

Newsletter

Late Autumn, 2025

Are you ready for the festive season?

Your OUSL Committee certainly hopes so, as we have a host of exciting events lined up – not least for Christmas – so let's jump right in!

Our final Dinner-Talk of the year is coming up 6th November at the Golf Club Grand Ducal. Ambassador Benno Laggner will speak on the challenges to European security. This is followed by a delicious dinner. Do get in touch quickly if you would like a last-minute ticket.



And soon it's time for the highlight of the OUSL year – our very own Annual Christmas Gala Black-Tie Dinner on 4 December at Cercle Münster. Registration is in full swing, so don't hesitate to book for an evening of Christmas cheer, music, and fun. We are proud that the UK Ambassador will join our celebrations as our guest of honour.

We round off the OUSL year on 14th December with the visit to the Christmas Market. Our friends from Cambridge will join us here.

Likewise, we are invited to several Camsoc events - do scroll down to 'Cambridge Invites' to see them. Among these, be sure to sign up quickly for the 17 December Postlude Concert & Reception with St John's Choir Cambridge to secure a place.

Finally – and forgive a touch of sobriety amidst the gaiety – please note that from January 2026 the annual membership fee will rise from €35 to €40. Those of us with standing orders are asked to adjust accordingly.

All that remains now is for the OUSL Committee to wish you good cheer and a wonderful festive season!

With very best wishes,

And on behalf of the OUSL Committee,

Mette Ahlefeldt-Laurvig
Chair, Oxford University Society of Luxembourg asbl

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Student fair and End of the Month Drinks

30TH-31ST OF NOVEMBER



Student Fair in Belval

Promoting Oxford University and supporting education remain key OUSL objectives. We will once again have a stand at the annual Student Fair. This important work also helps strengthen ties with Luxembourg educational community.

We thank all volunteers who signed up to help and Dan Schmidt who took the lead to organise the event.

End-of-the-month drink

We meet again with alumni from 'the other place' for a chat, informal drinks, and, if a bit peckish, also a meal.

RSVP: secretary@cambridgesociety.lu,
cc: chair@oxford.lu

We just need to know so we can reserve enough seating. That said, if you happen to have some spare time, please feel free to drop by anyway!

Venue: Atmos Bar, 1. floor, 32, Rue de la Poste, 235 Ville-Haute, Luxembourg

30TH OF NOVEMBER, 19:00PM



Dinner-Talk with H.E. the Swiss Ambassador

6TH OF NOVEMBER, 18:30PM



Current Security Challenges for Europe and Switzerland's Role

We are delighted to announce our forthcoming Dinner-Talk with the Swiss Ambassador to Luxembourg, His Excellency Benno Laggner.

Venue: Grand-Ducal Golf Club, 1 Rte de Treves, 2633 Senningerberg Niederanven

More details

Programme: 18:30: Apéro followed by dinner and dinner-talk.

Tickets: €110/pp incl. wine.

Partners and friends of members are welcome.

• Menu:

- Ceviche de dorade royale à la mangue.
- Suprême de pintade fermière, sauce aux morilles, petits légumes de saison, purée de pommes de terre.
- Vacherin café moka, glace moka maison, meringue.

Vegetarian Option:

- Carpaccio de betterave rouge, crème de chèvre frais, noix torréfiées, roquette.
- Raviole d'artichauts, purée fumée de chou-fleur, beurre de sauge et éclats de noisettes.
- Dôme chocolat praliné, cœur fondant, biscuit noisette, glaçage miroir.

Kindly inform of allergies and/or if you need to adapt the menu.

• Sign-up: kindly sign up with Bob Kieffer on events@oxford.lu, cc to sam.vinandylau@gmail.com; and chair@oxford.lu.

• Payment: OUSL: BCEELULL IBAN LU21 0019 1755 3010 3000, marked 'Swiss Ambassador'. – And don't forget to indicate choice of menu.

Dress code: Business Attire.

OUSL Christmas Gala Dinner

4TH OF DECEMBER, 19:00PM



We're delighted to announce our Annual OUSL Gala dinner - an evening of music, Christmas carols, crackers, une petite surprise, and delicious food — with H.E. Joanne Olivier, British Ambassador to Luxembourg, as our guest of honour.

