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## **Radio**

You will need to sign in **OR** register to listen to the following....

Bertolt Brecht: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/b00rt9rh>

[In Our Time - Bertolt Brecht - BBC Sounds](#)

**Youtube** extract sent by Ellen

Hope this guy makes you and the club members smile.

<https://youtube.com/shorts/ueiCFxrjjeE?si=zKo9D83NF-XScZga>

## **Yorkshire Post article**

**Section of grand building once saved from dereliction thanks to “meddling” by King Charles could become studio flats**

[https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/business/section-of-grand-building-once-saved-from-dereliction-thanks-to-meddling-by-king-charles-could-become-studio-flats-4614576?utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3BnBiE7SvPVbOvcGE-Gai7\\_UgdHTRrVloHhXWQNIyKD2xPceSVMvN8dcg\\_aem\\_Abrh0NmKRmAJ0VfhrNFhJTNTAjbZ8IGv6UNnDpULgHcM7Lfc3-9FjGAS732WIIHhbj8MIN1oncbAjdOJ3mslVEwd#Echobox=1714742936](https://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/business/section-of-grand-building-once-saved-from-dereliction-thanks-to-meddling-by-king-charles-could-become-studio-flats-4614576?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Facebook&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3BnBiE7SvPVbOvcGE-Gai7_UgdHTRrVloHhXWQNIyKD2xPceSVMvN8dcg_aem_Abrh0NmKRmAJ0VfhrNFhJTNTAjbZ8IGv6UNnDpULgHcM7Lfc3-9FjGAS732WIIHhbj8MIN1oncbAjdOJ3mslVEwd#Echobox=1714742936)

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## Berlin Briefing

### A weekly look at German politics

#### IS DEMOCRACY IN DANGER?

The phrase "*Die Demokratie ist in Gefahr*" ("democracy is under threat") has become a rallying cry in Germany in recent weeks, especially following a spate of [attacks on candidates](#) for the upcoming European election. Politicians from all parties have been deploring the rise in violence.

This has become the backdrop to one of the country's most high-profile court cases: A group of ["Reichsbürger"](#) around Heinrich XIII Prince Reuss are on trial accused of plotting to storm the German parliament and detain prominent politicians, including Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and opposition leader Friedrich Merz.

Article 20 of the Basic Law states that the Federal Republic of Germany is a democratic state and "all Germans shall have the right to resist any person seeking to abolish this constitutional order if no other remedy is available," a principle is relevant to the Reichsbürger trial. Jens Thureau has more:



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## Germany: Far-right coup plotters go on trial

The ringleaders of a far-right network of "Reichsbürger" around Heinrich XIII Prince Reuss begins in Frankfurt on Tuesday. The group has been accused of planning to topple the government.

Germany has seen democracy threatened from other directions too: The organization Muslim Interactive (MI), classified as extremist by Germany's domestic intelligence agency, organized a demonstration with over 1,000 participants in [Hamburg this month](#) to protest what it called Islamophobic policies and a media campaign against Muslims in Germany.

Participants held banners with messages reading "Germany — a dictatorship of values" and "The caliphate is the solution."

This sparked a nationwide debate over whether such demonstrations should be allowed. German Vice Chancellor Robert Habeck, of the Green Party, joined the chorus of critics, saying the demonstration had questioned the principles of the German state.

Despite the criticism, a second demonstration organized by MI was allowed to go ahead under tight security. It went without a hitch.

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## Books recommendations



**Film:** Tom Hanks film "**Greyhound**" on Apple TV.



<https://www.ndbooks.com/book/book-of-words/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2023/jun/08/kairos-by-jenny-erpenbeck-review-a-monumental-breakup>

"U.S. Navy Cmdr. Ernest Krause is assigned to lead an Allied convoy across the Atlantic during World War II. His convoy, however, is pursued by German U-boats. Although this is Krause's first wartime mission, he finds himself embroiled in what would come to be known as the longest, largest and most complex naval battle in history: The Battle of the Atlantic."

There's lots of technical language but it really gives a thrilling sense of what the battle was like

<https://m.imdb.com/title/tt6048922/>

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**“Out of the Darkness – the Germans 1942-2022” by Frank Trentmann.**

Oliver Moody, The Times’s Germany correspondent, entitled his review “How the Germans became good (and rather smug)” and then said: “an impressive account of how Germany built a new identity for itself after the barbaric Nazi years”.

