

## Committee's Welcome



#### DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

As a new committee, we are looking forward to sharing with you our plans for a sunny, corona-safe and social term at Oxford! But whether you have come to enjoy the spring in the UK or are still at home, we have plenty of accessible online events to spice up your days no matter where on the globe you are.

Our officers have organised events with speakers from various backgrounds, including an exciting opportunity to hear from a panel of Oxford alumni start-up founders! And not to worry if you are stressed about exams – most of our speakers' events are set right at the beginning of term, so you have all the time you need to prepare for finals, prelims and other pressing deadlines.

Instead, with lockdown restrictions easing, from week 3, we are planning to host a number of in-person social events. Most of you will be thrilled to see the comeback of the year, *Kaffee and Kuchen* returning, in a Covid-19 safe format, outdoors in University Parks. Or if you're more into football and already counting the days for the start of the delayed Euros 2020, we've got you covered: make sure to join our Kicktipp Group and the Watchparty of the *Mannschaft*'s first game later in the term.

Finally, best of luck to all of you who are facing exams in the next weeks. Behind the peak of exams a very long summer is waiting for you – and all the hard work will pay off!

Wishing you a great term and relaxing summer afterwards,

Your German Society Committee





## **Your Committee**



Our Executive Committee (Co-Presidents and Treasurer) for the coming year are to be elected at an Extraordinary General Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May





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Speakers | Brasenose College



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## 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>sign up 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!



DR KATRIN SUDFR

CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DIGITALISATION

Dr. Katrin Suder is a consultant and Chairperson of the Advisory Council on Digitalisation to the German Federal Government. She has far-reaching experience in the public and private sector, having served as Secretary of State for the German Federal Ministry of Defence, after spending 14 years working for McKinsey & Co. We look forward to a captivating discussion about her various positions, and her role as a queer, woman leader. The interview and Q&A will be conducted in German.

Monday of Week 1 | 26 April | 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (BST) | Online



DR MEHMET DAIMAGÜLER

LAWYER, AUTHOR & FORMER FDP POLITICIAN

Dr. Mehmet Daimagüler is a German lawyer, author, and former politician for the FDP, which he left in 2007. He became known to a broader audience as a lawyer for the victims in the court case against the right-extremist terror group NSU since 2012. He criticises the 'institutionalised racism' within the German secret services and the failed integration of immigrants into the German society. The interview and Q&A will be conducted in German.

Tuesday of Week 1 | 27 April | 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (BST) | Online





#### DR DANIEL STELTER

ECONOMIST, BOOK AUTHOR & PODCAST HOST

Dr. Daniel Stelter is a German economist, book author, podcast host, and regular contributor to the public debate on economic and political issues through his columns in outlets such as manager magazine and WirtschaftsWoche. He frequently argues for a reassessment and reversal of Germany's economic and social policies as well as its economic relations to the European Union, especially in the wake of the current pandemic. The interview and Q&A will be conducted in German.

Tuesday of Week 2 | 4 May | 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (BST) | Online



#### STARTUP PANEL

SHOWCASING THE DIVERSE GERMAN AND BRITISH STARTUP LANDSCAPE

Bringing together Oxford alumni working in various sectors, we will be discussing the rewards and challenges of founding a startup.

- Kristina Lunz, Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy
- Paul Ostwald, Forum.eu
- Phillip von der Wippel, ProjectTogether
- Roman Rothärmel, Neurolytic Healthcare

Wednesday of Week 3 | 12 May | 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm (BST) | Online



#### PROF DR ALFXANDER KURZ

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE FRAUNHOFER SOCIETY** 

Prof. Dr. Alexander Kurz is an Executive Board member at the research organisation Fraunhofer Society, as Executive Vice President Human Resources, Legal Affairs and IP Management. Counting 72 institutes throughout the country, the Fraunhofer Society contributes significantly to research in applied science and technology development in Germany and across the world. We look forward to a discussion about the potential for and barriers to innovation in Germany. The interview and Q&A will be conducted in German.

Tuesday of Week 4 | 18 May | 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (BST) | Online





**AMINATA TOURÉ** 

VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE LANDTAG

Aminata Touré is vice-president of Schleswig-Holstein's state parliament, and an MP since 2017, making her the first Afro-German and youngest vice president of a state parliament. She is the Green's speaker for migration, women and inequality, children and youth, LGBT issues, and anti-racism. We will discuss these topics, the importance of representation and her commitment to encouraging more people to engage in politics. The interview and Q&A will be conducted in German.

