



Oxford University Society of Luxembourg asbl

Chair's Newsletter March 2025

Dear Oxonians,

Spring has nearly sprung, and your alumni society is delighted to present an exciting lineup of events for the months ahead!

We know you have busy schedules, so we've also included key *save the dates* for major events later in the year. As always, more events will be added in due course.

So do browse the pages, and where possible, don't forget to sign up fast to secure a place. In most cases, you can also sign up partners or friends.

On behalf of the OUSL organising committee, and with very best wishes,

Mette

Dr. Mette M Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, History (Chair)
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MARCH 2025:

First up, many have already signed up for this month's highlight. Do hurry if you would like to secure a last-minute ticket:

Tuesday 25 March 2025, 18h45 at Cercle Münster:

Dinner-Talk with Jens Tholstrup: 'The Hanseatic League and its Legacy'



Economist and Oxonian **Jens Tholstrup** is a seasoned and highly engaged speaker and we are in for a lively and thought-provoking evening - How did the Hanseatic League rise to dominate Baltic and North Sea trade for centuries, and what lessons can be drawn from its success? How should its legacy be evaluated?

Jens holds an MA in PPE and an MSc in Economic History (both Oxford). He is Executive Chairman of Oxford Innovation Finance and Senior Adviser, PMB Capital; Director of Advanced Oxford; Chair of Governor of St Clare's; and a Visiting Fellow of Kellogg College, Oxford. Previously, Jens was Managing Director UK, Oxford Economics; Executive Director, Oxford Analytica and Executive Director, UBS/UBS Warburg.

Sign-up: Tickets: (€95 / €85 non-alcohol / €50 Oxford students). Please contact Mette: chair@oxford.lu with cc to Jan: jan.koenighaus@KKR.lu

For menu and further information, please click [here](#).

Thursday 26 March, 19h:

Social drinks at Beim Lentz together with Cambridge. These are always cozy, informal gatherings. Everyone buys their own drink and for those who wish, there is a reasonable menu too. See <https://www.facebook.com/beimlentz/>



*Beim Lentz,
2, rue de l'eau, L-1449 Luxembourg*

APRIL 2025:

The Johanniterorden of Belgium and Luxembourg has kindly extended this invitation to OUSL. As always, part of the ticket price goes to the Johanniterorden's charity work:

Thursday 3 April, 19h at Cercle Münster:

**Dinner-Talk with Mette Ahlefeldt-Laurvig:
'Sin, Sex, and Salvation: Marriage and Childbearing After the
Reformation.'**



Mette will talk about aspects of Martin Luther's changes to marriage and the trouble that arose when regulations met with reality: when was a marriage a marriage? What should be done about unwed mothers? And should Lutherans keep the ritual of purification after childbirth?

Mette Ahlefeldt-Laurvig is an author and researcher. She holds a DPhil in history from Oxford University (2019) and is the Chair of Oxford Alumni Society of Luxembourg.

For menu and further information, please click [here](#).

Tickets are €120 which includes an aperitif, three-course dinner with wine, and a contribution to charity.

Sign-up: Please register by 28 March 2025 with jan.koenighaus@KKR.lu or moritz.von.kunow@governancetailor.lu

And you will soon receive an invitation for a fabulous Saturday event in Mettlach where children are welcome:

Saturday 12 April, 10h

Guided tour of Villeroy & Boch in Mettlach, followed by lunch at Schloß Saareck.

Programme:

10am: meet on site in Mettlach, Germany, for the guided tour of Villeroy & Boch (“V & B”).

11am: visit to the new V & B museum with interactive elements for children.

12:30: Lunch at nearby Schloß Saareck, which is otherwise not open to the public.

14:30: option to visit the V & B outlet centre.

Sign-up: will be with jan.koenighaus@KKR.lu or Mette: chair@oxford.lu. Tickets (including guided tour, and three-course lunch) will cost €50 for adults and €20 for children. Wine is excluded but can be purchased individually.

Baron Paul de Schorlemer, Chairman of the Family Council of Villeroy & Boch and member of the founding family, is going to accompany us in Mettlach.



The Villeroy & Boch headquarters in Mettlach

More details to follow

Thursday 30 April, 19h:

Yet another informal, social drinks’ event at Beim Lentz together with Cambridge.

Late April/Early May (Date tbc):



New Members' Drink.

As a new initiative, we are excited to have our first ever 'New Members' Drink' in the heart of Luxembourg (venue tbd).

This event will be a great opportunity for new members to meet and connect with each other, as well as with existing members, while enjoying a drink and nibblies.

As a welcome gesture, it will be our pleasure to offer a free drink to new members (while 'older' members will be charged a small fee for the event).

Photo: Philip Häusl

Sign-up: will be with sam.vinandylau@gmail.com, cc to chair@oxford.lu

More info to follow

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MAY 2025:

Watch out for our Annual General Meeting:

Wednesday 20 May (date tbc)

Annual General Meeting. After the meeting, the OUSL has pleasure in offering drinks and nibblies and we will probably repeat the success of last year's cheese tasting quiz!

More details to follow.

JUNE 2025:

Invitations will soon be sent out for our cherished and festive incontournable

Thursday 19 June, 19h: Annual Tripartite Black-Tie Gala Dinner



The Golf Club Grand Ducal

As always, the annual, black-tie gala dinner includes members of Oxford, Cambridge and LSE. This year, the Oxford Alumni organising committee is arranging this glorious event which will take place at the newly revamped restaurant of the Golf-Club Grand-Ducal.

Let us hope for a warm summer's evening, in which case we shall be able to enjoy the cocktail on the terrace.

Prices will be €110 (with wine) / €100 (without alcohol). Partners are welcome.

Sign-up: for early sign-up, please contact chair@oxford.lu and jan.koenighaus@KKR.lu

More information to follow

**And last, but not least, two save-the-dates for
Autumn/Winter 2025:**

7 October 2025:



An evening with Oxonian and former Shadow Home Minister of Britain, Dominic Grieve, at Cercle Münster.

We are proud to announce that we have secured a dinner-talk with Dominic Grieve, who served as Shadow Home Secretary 2008-2009 and Attorney General for England and Wales 2010-2014. Grieve was Member of Parliament for Beaconsfield 1997-2019 and Chair of the Intelligence and Security Committee 2015-2019.

More information will follow later

And to round off the year:

Thursday 4 December 2025:



The OUSL Annual Christmas Dinner

Mark your calendar for our annual black-tie event of Christmas carols, delicious food and festive cheer.

*OUSL Christmas Dinner,
December 2024.*

More information will follow later