Venue: Cercle Münster, 5-7 Rue Münster, 2160 Grund, Luxembourg

RSVP: chair@oxford.lu,
cc: events@oxford.lu

More details

Dress Code: Black Tie preferred

Menu: Cercle Münster is composing two mouth-watering menus, of which we already have the 'Classic Menu' as we go to print ('Vegetarian Menu' will follow soon).

Classic Menu:

- Entrée: Risotto, mi-cuit de poisson, espuma.
- Main: Filet de canard du sud-ouest, jus corsé, pressé de pommes de terre, légumes de saison.
- Dessert: Mandarine et chocolat.

Vegetarian Menu:

- Entrée: Velouté Dubarry aux châtaignes grillées
- Main: Cassolette de légumes à la Tonka
- Dessert: Mandarine et chocolat

Tickets:

€110/pp incl. wine; €100 no alcohol; €60 students. Partners are welcome, and a limited number of members' guests (first come, first served).

Sign-up by 24 Nov. 2025: Kindly sign up with chair@oxford.lu, cc: events@oxford.lu, indicating menu and any food allergies.

Payment to OUSL: BCEELULL IBAN LU21 0019 1755 3010 3000, marked 'Christmas Dinner'.

We look forward to seeing you for our very own OUSL Christmas feast.

Christmas Market visit

14TH OF DECEMBER, 16:00PM



Hello Christmas Market!

As every year, OUSL and Cambridge will visit the Christmas Market together for a joyful celebration of lights, gifts, treats, and holiday cheer. Perfect for families, friends, and all who love the Christmas spirit!



Meeting point: we will have a drink in a warm place nearby (venue tbc).

RSVP: lidiyacherneva@gmail.com,
cc: chair@oxford.lu

Upcoming events 2026

8TH OF JANUARY 2026

Join us for an exclusive Tour of the EIB Art Collection, led by Delphine Munro, Head of Arts & Culture. Explore a captivating selection of contemporary works and gain unique insights into the artistic vision shaping the EIB's collection. More details coming up soon.



Throughout 2026, OUSL will continue to host a wide range of engaging events : from walks and talks to museum visits, concerts, and exciting collaborations with other alumni societies. Stay connected by following us on [LinkedIn](#) and visiting our [website](#) for the latest updates.

Cambridge invites

21ST OF NOVEMBER, 19:00PM

**AW LUXEMBOURG
ART WEEK**

Art Week: a shared visit experience

This is an opportunity to discover new artists, share ideas, and enjoy inspiring moments together.

Tickets:

<https://www.eventpartners9.nl/luxembourgartweek/Registration/event/tickets>

When you purchase your ticket, please confirm your presence to:

secretary@cambridgesociety.lu

Fête des Vins & Crémants: group visit

Indulge in an unforgettable evening of sophistication and sensory delight. Let's go to this event together.

Tickets:

<https://vins-cremants.lu/de/events/>

When you purchase your ticket, please confirm your presence to:

secretary@cambridgesociety.lu

28TH OF NOVEMBER, 19:00PM



17TH OF DECEMBER



**Philharmonie
Luxembourg**

CONCERT TICKET:

[HTTPS://WWW.PHILHARMONIE.LU/EN/PROGRAMME/2025-26/A-CAMBRIDGE-CHRISTMAS-000000E9001A0E71](https://www.philharmonie.lu/en/PROGRAMME/2025-26/A-CAMBRIDGE-CHRISTMAS-000000E9001A0E71)

Postlude Concert & Reception with St. John's Choir Cambridge

This event takes place in the foyer of the Philharmonie immediately after the main concert and is only open to attendees who have bought Philharmonie tickets (see left for booking) - take care, tickets are selling fast!

Postlude Concert & Reception fee: €35/40 (includes drinks and finger food)

RSVP: President@cambridgesociety.lu,

cc: Secretary@cambridgesociety.lu, stating: number of tickets & confirming that you already have concert tickets.

Please note: first come first served