THE OXBRIDGE SOCIETY OF HAMBURG
requests the pleasure of your company at

The Annual Dinner

with our guest of honour, Axel Schröder, Hamburg reporter for Deutschlandfunk, speaking on Olaf Scholz’ record at the Rathaus and his plans for the Chancellery,

on Saturday, 20th November 2021 at the Anglo-German Club
Harvestehuder Weg 44, 20149 Hamburg

Programme
6.45pm Pre-dinner drinks
7.30pm Dinner with speech

Dress code: Black tie
Guests: Plus one if desired

To book your place(s), please e-mail info@oxbridge-society-hamburg.org, stating any specific dietary requirements. The cost of the dinner is €90.00 per person (four course gala menu including pre-dinner drinks).

Please transfer the amount due to Florian Heinemann, DE32 2008 0000 0529 3923 01, Commerzbank, as soon as you register, indicating your name and the name of your guest in the reference field. All replies and funds must be received by the end of Wednesday, 27th October latest. Places will be awarded on a ‘first come, first served’ basis; a waiting list will be run in case of oversubscription. Confirmation of your attendance will be sent once payment has been received.

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

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Following his studies at the Georg August University of Göttingen and the Free University of Berlin, focusing on sociology with forays into political science, law, media, and economics, Axel Schröder started work as a freelance journalist – a career option he, at first, financed by working as the barkeeper in Hamburg’s Thalia Theatre. In 2003, he started providing pieces for Germany’s primary public service radio stations, Deutschlandfunk and Deutschlandfunk Kultur, WDR, NDR, SWR, and BR.

Since 2013, Axel has been the Deutschlandradio Hamburg reporter, covering events here for the Deutschlandfunk, Deutschlandfunk Kultur, and Deutschlandfunk Nova stations. His reporting is as multifaceted as Hamburg itself, ranging across business, the environment, transport and energy policy, as well as policing and security, education, health and, now, the Senate’s response to the coronavirus pandemic. In his work, Axel places a particular emphasis on portraying everyday life in areas of the city many choose to avoid – and people few of us would otherwise encounter, from Hamburg’s numerous homeless to its few last remaining fishermen.

Another of Axel’s favourite topics is the port – not least because of its radio-friendly acoustic backdrop, with containers clanging at the quayside and seagulls screeching overhead. His most challenging assignment to date was producing live coverage of the 2017 G20 summit: one intense week of demonstrations (both peaceful and violent), of interviews with politicians, policemen, and people on the street, and of trying to keep a cool head on little more than a few hours’ sleep.

During Olaf Scholz’ time as Mayor of Hamburg from 2011 to 2018, Axel had plenty of opportunities to observe the man most likely to be Germany’s next chancellor up close – yet rarely personal. In several one-on-one encounters, he came to know (and, in some cases, fear) Scholz as a tight-lipped, often stubborn interviewee with an impressive record in implementing policy; in terms of crisis management, Schröder witnessed both some notable Scholz successes – and some equally notable failures.

We are now looking forward to hearing what Hamburg journalist Axel has to say about Olaf Scholz, this very Hamburg figure who is now only a matter of weeks away from reaching his long-held objective: the Berlin Chancellery.