

German 3102

News and Views

Conversations about Current Issues in the German-Speaking World
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This course has a dual aim: 1) to inform you about events, issues, and trends in the German-speaking world today and 2) to increase your German reading, listening, speaking, and writing skills. Topics will include Brexit, the end of the Angela-Merkel-Era, the rise of the far right, migration, US-German relations, and environmental policy.



Demonstrating in Berlin against Brexit (the UK's exit from the European Union) after the "yes" vote in 2016



(Successful) demonstration against cutting down a forest for a new coal-fired power plant in 2018



Chancellor Merkel and President Trump at a NATO meeting in 2018