



Dear Goethe Society Wellington members and Friends of the Society,

Firstly, apologies that there has not been a GSW newsletter since May. We have, nevertheless, been rather busy and involved in a number of events throughout May to July.

We have had two more Filmabende, the first on 23 May where the documentary *Death by Instalments* was screened. This documentary is about the life and philosophy of Fritz Bauer. Ilona Ziok tells of Bauer's courageous fight for justice, through meticulous research in the archives and startling testimonies from the General State Attorney in Hesse. This film not only provides the exciting biographical depiction of a unique life; it also paints an impressive portrait of one of the most important lawyers of the 20th century. Fritz Bauer's name is linked with Eichmann's extradition to Israel, the rehabilitation of the freedom fighters of the 20th of July 1944 and the Frankfurt Auschwitz trials.

On 12 July we screened the entertaining film, *Fack Ju Göhte / Suck Me Shakespeer*. A rather droll film about a bank robber who is released from prison and comes to find his stash, which lies in the grounds of a local Gymnasium. When he finds the area has been built over by new classrooms he applies for the job of groundsman, gets appointed to a teaching position and the story unravels in a vigorous fashion.

Many thanks to Jacqui and Mary for organising these evenings and the delicious refreshments, including the now 'world famous in GSW circles' homemade sausage rolls!

In June the GSW public lecture was aimed at celebrating the 40th anniversary of the New Zealand/German Science & Technology Cooperation Agreement. Dr Dave Low (Co-ordinator New Zealand – Germany Science + Innovation Relationship) and Rick Peterson (Senior Advisor, International, Science Investment Branch, Science, Skills and Innovation Group) from the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE) spoke about the depth and breadth of these relationships through their personal experiences and life stories, the importance of these to both countries, and the latest news in this sector.

We encourage you to attend our events and become a member of the GSW. We do not charge for any of our events or activities and your subscriptions enable us to provide these opportunities for the German-speaking communities in Wellington and those interested in all things German. They also enable us to offer secondary school students learning German in the Wellington area the opportunity to participate in the annual Oral Competition, for instance.

Details of our events are posted on our Facebook group page – which you can find by searching for **Goethe Society Wellington** on Facebook or on our website www.welly-goethe.org.nz. As members you will receive both these newsletters and invitations to all events.

Mit herzlichen Gruessen
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Or find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/385398775978/>

- **Goethe Oral Competition & Prize-giving**
- **Hauskonzert: Cello Concert with Aaron Minsky (Sunday, 13 August)**
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Goethe Oral Competition & Prize-giving:

The **annual German Language Oral Competition will be held on Saturday, 12 August 2017, with the prize giving to be held on Wednesday, 6 September.** We encourage members to come to the prize giving (to be held at Victoria University of Wellington) and meet the teachers of German and secondary school students learning German.

Many thanks also to those who have volunteered to be judges on the day of the competition.

Hauskonzert: Cello Concert with Aaron Minsky (Sunday, 13 August)

The Goethe Society Wellington warmly invites you to join us for **Kaffee & Kuchen followed by a cello concert with Aaron Minsky.**

Aaron Minsky is an award-winning composer with several works published by Oxford University Press, including Ten American Cello Études and Ten International Cello Encores. He has premiered his original music at the First World Cello Congress, the American Cello Congress, and the New Directions Cello Festival. Selections from his published collections are now considered standard repertoire, appearing in the curriculums of the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music and the American String Teachers Association. Particularly known for bridging the gap between classical and popular music for cello, Minsky founded the Von Cello Band, the first cello-fronted rock power trio, which features a unique blend of hard, alternative, and jam rock. <http://www.aaronminsky.com/>

Aaron Minsky on his unique cello style - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8lwclzGu7aY>

Date: Sunday, 13 August 2017

Time: 10.45 am

Venue: 102 Queens Drive, Lyall Bay, Wellington.

Please RSVP as places limited and for catering purposes.

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August GSW Public Lecture: Professor Nils Oermann on *Martin Luther's teaching of the two regiments (Zwei-Reiche-Lehre) & its significance for contemporary politics. (Monday, 21 August)*

The Reformation of the sixteenth century instituted broad-ranging changes that had implications not only for religion and theology, but more comprehensively for culture, politics, and society. In this public lecture, Professor Oermann examines Martin Luther's doctrine of the two regiments – a teaching that addresses relationships between religious and civil authority, the domains of religion and politics. The lecture will consider Luther's doctrine and its ongoing significance, exploring how far churches may justifiably “interfere” with politics with reference to the contemporary refugee crises.



