



MICHAELMAS 2018

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PRESIDENTS' WELCOME



Dear Members of the German Society,

We are so excited to welcome new as well as returning members to this year's Michaelmas term!

For some of you, this term marks the beginning of your Oxford journey as you set out to explore your studies and the University, get to know the city and in some cases life in the UK. For others, another academic year commences as you return from the long summer break. In either case: We're happy to have you back and look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our events. Especially Freshers are encouraged to simply come along or contact us directly with any questions! Oxford can be a lot to take in and quite intimidating at first - we all have been there and we're here to help adjust you as much as possible. Feel free to drop us an email at president@oxford-germansoc.co.uk or contact us via our [Facebook page](#).

We invite you warmly to join us for our inaugural social event, the popular *Kaffee & Kuchen*. Whilst this provides the first chance for new and returning members to mingle, plenty of other opportunities are awaiting. *Stammtische*, *Tartort Nights* and *Grad Drinks* will take place throughout the term, and in addition to that our big, traditional *Christmas Dinner*. Tickets are limited and will be released close to the date, so keep an eye on our newsletter! We will also host a screening of the cult film *Feuerzangenbowle* and a special *Christmas Quiz* to keep the spirits high. Other highlights include our *Society Exchange with Cambridge and London*, a new episode of "meet our neighbors" and the return of the *Oxtoberfest* - so don't forget to pack your Lederhosen and Dirndl!

Socials are only one part of what makes the Oxford German Society unique - our Head of Speakers made sure to keep the committee on its toes during the long vacation and we're proud to present a packed term card. Speakers include Anna Depenbusch, Zana Ramadani, Jürgen Wiebecke, Julian Reichelt and Andrea Schumacher - mark your calendars so you won't miss out on these great events!

Please feel free to reach out to us with suggestions at any time. We like to draw particular attention to the opportunity for you to [suggest speakers for our events](#) and we will try to accommodate these requests as best as we can.

We're hope that you're as excited as we are to start the term!

Best Wishes,

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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!

Anna Depenbusch, German Singer, Songwriter, and Composer



A prominent member of the German-speaking pop and chanson scene, Anna Depenbusch is a Hamburg-born singer, songwriter, and composer. Her music regularly reaches the top 50 album charts, including *Die Mathematik der Anna Depenbusch*, *Sommer aus Papier*, and her most recent album *Das Alphabet der Anna Depenbusch*. Her songs, celebrated as “colourful” and “ranging from delicate to

powerful” by critics, bring across seemingly mundane yet significant stories somewhere between “endlessly sad and exuberantly joyful”.

Join us for a discussion of the songwriting process, the challenges of performing under pressure, and the similarities to essay writing before concluding the talk with a vibrant performance of her music, accompanied on the piano by Ms Depenbusch herself.

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

Wednesday of Week 1 | October 10th | 4.30 pm | Pusey Room, Keble College

Zana Ramadani, German Politician, Feminist Activist, and Author



Zana Ramadani is a German politician, feminist activist and two-time bestselling author of Albanian descent. She is one of the most sought-after critics of Islam because of her unique perspective: she fled from her Muslim family home to a women’s house at the age of eighteen because of the violence and oppression she experienced at the hands of her mother, and

because she feared being forced into marriage by her mother’s family.

Zana Ramadani came to prominence when she founded the German branch of the feminist protest group FEMEN in 2012. She critiqued the structures she considers patriarchal in Islam and was involved in a number of topless action protests against sexual exploitation. One high-profiled protest involved invading the stage of Heidi Klum’s television casting show Germany’s Next Topmodel during a season finale show

to critique the beauty ideal propagated on the show. She also spoke out against prostitution, the sex industry in Germany and human trafficking. She has since left FEMEN because of ideological differences. She retains her membership of Germany's conservative Christian Democratic Union party.

