



Germany 2022 – embarking on new educational adventures!

As Germany is moving into the post-Merkel era, I am delighted to present my new program flyer with all the relevant and timely topics that I am offering in 2022. I can't wait to once again enlighten, educate, and entertain your delightful audiences: either via **ZOOM** or in person!

Please note: This is just a selection of my available programs. Visit www.anetteisaacs.com for a list of all offered programs and detailed program descriptions!

New in 2022:

Coming this Spring:



The German Virtuosa – Inside the Life and Times of Clara Schumann

She was not only a divine pianist, talented composer, and successful teacher, but also a mother of 8 and the main breadwinner in her family. In the very male dominated 19th century, German *superwoman* Clara Schumann did it all while juggling a 61-year concert career that made her internationally famous. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for an intimate look at the life of the very exceptional *Clara Virtuosa*!

Taking Inventory of Germany's new Traffic Light Coalition

The new coalition government under Chancellor Olaf Scholz has only been in power for a few months but there is no time to waste. From a Covid Crisis management to the modernization of its infrastructure, Europe's most populous nation needs to meet its many challenges swiftly and effectively. Join Germany expert Anette Isaacs for an informative look at the first 100+ days of the post-Merkel era.


The New Promised Land: an Update on the Migrants and Refugees in Germany

Six years ago, wars in the Middle East and economic hardship in many other countries were responsible for the biggest refugee crisis since World War II. Over a million of the refugees and migrants set their sights on Germany which seemed to become a new *promised land*. Anette Isaacs will discuss how her home country has dealt with the huge task of absorbing this enormous influx of people and how the refugees are faring in today's Germany!



Crucial anniversaries and commemorations in 2022:


Eichmann before Jerusalem—Insights into the mind of a Mass Murderer



The 60th anniversary of Adolf Eichmann's execution in Israel presents an important opportunity for us to take a closer look at the “architect of the Holocaust.” Did he really just represent the “banality of evil” as author Hannah Arendt so famously expressed it? Or was he indeed a fanatical and utterly brutal Nazi, as recent historical research suggests? Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a compelling discussion of the decade Eichmann spent in Buenos Aires, which will reveal crucial insights into the mind of one of the world's most callous mass murderers.


Also available: **Nazi Hunter Fritz Bauer—a heroic story!** *Please see this lecture description at www.anetteisaacs.com*

The Life and Times of Martin Luther




505 years ago, the rebellious monk Martin Luther published his 95 theses. This action was not only a blatant affront to the Roman Church but also the beginning of the Reformation movement. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she explores Luther's colorful and riveting life story. Ms. Isaacs also offers captivating insights into daily life in the 16th century, thus painting a fascinating picture of this highly dramatic episode in the history of Humankind.

Ode to Beethoven – the Man behind the Music!



To this day, German born Ludwig van Beethoven, who died 195 years ago, is the most listened to creator of classical music. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for an intimate look at the life and times of this tragic genius who was as famous for his fiery personality as for his divine ability to turn his personal struggles into supreme and powerful melodies.


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



The President's 105th birthday is a wonderful occasion to remember his 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 joyful look back to this special Wednesday in June of 1963 that was so tremendous that it inspired JFK to turn to his aide Ted Sorensen and say: “*We'll never have another day like this one, as long as we live.*”

Also available: **Germany- three decades after the Unification; Everyday Life in East Germany: A look across the Border; and Operation Freedom- The Berlin Airlift.** *Please see these lecture descriptions at www.anetteisaacs.com*

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 look at this magnificent period in American history and learn about Levi Strauss (1829-1902) and his amazing life!

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



120 years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt started to become the namesake of the world-famous Teddy Bear. Hardly anyone knows, though, that the cuddly stuffed toys were invented by an amazing woman from Southern Germany 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!

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



Frederick, the Great – this legendary Prussian King, born 310 years ago, has been occupying the hearts and minds of historians, politicians, and history buffs for literally centuries. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a multi-layered exploration of the life and times of this truly *great* King (a contemporary – and critic—of George Washington, by the way) who elevated Prussia from a local to a European Super Power.

The Tainted Legacy of Richard Wagner



To some he is the creator of divine music, to others history’s most controversial composer: 140 years after the premier of his last operatic masterwork *Parsifal*, Richard Wagner and his legacy that was tainted by both, his own difficult personality, and the usurpation of his music by Adolf Hitler, are still topics of lively debate. Join Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of how the music and the legacy of Richard Wagner are received in her native country of Germany today.



