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Dear Members and Friends,



We have exciting news to share with you. As many of you may already know, we have moved to a new location. The new facilities offer much more space and plenty of much needed parking. Our new address is:

Kulturpunkt West, Ludwig-Winter-Straße 4, 38120 Braunschweig

How to get there <https://goo.gl/maps/dfV1VuBrH3v>

You can also get there with the Tram No. 3 and Tram No. 5 getting off at the Emsstraße station.

You are all invited to our opening party on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August (see our programme for more details).

### The academic side - or the forthcoming aftermath of - Brexit

British universities are already suffering losses of funding and talent stemming from Brexit-related concerns. Many British academics have reported being dropped from EU projects, or have been quietly asked to take less visible roles. More recently, reports were published that the British government allegedly told Sara Hagemann, a European professor at the London School of Economics (LSE), that she was no longer qualified to advise the government because she is not a British citizen. Meanwhile, Home Secretary Amber Rudd has announced plans to crack down on all student visas in an effort to curb overall immigration, from both within Europe and outside it—the government includes visiting foreign students in its immigration count. For some universities, that threatens anywhere from 15 to 50 percent of their student bodies, as well as the higher tuition revenue that foreign students provide (students from the EU pay the same reduced rate as British students).

Mike Galsworthy, a visiting researcher at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, leads a group called Scientists for EU, which campaigned for the UK to remain in the union for the sake of scientific research. “The sensitivities are running high,” he said, referring to the Hagemann incident. The message of that episode, he said, is that foreign experts, students, and workers, are no longer welcome in Britain. The government’s “mindset toward negotiations is not Britain versus the EU. It’s warlike. Our side versus your side,” he said. The government has outwardly sought to underplay the uncertainty Brexit poses, while incidents similar to the one at LSE simmer quietly beneath the surface. “What appears to be the position of the government, that nothing will change until the UK actually leaves the EU, seems to me naive in the extreme,” Lord Anthony Giddens, former director of the London School of Economics, said in a debate in the House of Lords Thursday morning about the impact Brexit will have on higher education.

Already, things are changing. A group of scientists for EU has collected over 400 testimonies from British researchers and academics whose lives have been altered by the vote. Many have turned down offers from British universities in order to move to continental Europe, where they will be eligible for continued funding from Horizon 2020, an EU programme that currently supports 14 to 19 percent of British research, according to a report from the Academy of Social Sciences. Others have seen promising EU job applicants withdraw their names from consideration; many cited an increasingly unwelcoming social climate and anti-immigrant rhetoric as their reason. Australia, Germany, Ireland, and Scotland are among the countries making aggressive bids for “Brexit refugees.” When will Britain stand up? Or just even wake up.

Paul Kavanagh

## Conversation Group Programme – August – December 2017

### Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> August – 7.00 pm (19.00):

Opening party – You are invited to our opening party to celebrate our new location. Please bring a contribution to the cold buffet. Drinks will be available.

Registration deadline 7<sup>th</sup> August

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**Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August:** “Henks Haus – Unzipped” Video – Dieter Seibt will show the video he recorded on 09.06.2017 at the Raabeschule, Heidberg. If you missed the live performance, this is your chance to see the Cortez Music Theater together with the BODS singers.

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> September:** Short Story Reading – Paul and Ulla Kavanagh shall be reading a short story about ten pages, with lots of food for thought and discussion.

### Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 11.00 am:

Brexit Tour – From 12.05 to 11.06 this year, the Braunschweig journalist and graphic artist, Erwin Klein, travelled to Britain with his motorcycle and visited 8 partner cities of our region, including Bath. His reports along the way have been published in the Braunschweiger Newspaper. He will talk about the background of this tour: how the idea came about, his cooperation with the BZ and about the trip itself. He will tell us about the people he met, his experiences, what went well and what went wrong and his findings on the town partnerships. He will also show photos and videos that have not yet been shown.

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October:** The Waggumer Frauenchor will present itself - Monika Jahnke will report and show pictures of their choral journey to the partner town Bath in May 2017. They will also give a short cross-section of their song repertoire. This evening will be in German.

**Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November:** Cotswold – Gudrun Schweimler-Loeffler will give her personal impressions of the Cotswolds from her recent holiday. In and around Bourton-on-the-water, the people, a bit of geography and history, walks in this area of outstanding beauty with its typical villages and stone walls.

**Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November – 5.30 pm (17.30):** Georg Eckert Institute – One of their English-speaking librarian will give a tour of the library and then Wendy Anne Kopisch will give a presentation about the work of the institute, including her own project, the Georg Arnhold Program on Education for Sustainable Peace, which many of you will find interesting. Address is: Georg Eckert Institute, Celler Str. 3, 38114 Braunschweig. Registration is required [carmela53@aol.com](mailto:carmela53@aol.com)

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December – 7.00 pm (19.00):** Christmas party – Same procedure as every year. Please bring a contribution to the buffet.

Meetings take place at our new location, **Kulturpunkt West, Ludwig-Winter-Straße 4, 38120 Braunschweig**, unless otherwise stated. Doors open at 7.30 pm (19.30) with the main topic at 8.00 pm (20.00). Topic may be changed due to unforeseen circumstances.



The DEG Committee works very hard to come up with interesting topics for you, however we would also like to hear from you and would welcome your suggestions and preferences and if anyone would like to give a presentation please inform Paul Kavanagh or any of our committee members.

### Additional events:

**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2017: 7.30 pm (19.30)** - A group of 29 members and friends will be attending a performance of the Broadway musical “Hairspray” in the arena on the Burgplatz.

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> August 2017: 6.00 pm (18.00)** - A group of members and friends will attend the play “Henks Haus” by the Cortez Musik Theater in the Brunsviga. Tickets are still available [carmela53@aol.com](mailto:carmela53@aol.com)

**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017: 11.00 am – 3.00 pm** – Intercultural Breakfast, “KulturImZelt” in Burgerpark To represent Britain, we have reserved two tables each for 6 persons at a cost of 25,00€ per table i.e. 4,20€ per person. If you would like to join us for this intercultural event, please come along, bring your own food, drinks, and cutlery. There will also be a stage programme with artists from the region representing their different cultures. Registration is necessary latest 07.08.2017 [carmela53@aol.com](mailto:carmela53@aol.com)

