

**Anette Isaacs—let's talk about Germany!**



*I am delighted to present to you my new program flyer with all the relevant and timely topics that I am offering this year!*

*Whether it is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Airlift, the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Bertha Benz' marvelous adventure, or the amazing story of Levi Strauss and the Blue Jeans— there will be plenty to talk about in 2018! I am looking forward to educating, enlightening, and entertaining your audiences!*

*Please note: This is just a selection of my available programs. Visit [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com) for a list of all offered programs.*

### **Such an important event: the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Airlift:**

#### **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.

### **Brand new and perfect for all occasions:**

#### **Levi Strauss, the Gold Rush, and the World's most famous pair of pants!**



Everybody loves them, everybody wears them: Jeans are no doubt an iconic garment and they tell the legendary story of the American West. But did you know that they were made world famous by an adventurous Bavarian Jew who combined his marvelous business sense with German ingenuity? Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A., for a fascinating journey into the days of the Gold Rush and learn about Levi Strauss and his amazing life!

### **130 years ago Bertha Benz was the first human being ever to drive an automobile over a long distance:**

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



The superb reputation of German cars is legendary: Porsche, BMW, AUDI, and Mercedes Benz have millions of fans all over the world and are synonymous with the quality and success of German engineering. 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 130 years ago - 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 Bertha Benz and her exciting and history making adventure of 1888!

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

### **Revisiting The Refugee Crisis in Germany three years later!**



The world looked at Germany incredulously when in the Summer of 2015, Chancellor Merkel opened up the borders and let over one Million refugees and asylum seekers, mostly from war-torn Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq into the country. Equipped with a sturdy social net and a pressing moral obligation to help those in need, Germany seemed to be a new promised land for many of the refugees. But what has happened since? How has the refugee crisis been dealt with during these past three years? Join German historian and political scientist Anette Isaacs for a fascinating update on the successes and challenges that evolved from Chancellor Merkel's fateful decision.

## **Other new and fascinating current events programs:**

### **Germany – An Operating Manual!**



Germany is commonly seen as an economic powerhouse with a difficult legacy. But what is life in Europe's most populous nation really like? Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. for a fascinating look at daily life in today's Germany. Learn about the country's complex welfare, education, and tax systems and discuss current events that are shaping society and politics. In short, find out what makes the 82 Million people living in Germany today, tick

### **The End of the Hausfrau? German Women today!**



This year the Germans –and especially the German women- are celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage which was granted to them in 1918. One hundred years later one can indeed say that emancipation has reached Europe's most populous nation full force: the country is led by a female Chancellor, a record number of women are working, and they are eclipsing men in terms of education and career goals. All this progress, though, does not come without its drawbacks. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. for a discussion of what it is like to be a woman in today's German society.

### **Musikland – fascinating notes on Germany's abundant musical landscape!**



As anyone who has ever visited Germany knows, the country's cultural life is of legendary proportions. Although only half the size of our state of Texas, Europe's most populous nation boasts 130 professional orchestras, 820 theaters and 6200 museums! Due to the fact that most of Germany's cultural scene is funded by taxes, the country's artists are able to spend a yearly budget of over 9.5 Billion Dollars! This system, however, works best when the economy excels and it faces drawbacks in times of economic crisis. Join Anette Isaacs as she discusses the traditions, the bountiful expressions, and the challenges of her native country's artistic life.

## **Audience Favorites, perfect for all occasions:**

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



For almost 140 years, 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!

### **“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)

### **The Life and Times of Martin Luther**



This past October’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.

### **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.

## **Also timely in 2018:**

### **John F. Kennedy in Berlin: Revisiting a momentous trip!**



2018 marks the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's epoch making visit to Berlin. For almost 45 years the German Metropolis, divided by a 98 mile long concrete wall, was synonymous with the Cold War in Europe. Join German historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating look back to this special Wednesday in June of 1963 that was so tremendous that it inspired the President to turn to his aide Ted Sorensen and say: "We'll never have another day like this one, as long as we live."

### **Reflections on 250 years of German-American Relations**



2018 marks both the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Berlin Airlift and the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's iconic visit to Berlin! These pivotal events present 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!

### **Prussia's Glory: The Hohenzollern Dynasty**



With the abdication of Kaiser Wilhelm II 100 years ago this fall, monarchy came to an end in Germany! This anniversary is a welcome and timely opportunity to look back at this rather infamous ruler and his illustrious dynasty that consisted of seven kings and three emperors. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs and explore the colorful history of the House of Hohenzollern, a family that shaped Germany's fate like no other!

**Please note:** In addition to my lecturing I also own A&M Tours,  a service providing unique, tailor-made educational travel experiences for groups and organizations! ([www.artandmusicgermany.com](http://www.artandmusicgermany.com)). Please consider letting me take your patrons, members, residents, colleagues, or clients on a fabulous educational trip to Germany! Contact me for pricing and itineraries!

**New: you can now also book me to facilitate your Current Events and Round Table Discussion groups! I am available on a weekly basis or for a multi week series!**

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Two very important subjects in my work as a Historian are *Jewish Life and Remembrance* and *the history of the Third Reich*. In 2018 the following programs will be available:

**Brand new for fall of 2018:**

**Silent Heroes: An important – and long overdue– look at the Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany**



The 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany presents us with the perfect opportunity to look at the relatively unknown and sometimes even forgotten heroes who often gave their lives in order to fight against the Nazi regime. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs, M.A. as she pays homage to Sophie and Hans Scholl, Georg Elser, Baron von Stauffenberg, the women of Rosenstrasse, and other groups who made up the *German Resistance*.

**85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hitler's rise to power in Germany:**

**The Germans and their *Führer*: Insights into a mutual obsession**



Addressing a huge and adoring audience at the Party Convention in Nuremberg in 1936, Adolf Hitler stated: *"That you have found me among so many millions is the miracle of our time! And the fact that I found you—that is Germany's good fortune!"* Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for an exploration of how this consummate symbiosis of *Volk and Führer* (People and Leader) –that started 85 years ago with his rise to power– came into existence and how it changed and evolved during the course –and especially- the demise of the *Third Reich*.

Also available: **Between Normality and Terror: Everyday Life in Nazi Germany AND The Women of the *Third Reich*!** Please see these lecture descriptions at [www.anetteisaacs.com](http://www.anetteisaacs.com)

**Programs pertaining to the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Night of broken glass:**

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



This year we commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht, also known as the November pogrom. More than 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!**



80 years after the shameful Night of Broken Glass ("Kristallnacht") generations of Germans are still grappling with their country's -and, in many cases, their own family's- horrible Nazi 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.

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



Five and a half decades after his death, 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.

## **Programs pertaining to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the State of Israel:**

### **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.

### **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 seems 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.

## **Also timely in 2018:**

### **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 right after World War II. 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.