



MICHAELMAS 2019

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## PRESIDENTS' WELCOME



Dear Members and Friends of the German Society,

we are delighted to welcome new and returning members in Oxford for this Michaelmas term and the academic year! For some of you, this October marks the beginning of your journey in Oxford as you set out to explore your studies, the University, the city of Oxford, and in some cases the United Kingdom. We very much look forward to meeting many newcomers at the Freshers' Fair and to invite everyone to our events, whether you are just starting out or already a regular at German Soc. If you're new to Oxford, we encourage you to connect with other Germans and people interested in Germany at our first social event, Kaffee & Kuchen, over a bite of traditional German pastry. This is also a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have, which you can also do by emailing us directly ([president@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:president@oxford-germansoc.co.uk)) or by contacting us via our [Facebook page](#).

Our inaugural event, Kaffee & Kuchen, is not the only opportunity for first-time and returning members to mingle. Stammtische, Christmas Market visits, and other social events will take place throughout the term. Also keep an eye out for ticket releases in our [newsletter](#) or on [Facebook](#) for our social highlights this term: Feuerzangenbowle - imagine a classic film accompanied by mulled wine - and our traditional Christmas Formal promise to be great fun and will definitely cure homesickness. And finally, Oxtoberfest is happening in Week 4 - so don't forget to pack your Dirndl and Lederhosn!

This selection of social events will be complemented by a range of incredible speakers next term, among them Katarina Barley, Member of the European Parliament for the SPD, two of our very own climate researchers Linus Mattauch and Friederike Otto, and Stefan Oschmann, CEO of Merck. We are in the process of confirming several more fascinating guests, so stay tuned! Please feel free to reach out to us with suggestions at any time. If you [have an idea for a new speakers event](#) or otherwise, please let us know and we will do our best to follow up on your requests.

For many of you, Brexit may be a concern that will overshadow academic and social life from time to time. Our German Society was founded in 1911 by both British and German students during a time of European tensions in order to provide a space for bonding and exchange despite the political crisis. We hope that, then as now, we can be a hub in which students can discuss Germany and German-British relations in light of, but also regardless of, Brexit.

We hope you are just as excited as we are to start this great 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.

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### *Lage der Nation: Dr. Ulf Buermeyer & Philip Banse*



Dr. Ulf Buermeyer, Judge at the Berlin District Court, and Philip Banse, journalist at the German Broadcasting Service, are the moderators of Germany's popular weekly politics news podcast "Lage der Nation". In their podcast, they discuss current global developments in an engaging and insightful manner, generating interest into various subjects from a wide audience.

We are delighted to welcome them in Oxford for a discussion of the current global political situation with focus on a topic to be announced.

The talk and discussion will be in German.

Tuesday of Week 3 | October 29<sup>th</sup> | 5.30 pm | Britton Room, Trinity College

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### *Dr. Stefan Oschmann, CEO of the Merck Group*



Dr. Stefan Oschmann is CEO of Merck Group, the world's oldest operating chemical and pharmaceutical company, as well as one of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world. After studying veterinary medicine at the LMU Munich, he held a variety of roles in pharmaceutical companies, and recently became President of the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and

Associations.

Mr Oschmann will give us an insight into what it takes to have a successful career in the pharmaceutical industry, drawing on his extensive knowledge and the experiences he has gained. Additionally, he will speak about the challenges the pharmaceutical industry currently faces and issues that will impact it in the near future.

The talk and discussion will be in German.

Thursday of Week 3 | October 31<sup>th</sup> | 5.30 pm | Sutro Room, Trinity College

## *Dr. Katarina Barley, Vice President of the European Parliament*



Dr. Katarina Barley has been Vice President of the European Parliament since July 2019. A lawyer by training, Ms Barley held multiple roles in the cabinet of Chancellor Merkel, including those of Federal Minister of Justice and Federal Minister of Family Affairs. She is also a member of the German Social Democratic Party (SPD) and was the party's Secretary General for multiple years.

Katarina Barley will give us her perspective on the current state of the Social Democratic Party, which has suffered significant losses in recent elections and polls. Is there still a need for social democratic politics in our time and how does it need to change to regain voter confidence? What should the party's stance be towards tackling climate change? What does the party expect from their new leading duo? Join us in discussing these and other questions in what is guaranteed to be an interesting evening.

The talk and discussion will be held in German.

Tuesday of Week 4 | November 5<sup>th</sup> | 5.30 pm | Harold Wilson Room, Jesus College

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## *Climate Talk with Dr. Friederike Otto & Dr. Linus Mattauch*



Together with Dr. Friederike Otto and Dr. Linus Mattauch, we look forward to discussing Germany's current climate policy landscape: Are legislators doing enough? What are the implications for economic inequality? If climate change is not mitigated, which policies can help adapt to its consequences?

Dr. Friederike Otto is the Acting Director of the Environmental Change Institute and analyses the likelihood of extreme weather events. Dr. Linus Mattauch works at the Institute for New Economic Thinking as an economist, focusing on climate policy and wealth inequality.

