



## Goethe Society Wellington: Aktuelle Themen

Our first gathering on Wednesday 5 June will be all about Taylor Swift. Like the rest of the world Germany has fallen under her spell. She's touring there this year, to sold-out audiences. What's her appeal? Who are her fans? Why is she still such an icon, 18 years on from her first hit? Does she have her critics? What does she stand for? Start looking for interviews with her, articles about her, reviews and analysis, and you'll find any number of answers to these questions. Here are just a handful of articles about her.

The Big Sister, someone to look up to

<https://taz.de/Das-Phaenomen-Taylor-Swift/!5987807/>

Taylor Swift and her influence on German politics – and on politics across the world

<https://www.spiegel.de/politik/deutschland/taylor-swift-ist-ein-popstar-mit-enormer-macht-und-ein-vorbild-fuer-deutschland-podcast-a-7218585f-ba21-4c2d-acbf-7fbd21188420>

The economic impact of Taylor Swift

<https://www.businessinsider.com/taylor-swift-eras-tour-tickets-swiftonomics-europe-economy-inflation-2024-5>

An anti-hero who shares her troubles. She's just like us

<https://www.glamour.de/artikel/taylor-swifts-song-anti-hero>

[https://www.focus.de/kultur/kino\\_tv/ich-hoerte-einfach-mit-dem-essen-auf-taylor-swift-spricht-ueber-essstoerungen\\_id\\_11589118.html](https://www.focus.de/kultur/kino_tv/ich-hoerte-einfach-mit-dem-essen-auf-taylor-swift-spricht-ueber-essstoerungen_id_11589118.html)

On the list of the world's richest

<https://www.spiegel.de/wirtschaft/taylor-swift-ist-nun-im-forbes-ranking-der-reichsten-milliardaere-der-welt-a-62d22f11-6e00-415b-b574-c8d9a365b2de>

Taylor Swift Church Services in Heidelberg

<https://www.swr.de/swraktuell/baden-wuerttemberg/mannheim/taylor-swift-gottesdienste-heidelberg-102.html>

Lyrics with literary allusions

<https://www.swr.de/swrkultur/literatur/swr2-lesenswert-magazin-20230910-1705-03-popstar-taylor-swift-lyrics-fuer-die-literaturwissenschaft-100.html>

What lies behind the lyrics

<https://www.glamour.de/artikel/taylor-swift-eras-tour-hype>

Maybe these raise more questions than answers. Come along and have fun sharing your views, practising your German in a relaxed social setting. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5 June at Von Zedlitz Common Room 606 at Victoria University, 28 Kelburn Parade, at 6pm. Bring food and drink to share.