 | March 9th | 7pm drinks reception, 7.45pm dinner | Somerville 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.

SPECIAL EVENTS

German Embassy Visit



We are thrilled to announce that we have been invited to an afternoon at the German Embassy in London. Members of the Embassy will welcome us at the German House (34 Belgrave Square) at 1.00 pm. We will have the opportunity to speak to staff members from the departments for politics, press, and culture/education in small groups. Afterwards we move on to the Ambassador's Residence (22 Belgrave Square) for a guided tour through the Embassy's new exhibition "Andreas Gursky - Alexander Romey - Lucia Sotnikova". The event will finish at around 4.00 pm.

Please sign up to the event via this form: <https://forms.gle/fcDgJMP7DGqgHyyE8>

Friday of Week 2 | January 3rd | 1.00 – 4.00 pm | German House, 34 Belgrave Square, London

Meet the Committee

If you have burning questions for your German Society Committee, especially if you would like to run for a position at our elections next term, come along to our Meet the Committee event just before our Stammtisch!

Your Committee 2019-20: <http://www.oxford-germansoc.co.uk/committee.html>

Wednesday of Week 3 | February 5th | 6.45 pm | Wadham Room, Kings Arms

Annual General Meeting

Hilary is the last term of the current committee 2019/2020. Please join us for our annual general meeting to elect the future committee. If you are interested in getting involved in the German Society, please do not hesitate to contact us or join us at our meet-and-greet of the committee social.

Saturday of Week 5 | February 22nd | 4.00 – 6.00 pm | Pusey Room, Keble College

LANGUAGE CLASSES

We are very happy to be continue 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 both welcome!

We are delighted to announce that we will continue a beginners, and intermediate, and an advanced class this Hilary Term (those who haven't been to a class in Michaelmas Term can as well any time).

Beginner Class: Thursdays, 5 - 6 pm, Room 62, Kellogg College

Intermediate Class: (focus on grammar) Mondays 5 - 6 pm, location tbd

Advanced Class: (focus on reading and speaking) Mondays, 5 - 6 pm, location tbd

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:

EY Parthenon Unternehmenspräsentation | Company Presentation | January 30th (Thursday of Week 2) | 5.30 pm | Quod Restaurant & Bar, 92-94 High St, Oxford OX1 4BJ

Wir möchten Euch im Rahmen unserer Veranstaltung gerne EY-Parthenon näher vorstellen und Einblicke in unsere Form der Strategieberatung geben. EY-Parthenon ist die strategische Speerspitze von EY und mit 1.600 Mitarbeitern, ca. 175 Partnern und Büros in gut 20 Ländern die global am schnellsten wachsende Top-Strategieberatung. Dazu würden wir gerne sehr offen mit Euch entlang des Themas „Digital transformation strategy for a TV broadcaster“ diskutieren. Beim gemeinsamen Abendessen im Restaurant „Quod“ habt Ihr die Gelegenheit, Euch in persönlichen Gesprächen mit Partnern und Beratern über EY-Parthenon und Eure Karrieremöglichkeiten in der Strategieberatung zu informieren. Wir freuen uns auf Eure Teilnahme!

Bewerbungsschluss: 22. Januar 2020 | Bewerbung: Mit aktuellem Lebenslauf und Notenübersicht an Mirjam Janke – gsarecruiting@parthenon.ey.com

Oliver Wyman | Company Presentation, Workshop, and Dinner | February 27th (Thursday of Week 6) | 5.15 pm | location tbd

Bain & Company | Careers Event | March 6th (Friday of Week 7) | time and location tbd

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](#).



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