

INVITATION

Film evening – German section (Department Afrikaans & Dutch; German & French)

You are cordially invited to the German section's film evening, where we will be showing the German film (in German with English subtitles) **"The Zone of Interest"** (2023).

Jonathan Glazer's *The Zone of Interest* is an unsettling film that explores the banality of evil. It centres on the domestic life of Auschwitz commandant Rudolf Höss and his family, who live a seemingly idyllic existence in a beautiful home right next to the concentration camp. The film focuses on the stark and horrifying contrast between their peaceful, mundane lives and the atrocities occurring just beyond their garden wall, which are only ever heard, not seen.

This unique and disturbing perspective forces viewers to confront the human capacity for denial and indifference. Loosely based on a novel by Martin Amis, the film received a number of awards, including the Grand Prix at the Cannes film festival.

Please click here to watch the trailer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-vfg3KkV54>

Date: 30 September 2025

Time: 19:00

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