

# CAMBRIDGE UNDERGRADUATE CONFERENCE IN GERMAN STUDIES 2017

The third Cambridge Undergraduate Conference in German Studies took place on **Saturday 11 February 2017**. The topic was

## ***Remembering and Forgetting in the German-Speaking World.***

The 2017 keynote speaker was Dr Hubertus Knabe, Director of Berlin-Hohenschönhausen, a museum and memorial in a notorious former Stasi torture prison. Undergraduates from all disciplines and a range of UK universities and a number of sixth form students attended. We had some enthusiastic feedback:

[Blog by Austen Lowe](#), poster presenter at the conference.

Other comments:

- very interesting range of talks, good choice of keynote speaker
- never been to a conference before, learned lots
- beneficial for an undergraduate to work on non-modular talk and present research
- fantastic range of topics
- thought-provoking and highly relevant issues
- really interesting speakers
- conference inspired me to take a closer look at how 20th century events shaped the German present
- It gave me a good idea of the range of German studies
- amazing practice; wonderful opportunity to share ideas
- really well organized (thank you organizing team), enlightening to hear everyone's opinions
- amazing opportunity for an undergrad
- brilliant forum to get wider academic feedback
- really enjoyed the level of detail I got to explore and meet undergrad students from other universities
- fantastic beneficial opportunity for gaining insight into research and public speaking
- inspiring seeing undergraduates a few years older than me speak so well
- good meeting enthusiastic intelligent people with such diverse interests in German Studies
- gained an insight into lots of topic areas I wouldn't otherwise have known
- inspiring for me: the realization that German politics are about identity
- I now know more about German culture

'Cambridge University Department of German and Dutch hosted its third undergraduate conference today, to brilliant success. To see undergraduates from other universities come to Gonville and Gaius college, and make thoroughly-prepared and well-argued presentations with the right blend of intellectual confidence and modesty was an inspiring experience, and an example of the best that British education can do. Add, as keynote speaker, Dr Hubertus Knabe, director of the memorial established in Berlin's former Stasi prison (supported by the Schröder fund, and off next to speak in Cambodia) and there was something for all of us to learn from, however long in the tooth. Gladly lerne, gladly teche, as someone once said. Participants included PGCE students, sixth form teachers from across the country, and other students. At £10, including an excellent lunch and refreshments, this was a bargain as well as an intellectual and social treat. Anyone who

can attend next year's conference, or, better still, ensure that students do so, will do German studies in the UK a very good turn indeed.' (John Bald).

Look here for the [Full 2017 Programme](#) and [Conference photos](#) are also available.

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Any **schools** interested in future events, please contact Ulrike Balser on [german@mml.cam.ac.uk](mailto:german@mml.cam.ac.uk).

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The first Cambridge Undergraduate Conference in German Studies took place on Saturday 21 February 2015. For the full 2015 Conference Programme please click [here](#) and photos are available via this [link](#).

The second Cambridge Undergraduate Conference in German Studies took place on Saturday 30 January 2016. For the full 2016 Conference Programme please click [here](#).