She has written two best-selling books: "Die verschleierte Gefahr" covering tolerance and integration of Muslim immigrants in Germany, focussing on the power and opportunity the education of Muslim women offers; and "Sexismus: Über Männer, Macht und #Frauen" covering the MeToo movement and political discourse about women's rights.

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

Monday of Week 2 | October 15th | 5.30 pm | Gillese Badun Room, Wadham College

Jürgen Wiebicke, German Journalist, Radio Host, and Author



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 accessible philosophical questions with German-speaking philosophers and political scientists. One of his aims being bringing philosophy closer to listeners with a non-academic background, Wiebicke incorporates e-mails and phone calls from the audience in his format. Apart from also contributing to the philosophical festival *phil.Cologne*, he has 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 when 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.

Monday of Week 3 | October 22nd | 5.00 pm | Old Taberdar's Room, Queen's College (tbc)

Julian Reichelt, Editor-in-Chief of BILD Newspaper



Julian Reichelt is a German journalist serving as the Editor-in-Chief of both the print and online versions of Bild, Europe's highest-selling newspaper. He began his career as a student at the Axel-Springer Akademie, graduating to become a trainee at Bild. As a war correspondent, he reported from Afghanistan, the Georgian Republic, Thailand, Iraq, Sudan and Lebanon. He published two books about his experiences: "Kriegsreporter. Ich will von den Menschen erzählen" and "Ruhet in Frieden, Soldaten! Wie Politik und Bundeswehr die Wahrheit über Afghanistan vertuschten".

The Bild newspaper, published by Axel Springer AG, is a German tabloid in style but broadsheet in size. It is the best-selling non-Asian newspaper and has the eighth-largest circulation worldwide, despite not offering subscriptions. Its nearest English-language journalistic and stylistic equivalent is the British national newspaper The Sun, the second highest selling European tabloid newspaper, with which it shares a degree of rivalry.

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

Monday of Week 4 | October 29th | 5.00 pm | Shulman Auditorium, Queen's College

Andrea Schumacher, Vice President of the German Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF)



Becoming the Vice President on 6th July 2018, Andrea Schumacher leads the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees alongside Hans-Eckhard Sommer and Markus Richter. After having finished her legal studies and training, Mrs Schumacher worked as a political advisor in Germany before joining the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union in Brussels in 2000.

Gaining further experience in the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community as head of the politics divisions on the International Cooperation Against Terrorism as well as International Police Cooperation, EU-Cooperation and Europol, she returned to Brussels and headed the political division on Asylum, Migration and External Borders. Prior to her role as Vice President, she was also working for the German Delegation to NATO in Brussels, being responsible for Civil Defense and Inner Security.

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

Wednesday of Week 7 | November 21st | 5.00 pm | Shulman Auditorium, Queen's College

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 12th | 5.00 pm | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

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 socialize over a pint or two (whether alcoholic 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 3 (October 24th) | Wednesday of Week 5 (November 7th)

Oxtoberfest



The Oxford German Society brings back your favourite German (or rather Bavarian) Volksfest: Oxtoberfest! Bring your Lederhosen and your 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 3 | May 27th | 8.00 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 17th | 7.30 pm | Magdalen Grove Auditorium

Christmas Dinner



Join us for our annual Black Tie Christmas Dinner to celebrate the end of a great year and another Michaelmas Term. There will be friends, port and dinner and some German Christmas songs to be sung, so make sure to reserve your seat as soon as possible. We will release information on how to purchase these in due course in our weekly [newsletter](#) and on our [Facebook page](#).

Monday of Week 7 | 19th November | 7.00 pm | McKenna Room, Christ Church College

Tatort Film Night



Nothing planned for the evening? How about joining us for the finest film screenings of German classics to round up your week perfectly.

Follow and like our [Facebook page](#), but also do not forget to [subscribe to our newsletter](#) to receive a reminder closer to the date.

Sunday of Week 8 | November 25th | 7.00 pm | Refugee Scholars Room, Corpus Christi 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.