Tuesday of Week 5 | November 12<sup>th</sup> | 6.00 pm | Britton Room, Trinity College

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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 AND OTHER EVENTS

### *Kaffee & Kuchen Social*



Coffee and Cake, our traditional first social event of the term! Start the academic year off right with some baked goodies, alongside with the not so obligatory coffee and/or 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 | October 18<sup>th</sup> | 5.00 pm | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

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### *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.

Like our [Facebook page](#), or [subscribe to our newsletter](#), to find out the exact location closer to the date.

Wednesday of Week 2 (October 23<sup>th</sup>) | Wednesday of Week 7 (November 27<sup>th</sup>) | 7.30 pm

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### *Oxtoberfest*



The Oxford German Society brings back your favourite German (or rather Bavarian) Volksfest: Oxtoberfest! Bring your Lederhosn or Dirndl and look forward to a free beer included in the ticket price, all-you-can-eat pretzels, typical Oktoberfest music such as Deutsche Schlager, and much more. Keep an eye on [Facebook](#) announcements and our email [newsletter](#): tickets will go on sale about two weeks before the event. See you there! Prosit!

Saturday of Week 4 | November 9<sup>th</sup> | 7.30 pm | St Giles Church

## Feuerzangenbowle



Also returning this Michaelmas is one of Germany's well-loved drinks classics, the Feuerzangenbowle, including a screening of the film "Die Feuerzangenbowle", which has gained cult status at many German Universities. The movie tells the story of a famous writer going undercover as a student after realising that he missed out on his high school experience by being educated at home. This event does not only cater to all those who love the style and timeless wit of Heinz Rühmann, but is also a favourite of those learning German. Get your alarm clocks and flashlights ready and see you there!

Saturday of Week 6 | November 23<sup>rd</sup> | 7.30 pm | Magdalen Grove Auditorium, Magdalen College (tbc)

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## Christmas Dinner



Join us for our annual black-tie Christmas Dinner in the most festive scenery at Christ Church College to celebrate the end of a great year and one of many or your very first Michaelmas Term. There will be friends, wine and a three-course meal, and possibly some Christmas songs to be sung, so make sure to reserve your seat as places sell out quickly.

A sparkling wine reception at the Buttery Bar will precede the dinner which will start at 8.00 pm sharp in the McKenna Room. The dress code is black tie, and no gowns are required.

We will release information on how to purchase tickets in due course in our weekly [newsletter](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

Please be aware that this event is for members only and tickets will have to be refunded if tickets are bought without a membership.

Tuesday of Week 8 | December 3<sup>rd</sup> | 7.30 pm | McKenna Room, Christ Church College

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## Christmas Market Stammtisch



For everyone who cannot wait until they're in Germany to spend an evening at the Christmas market: Let's fulfil our wish for Glühwein on Broad Street. We will meet in front of Trinity College at 6.30pm and work our way through Schmalzgebäck, Bratwürste and more.

Thursday of Week 8 | December 5<sup>th</sup> | 6.30 pm | meet at front of Trinity 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.

## LANGUAGE CLASSES

We hope to offer language courses for all those interested in picking up the German language or brushing up their skills.

We are currently recruiting language teachers for all levels (beginners/ intermediate/ advanced) as well as a Language Officer to support the work of the committee. If you're interested in teaching or helping us organise a language course, please reach out to us: [language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk](mailto:language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk) or approach a member of committee at any of our events.

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## GERMAN EMBASSY CAREER FAIR

The German Embassy Career Fair is back for 2019! The Fair will be held at the German House on Wednesday, 16 October 2019. Our slot will be 2.30 to 4pm. We will meet at 12pm at the Queens Lane bus stop (K5) to take the X90 bus at 12.15pm. Please fill out this short [form](#), so we can get a rough estimate of the numbers.

The organisers are the German Embassy London, the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce and the Greater London German network, who want to give graduates and university students, as well as pupils an insight into future career options.

German is the second most sought after language in the UK according to a survey by the Confederation of British Industries (CBI). Foreign language skills are of particular relevance here as Germany continues to be one of the UK's top trading partners. Aiming to underline the importance of German language skills, the German Embassy Career Fair has been held on a regular basis since 2010.

Companies and organisations represented at the German Embassy Career Fair in the past included – among others:

American Express / Blick Rothenberg / BMW Group / Boston Consulting Group / The Chartered Institute of Linguists / Commerzbank AG / Department for Education / Eurocollege / German Academic Exchange Service / Goethe-Institut / LSE German Society / Robert Bosch / Siemens / UBS / UK-German Connection / Lidl

Find out more [here](#).

## 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:

**Credit Suisse** | Company Presentation | October 24<sup>th</sup> (Thursday of Week 2) | 6.30 – 9.00 pm | location tbc upon successful application

**McKinsey & Company** | Workshop | October 25<sup>th</sup> (Friday of Week 2) | 5.30 – 7.00 pm | Harold Wilson Room, Jesus College

**Lidl** | Dinner | October 30<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday of Week 3) | time and location tbc

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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