Don't forget my delectable Workshop for Groups and Organizations:

The Wonders of Tea: Re-discovering an iconic beverage!



Tea is the most widely consumed beverage in the world after plain water. But what do we really know about this amazing beverage? Join Anette Isaacs for a fascinating journey into the world and history of tea, followed by an exclusive tasting of delectable specialty teas from major tea growing nations such as China, Japan, Sri Lanka, and Taiwan.

Please allow 2 ½ to 3 hours for this utterly delightful experience.



Fun programs for Oktoberfest events:
exclusive beer and food tastings can be arranged upon request:

Germany's *liquid bread* – a refreshing look at the history of Beer!



Once so essential to daily diets that it was referred to as *liquid bread*, German beer to this day is a source of great cultural and national pride. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a lively exploration into the history of this iconic drink that will also include a look at the lucky German brewers who became *Beer Barons* in the USA!

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. German Historian Anette Isaacs takes you on a fascinating, fun – and delicious– journey through the culinary wonders of her native country.

Audience Favorites, perfect for all occasions:

The Rise and Fall of the Berlin Wall



With the rise of the Berlin Wall in 1961, the course of Germany's and especially of Berlin's history took a tragic turn. It would take 28 years for this cruel and inhuman symbol of Germany's division to come down, thus giving birth to yet another period in this European nation's remarkable evolution. Join Historian and Ex-Berliner Anette Isaacs, M.A., as she presents you with a historical and political overview of this painful but also almost miraculous phase in Berlin's intriguing history.

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 who 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!

“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 truly extraordinary life!

Also available: **Richard Wagner and King Ludwig of Bavaria – Between Music and Madness!** Please see this lecture description at www.anetteisaacs.com

Programs pertaining to Nazi Germany and to Jewish Life & Remembrance:

Never Forget: Remembering the Holocaust in Berlin and Germany



77 years after 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. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs as she takes you on a photographic journey which explores and discusses a multitude of memorials to the victims of the Holocaust, thus shedding light on the various intriguing artistic representations of the concepts of Remembrance and Guilt in the "land of the perpetrators."

An amazing story:



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

In the spring of 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. 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.

Between Normality and Terror: Everyday Life in Nazi Germany



Most of today's research on Nazi Germany is focused on its system of terror that ultimately led to the death and destruction of millions of people. While we will discuss the role of governmental surveillance and brutality, we want to first and foremost explore what daily life was like for ordinary citizens in 1930s Germany. By looking at various societal paradigms, such as education, employment, and cultural expression, we will gain insights into how the German people were oscillating between normality and terror and how the Nazis were able to turn Germany into a brutal and horrific dictatorship.

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) came into existence and how it changed and evolved during the course –and especially- the demise of the *Third Reich*.

The Women of the Third Reich



"The mission of women is to be beautiful and to bring children into the world." These words, auspiciously written by Hitler's mouthpiece Joseph Goebbels in 1929, laid out the simple but essential role German women were expected to play in the prospective Third Reich. By examining both the general situation of women in Nazi Germany and the individual lives of wives and girlfriends of the Nazi elite, such as Magda Goebbels, Emmi Goering, Leni Riefenstahl, and the infamous Eva Braun, German Historian Anette Isaacs will reveal in how far this lofty expectation was met by reality in a racially motivated totalitarian system.

Silent Heroes: Exploring the Resistance Movement in Nazi Germany



This crucial presentation looks at the relatively unknown and sometimes even forgotten heroes who often gave their lives in order to fight against the German dictator's brutal 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*.

1945 – the year that shaped the new Germany



This year's 77th anniversary of the end of World War II presents us with a valuable opportunity to look back at the events that took place in 1945, a year that proved to be pivotal for the transformation of Germany from a brutal belligerent dictatorship to a flourishing and pacifist democracy. Join German Historian Anette Isaacs for a fascinating discussion of how key events like the bombing of Dresden, the Potsdam Conference, and the beginning of the Nuremberg trials played a crucial role in this remarkable process.

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 our lecture will explore this phenomenon and its consequences as well, we first and foremost want 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.

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.

Please contact me and let us select the perfect programs for your audience! I am looking forward to hearing from you!

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