Wednesday of Week 5 | 26 May | 6.00 pm to 7.00 pm (BST) | Online



DR JÖRG KUKIES

SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE GERMAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Dr. Jörg Kukies is Staatssekretär in the German Ministry of Finance and responsible for policies on financial markets and European financial policy. Before joining the BMF, he was the co-head of the leading international investment bank Goldman Sachs in Germany. In his current position, he was a leading figure in formative developments such as issuing the first green federal bonds or negotiating the EU corona recovery fund.

Wednesday of Week 7 | 9 June | 5.00 pm to 6.00 pm (BST) | Online



### Socials



#### WANDERTAG

Originally planned for Michaelmas term, but cancelled due to lockdown, we will give this one another try: To enjoy the beautiful Oxford spring, we will go hiking in small groups and explore some of the surrounding areas. There will be different routes available to make sure as many of you as possible can take part – and we won't forget to give you some *Proviant* for the road. So put on your hiking shoes and let's go!

Sunday of Week 3 | 9 May | 11.00 am (BST) | Radcliffe Camera



#### KAFFEE UND KUCHEN

Aaaand we're back! *Kaffee und Kuchen,* German Society's most beloved event is making its return in fourth week of Trinity term! In line with current covid-regulations, you'll be matched up in groups of six for a picnic in University Parks, with coffee and cake supplied by us! So don't miss out on the comeback of the year - save the date and watch out for the sign-up form closer to the event!

Saturday of Week 4 | 22 May | time tbd | University Parks



#### GRILLABEND

In sixth week, German Society is bringing you another round of outdoor fun: Start your *Grillsaison* with a barbecue-picnic with us! The necessities for a classic German Barbecue - beer and sausages (alcoholic or non-alcoholic, vegan or non-vegan) - will be provided, of course! Get your *Grillschürzen* ready and watch out for the sign-up form!

Friday of Week 6 | 4 June | time tbd | Port Meadows





#### KICKTIPP GROUP

After a long hiatus, the Euros are finally back! If you're a bit of a gambler and have a good sense for results, we are planning to set up a GermanSoc Kicktipp group for the Euros. The idea behind this popular German betting game is simple: You have to guess every match, getting 4 points for a correct result, 3 points for the right goal difference and 2 points for the correct trend. There's no risk involved, plus we have some prizes for the winners.



Starting Friday of Week 7 | 11 June – 11 July | Kicktipp app

#### EUROS 2020 WATCHPARTY (W. FRENCHSOC)

Speaking of football: *Die Mannschaft* is playing their first group stage match against reigning world champions France, so we decided to team up with the Oxford French Society for some *Rudelgucken*. More details will be announced closer to this date, since restrictions might change between now and then.

Tuesday of Week 8 | 15 June | 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm (BST) | location tbd





# Language Classes



We are very happy 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!

#### ADVANCED CLASS

GROUP 1 TAUGHT BY MIKA ERIK MÖSER
Saturdays of Term | 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm (BST) | Zoom
GROUP 2 TAUGHT BY BJÖRN VAHSEN
Sundays of Term | 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm (BST) | Zoom

#### INTERMEDIATE CLASS

GROUP 1 TAUGHT BY SARAH FENGLER

Saturdays of Term | 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm (BST) | Zoom

GROUP 2 TAUGHT BY ANNA WEBER

Sundays of Term | 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm (BST) | Zoom

# INTERMEDIAT LEVELS A2-B1

BEGINNER LEVELS A1-A2

#### BEGINNER CLASS

GROUP 1 TAUGHT BY PATRICK WITTUM

Saturdays of Term | 11.00 am to 12.00 pm (BST) | Zoom

GROUP 2 TAUGHT BY DARREN LEOW

Sundays of Term | 2.30 pm to 3.30 pm (BST) | Zoom

We are working hard to set up new classes. If you would like to participate, please email <a href="mailto:language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk">language@oxford-germansoc.co.uk</a> and we'll assign you a space or put you on our waiting list. Classes begin on the 1<sup>nd</sup> May (Saturday of Week 1).



## **Our Sponsors**



Our sponsors provide the financial support that enables us to invite our speakers and 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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