

**The Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft
Rhein-Main e.V. and the Frankfurter PresseClub e.V.**

invite you to an event entitled

**In Search of Berlin
The Story of Europe's Most Important City**

with

John Kampfner

on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 19 hrs

Please ensure you register for the Pressclub by March 20th. There are 30 available places, and registration will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For organisational reasons, there will be no Zoom option. However, the talk will be streamed live on YouTube to which no prior registration is necessary. You are cordially invited to access the following YouTube link shortly before the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/GCQH12z0Pp4>

However, to participate in the Q&A via the chat function, you will need a Google account and must be logged into YouTube.

Biographical Notes:

John Kampfner is an award-winning author, broadcaster and foreign affairs commentator.

He began his career reporting from East Berlin (during the fall of the Wall) and Moscow (during the collapse of communism) for the Telegraph.

After covering British politics for the Financial Times and BBC, he edited the New Statesman. He is a regular TV and radio pundit, documentary maker and author of six previous books, including the bestselling Blair's Wars.

John Kampfner has been a board member of the Anglo-German Society Berlin since November 14, 2024.

In the course of Q & A, following the talk, John Kampfner can also be asked about his 8th book "Why the World Does It Better" (https://johnkampfner.substack.com/p/why-the-world-does-it-better?r=ewn15&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=web&triedRedirect=true) For further details please link with: <https://www.jkampfner.net/>

Synopsis

"No other city has had so many lives, survived so many disasters and has reinvented itself so many times. No other city is like Berlin.

Berlin has been a military barracks, industrial powerhouse, centre of learning, hotbed of decadence - and the laboratory for the worst experiment in horror known to man. It is now the irresistible capital to which the world is gravitating.

Ever since I was a young journalist in Communist East Berlin, I haven't been able to get the city out of his mind. It is a place tortured by its past, obsessed with memories, a place where traumas are unleashed and the traumatised have gathered.

I have walked the length and breadth of Berlin, delving into the archives, and talking to historians, architects and archaeologists. I clambered onto a fallen statue of Lenin; rummaged in boxes of early Medieval bones and learned about the cabaret star so outrageous she was thrown out of the city.

In Search of Berlin is an 800-year story, a dialogue between past and present; it is a new way of looking at this turbulent and beguiling city on its never-ending journey of reinvention" (<https://www.jkampfner.net/books>).

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