NEW AND SPECIAL EVENTS

GerSoc x PolSoc VodkaBeer



It's time to meet another neighbour of ours: this time it's Poland! The precise details of the event are still a secret, but two things will be guaranteed: Vodka and Beer. And we don't joke around when it comes to Vodka and Beer. Follow and like our [Facebook page](#), and do not forget [subscribe to our newsletter](#) to find out more closer to the date.

Friday of Week 4 | November 2nd | time and location to be announced

Exchange with London German Societies



After having visited Cambridge and London in the past, it is now on us to host the exchange with our friends from the Cambridge and London German Societies. We will give them a tour around Oxford, attend an Evensong and enjoy a Formal Dinner. This event provides a great opportunity to see familiar faces again or to meet new people outside the university. An exact schedule and more

information on how to sign up for this event will be provided in our [newsletter](#) and on [Facebook](#).

Sunday of Week 5 | 4th November | Oxford

Christmas Quiz and Mulled Wine



Christmas spirit is in the air, so we decided to capture it with a Christmas Quiz. So come and warm yourself up with Glühwein and gingerbread while temperatures outside drop steadily, as the term is finally concluding. Mull over quiz questions with a cup of mulled wine.

Friday of Week 8 | 30th November | 7.30 pm | Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College

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.

DIE MANNSCHAFT

With an ever-expanding profile, we are proud to present Die Mannschaft. The Oxford German Society will host its very own football team for the first time. Following the ideals of our society, the team will be open to every member of the Society who is interested in football – no prior experience needed and no language requirements.

Our team will compete in the MCR Division 4 against other colleges and societies. Undergraduates are free to join the team! We will also start in the MCR Cuppers with our first game against the Islamic Society in Week 2.

For full information and updates on the schedule please join our dedicated [Facebook group](#). If you don't have Facebook, please message Steven Dierksmeier, Appointed Officer for Football (steven.dierksmeier@st-hughs.ox.ac.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:

BCG | Workshop | October 18th (Thursday of Week 2) | 4.30 – 7.30 pm | location tba

Roland Berger | Workshop | November 5th (Monday of Week 5) | 4.30 pm | location tba

McKinsey & Company | Workshop | November 8th (Thursday of Week 5) | 5.00 – 7.00 pm | Jesus College

Oliver Wyman | Workshop | November 15th (Thursday of Week 6) | time and location tba

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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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Week 1 7 October				<i>Anna Depenbusch</i> Speaker Event 4.30 pm		<i>Kaffee & Kuchen</i> Social 5.00 pm	
Week 2 14 October		<i>Zana Ramadani</i> Speaker Event 5.30 pm			<i>BCG Workshop</i> Careers Event <i>Jürgen Fitschen</i> Ox Finance Event		
Week 3 21 October		<i>Jürgen Wiebicke</i> Speaker Event 5.00 pm		<i>Stammtisch</i> Social 7.30 pm			<i>Oxtoberfest</i> Social 8.00 pm
Week 4 28 October		<i>Julian Reichelt</i> Speaker Event 5.00 pm				<i>GerSoc x PolSoc</i> <i>VodkaBeer</i> Social time tba	
Week 5 4 November	<i>German Societies</i> <i>Exchange</i> Social	<i>Roland Berger</i> <i>Workshop</i> Careers Event 4.30 pm		<i>Stammtisch</i> Social 7.30 pm	<i>McKinsey&Company</i> <i>Workshop</i> Careers Event 5.00 pm		
Week 6 11 November					<i>Oliver Wyman</i> <i>Workshop</i> Careers Event time tba		<i>Feuerzangenbowle</i> Social 7.30 pm
Week 7 18 November		<i>Christmas Dinner</i> Social 7.00 pm		<i>Andrea Schumacher</i> Speaker Event 5.00 pm			
Week 8 25 November	<i>Tatort Film Night</i> Social 7.00 pm					<i>Christmas Quiz and</i> <i>Mulled Wine</i> Social 7.30 pm	