Professor Dr. Dr. Nils Oermann is Professor of Ethics at the Leuphana University of Lüneburg. He is also a visiting Professor at the University of St. Gallen, and Director of the Research Faculty “Religion, Politics and Economics” at the Humboldt University of Berlin. From 2004-2007, he was a personal adviser to the Federal President of Germany, Horst Köhler. He has been an advisor to the German Minister of Finance Dr. Wolfgang Schäuble since 2009. Professor Oermann has a Doctor of Philosophy (Oxford, in Modern

History, completed as a Rhodes Scholar) and of Theology (Leipzig), and is an ordained pastor in the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland.

Date: Monday, 21 August 2017

Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: HMLT 002, Hugh Mackenzie Building, Kelburn Parade, Victoria University of Wellington
(entrance in between Murphy and Von Zedlitz buildings)

Refreshments provided. RSVP to goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com for catering purposes.

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Fundraising for the Goethe Society's activities:

Our Entertainment Book fundraising campaign is continuing for 2017/18! Check out the information and links below for more information and to order your new membership! The price is only \$65 and gives you lots of discounts for dining, entertainment, travel and much more. It is a great way to support our Society and to save money at the same time. As always, we need to sell a minimum number in order to raise anything. Last year, we scraped through by one! Every single membership makes a difference. If you're not sure, get one anyway! Entertainment memberships make great gifts too!

We're very excited to be fundraising with Entertainment™ this year. Order your 2017 | 2018 Entertainment Book or Digital Memberships today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising!

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Thank you for your support. Any questions? Contact:

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Goethe-Institut New Zealand Events:

Keep up to date with the activities, German films (at the Film Societies), music, artist talks, exhibitions, etc. that the Goethe-Institut New Zealand organises and or facilitates at:

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/wel/ver.cfm>

These include:

- the German films at the New Zealand International Film Festival (July – October 2017):
<https://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/kul/mag/21020815.html>
- German films nationwide at Film societies (June – October 2017):
https://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/ver.cfm?fuseaction=events.detail&event_id=20913411
- And the German Film Festival (13-16 September in Wellington):
<https://www.goethe.de/ins/nz/en/kul/sup/fil.html>

Bundestagswahlen – einen kurzen Hinweis darauf:

Die Wahl zum 19. Deutschen Bundestag findet am 24. September 2017 statt. Informationen zur Teilnahme von Deutschen im Ausland finden Sie unter www.konsularinfo.diplo.de/wahl.

Stammtisch:

Der Stammtisch soll die Gelegenheit zum ungezwungenen Deutsch sprechen, plaudern, schwatzen, quatschen bieten. Es kann jeder kommen, der Deutsch sprechen möchte. Der Stammtisch findet **am letzten Donnerstag des Monats jeweils um 17:30 Uhr** im Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington statt. Um auf die Stammtischverteilerliste zu kommen, bitte eine E-mail an goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com schicken.

The Stammtisch provides the opportunity to speak German in an informal setting. Anyone who would like to speak German is invited. The Stammtisch takes place **on the last Thursday of each month at 5.30pm** in the Muenchen Hofbrauhaus (<http://munchen.co.nz/>), 6 Queens Wharf, Wellington. If you would like to be added to the mailing list for the Stammtisch, please send an email to goethe.society.wgtn@gmail.com

Cultural Sustainability Symposium:

Victoria University of Wellington's first **Cultural Sustainability Symposium** takes place 7-10 August on Pipitea and Kelburn campuses. The programme is attached to this newsletter. No registration required.

Religious Studies and the School of Languages and Cultures Seminar:

Religious Studies and the **School of Languages and Cultures** warmly invite you to a seminar on Monday 21 August 2017, 12:00–13:00 in VZ606. All welcome.

Albert Schweitzer: his life, work and theology
Professor Nils Oermann, Leuphana University of Lüneburg.

Celebrated in his own time as a scholar and humanitarian, Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was renowned for his work in several fields – as a theologian, musician, philosopher and physician. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952 for his philosophy of “reverence for life”, but has also been variously criticised.

In this seminar, Professor Oermann offers an evaluation of Schweitzer's life, work and theology, drawing upon his recently published biography (Oxford University Press, 2016).

