



**Let yourself and your audiences be enlightened, educated, and enchanted by my plethora of fascinating and thought-provoking presentations! The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation Movement, the upcoming German Elections, the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of President Kennedy and the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President Reagan's famous "Tear down that Wall" line — there will be plenty to talk about in 2017! Here is a selection of my programs that will be relevant and timely. Please visit [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com) for a list of all available programs.**

**Brand new program—the Main Event of 2017: 500 years of Luther and the Reformation:**

***Here I stand! The Life and Times of Martin Luther***



This year's seminal event –the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation—provides us with the perfect opportunity to take a closer look at this religious movement's towering figure: the German monk turned rebel Martin Luther! Rather than focusing on his theological philosophy, German Historian Anette Isaacs will explore Luther's colorful and riveting life story and she will also provide captivating insights into daily life in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, thus painting a fascinating picture of this highly dramatic episode in the history of Humankind.

**Brand new program– very timely and current:**

**Reflections on 250 years of German–American Relations**



When the leaders of the world's principal industrial nations will meet at the G20 summit in Hamburg this July, US President Trump will be introduced to the international political stage. This pivotal event presents us with a perfect opportunity to take a closer look at the history of German- American relations. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. for a fascinating discussion of the achievements – and also challenges – of this remarkable affiliation.

## Other new and fascinating current events programs:

### **Germany – Feeling the Pulse of a Nation**



As anyone who has been following the news knows, Germany, this European economic giant, is currently facing challenging and uncertain times. The country is still trying to absorb and integrate over one Million refugees while grappling with horrific terrorist attacks, most recently the one at the Berlin Christmas market. The fallout from last year's Brexit vote and the new Trump presidency also left a mark on Germany, the strongest European leader in the Union. And in September of this year an important federal election will take place that will determine Chancellor Merkel's fate. Join Germany expert Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she "feels the pulse" of her home country and presents current opinions and attitudes concerning the issues and challenges that occupy Europe's most populous nation right now!

**Also still available: *The New Promised Land? How the current refugee crisis will shape and change Germany!* Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)**

### **Germany, Angela Merkel, and the impending Election!**



Germany is preparing for an important election in September which will not only decide the Chancellor's fate, but that of the entire European Union. Will Angela Merkel be able to stay at the helm of Europe's most populous nation and its economic powerhouse? Or will her adversaries, the Social Democratic party, secure a win? Would a new Chancellor be as interested in solving the current refugee crisis? How would a new leader get along with the Trump administration? Join German Historian and Political Scientist Anette Isaacs, M.A. for a fascinating discussion of these pressing and critical issues.

**Please note: Coming in October of 2017, I will also offer a follow up lecture called: *Germany after the Election!***

### **Kennedy and Reagan – Two Legendary Presidents in Berlin**



President John F. Kennedy's 100th birthday and the 30th anniversary of President Reagan's legendary speech at the Brandenburg Gate present us with the perfect opportunity to look back at the history making visits of American presidents to Berlin. For almost 45 years Berlin was the German Metropolis synonymous with the Cold War in Europe. German historian Anette Isaacs will relate the intriguing background stories of why Kennedy emphatically proclaimed that he was a Berliner and the inspiration behind Reagan's demand that the Soviets "tear down that wall"!

**Also available: *The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall and Everyday Life in East Germany - A Look across the Border.* Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)**

*Perfect for all occasions, especially for Women's History Month:*

### **The Woman behind the Teddy Bear—the awe-inspiring story of Margarete Steiff!**



For almost 140 years now, every child and adult all over the world has been loving Steiff toys, the wonderful array of stuffed animals from Germany, the most famous being, of course, the Teddy Bear. Hardly anyone knows, though, that they were invented by an amazing woman who overcame terrible sickness and incredible challenges and turned her tiny workshop into one of the most recognizable international brands— and all that in the male dominated world of the 19th century! Join German historian Anette Isaacs as she relates the story of the truly awe-inspiring life of toy maker and business maven Margarete Steiff!

### **The amazing Adventure of Bertha Benz and the History of the German Automobile**



The superb reputation of German cars is legendary, but hardly anyone knows that the history of the automobile's origin is, to a great extent, due to Bertha Benz, a young mother of five, who, in August of 1888, - in a secret attempt to visit her mother - became the first human being ever to drive an automobile over a long distance. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she introduces you to this exciting and history making adventure!

*Always a perfect and uplifting topic for all generations:*

### **Operation Freedom – The Berlin Airlift**



It was perhaps one of the greatest adventures in American military history: the Berlin airlift of 1948/49! When Soviet troops closed all access routes to West- Berlin by land, sea, and rail, thus threatening the lives of 2.5 million people and provoking the first major international crisis of the Cold War. American General Lucius D. Clay did not hesitate, and proceeded to build a bold and fantastic bridge across the sky, involving 700 planes and 250 000 flights over a period of 14 months! Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of this exciting time in her country's postwar history.

