

THE DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES  
PRESENTS:

# **BAVARIA: THE GERMAN TEXAS (... AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE!)**

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SCIENCE NORTH 53-215

**Anika Leithner is originally from Bavaria, home of *Lederhosen* and *Dirndl*, land of beer and sausage, host of the world's largest party (*Oktoberfest*), cradle of civilization and soccer ... and likely the only place on earth where beer is the cheapest drink on the menu (and that includes water!). Like her fellow *Bajuwaren* (Bavarians), she believes that Bavaria should be its own country, is far superior to the rest of Germany/the world, and that if you are not a Bavarian, you are – by default – a *Preiß* (Prussian). Other than that, she is quite humble, though.**

**In addition to being a transplanted Bavarian, Anika Leithner is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Cal Poly. Her research and teaching interests focus on the European Union, German foreign policy, and political psychology. She recently published her first book entitled Shaping German Foreign Policy: History, Memory, and National Interest.**

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