## Programs about iconic German Royalty:

### **“Mad” Ludwig II of Bavaria: Inside the Life and Mind of Germany’s Fairy-tale King!**



Although he once famously said: “I wish to remain an eternal enigma to myself and to others”, King Ludwig II. is perhaps the most illustrious of all Germans. Best known as an eccentric whose love for art (especially the music of Richard Wagner) and architecture is legendary, the young King had a charmed but also tragic existence. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., as she unravels this “eternal enigma” and presents you with mesmerizing insights into the Fairy-tale King’s amazing life!

Also available: **Richard Wagner and King Ludwig of Bavaria – Between Music and Madness** and **The Tainted Legacy of Richard Wagner** Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

### **Frederick the Great – Exploring the Life and Times of Germany’s King of Kings!**



Frederick, the Great! This Prussian king who was a contemporary (and critic) of George Washington, has been occupying the hearts and minds of historians, politicians, and history buffs for centuries. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating exploration of the life and times of this truly *great* King who elevated Prussia from a local to a European Super Power.

Also available: **Prussia’s Glory: The Hohenzollern Dynasty.** Please see this lecture description at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

## Always wonderful for Fall and “Octoberfest”:

### **Culinaria Germania—the delicious dish on German Food**



When thinking about German food bratwurst, sauerkraut, beer, and all kinds of breads are the first things that come to mind. German food and drink are well-known and popular all over the world. But there is so much more to German cuisine, especially when one takes the regional differences into consideration. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she takes you on a fascinating, fun –and delicious– journey through the culinary wonders of her native country, highlighted by an authentic Kaffeeklatsch with typical German desserts such as the mysterious, yet delectable Bienenstich.

A very important subject in my work as a Historian is *Jewish Life and Remembrance in Germany*. In 2017 I am offering the following programs:

**Programs pertaining to the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eichmann trial and the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wannsee Conference:**

**Nazi Hunter Fritz Bauer—A Heroic Story!**



55 years after his trial in Jerusalem, it has become common knowledge that Adolf Eichmann was captured by Mossad agents in Argentina and brought to justice in Israel. But hardly anyone is familiar with the fact that it was a German Jew, the Hessian attorney general Fritz Bauer, who provided pivotal information about Eichmann's whereabouts in South America to the Israeli authorities. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she pays homage to Bauer, this true hero who confronted post-war German society with its guilt - and denial thereof- and who almost single-handedly initiated the Auschwitz Trials of the mid 1960s.

**Never Forget: Remembering the Holocaust in Berlin and Germany**



This year we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Wannsee Conference, where the so called “final solution,” the genocide of European Jewry, was meticulously planned. Seven decades after the end of World War II, Germany has evolved into a country with a varied and fascinating remembrance culture, reminding Germans and visitors alike of the nation's horrible past and legacy. German historian Anette Isaacs will take you on a photographic journey to some of the many memorials to victims of the holocaust, that show how remembrance and guilt have been expressed in the “land of the perpetrators.”

**The New Germany— European Leader with a difficult legacy!**



75 years after the Wannsee Conference -where the so called “final solution”, the genocide of European Jewry, was meticulously planned- generations of Germans are still grappling with their country's -and, in many cases, their own family's-horrible legacy. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., for a fascinating discussion of how the German nation has attempted - and is still attempting- to cope with the guilt of having caused the Holocaust.

Also available: ***The Germans and their Führer: Insights into a Mutual Obsession.*** Please see **this lecture description at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)**

## From Survivors to DPs: Jews in Post- War Germany

It is a little known fact that right after the end of World War II, over 200 000 Jewish Refugees and Holocaust Survivors found temporary asylum in Germany, of all places. The occupying forces created the so called DP Camps for these *Displaced Persons* and helped them to prepare for a future life in the United States and Israel, for example with the creation of training *Kibbutzim* on German territory. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs and gain fascinating insights into Jewish Life in immediate Post-War Germany.

## The Long Road "Home": Returning to Germany after the Holocaust.

Much has been written in recent years about the renaissance of Jewish Life in Germany which was primarily caused by a major wave of immigration on part of Jews from the former Soviet Union. While this lecture will explore this particular phenomenon and its consequences as well, it first and foremost wants to attempt to find an answer to the question why Jews were coming back to Germany after World War II. What motives could they have had to return to the "land of the perpetrators"? Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she traces back the long road home that led to a rebirth of Jewish Life in her native country.

## Jews in Germany today

More than seven decades after the end of World War II, today's Jewish Community in Germany is the third largest in all of Europe and Jewish Life is flourishing. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she explores various facets of Jewish Life in her native country.

## Germany and Israel—a story of Guilt and an unlikely Friendship

In 1965 Germany and Israel reluctantly entered into diplomatic relations. What at first glance seemed to be a rather unlikely relationship –especially in light of the shared history– has evolved over time into a blossoming friendship and successful economic bond. In order for this to happen Germany had to face its Nazi legacy and subsequent collective guilt. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she discusses how her native country has attempted to cope with the guilt of causing the Holocaust and how this painful but necessary process heralded a new era in German- Israeli relations.



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