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STUDY ENVIRONMENT SURVEY



All full-time students have received an email with a link to the AU-wide study environment survey, which is AU's version of the statutory assessment of the educational environment, which must be conducted every three years.

In order to raise the response rate, you as a lecturer are kindly asked to encourage your students to participate in the survey by showing the PowerPoint slides below during a lecture:

PowerPoint - Study Environment Survey:

- [English version](#)
- [Danish version](#)

The deadline for the students' responses is 25 November. The results are expected to be published in the spring of 2017.

[Read more about the survey](#)

BSS BUILDING SERVICES AWAY ON 3 NOVEMBER



Aarhus BSS Building Services will be away on a seminar on Thursday 3 November. This means that only the most necessary services will be provided; i.e. the toilets will be cleaned and garbage will be removed.

In case of an acute need to contact Building Services on 3 November, you should call Building Inspector Knud Simonsen: 21 18 62 74.

THE DEPARTMENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016



This is just to remind you to reserve

✂✂✂✂✂ **Friday 16 December** ✂✂✂✂✂✂

for this year's Christmas Party at the Department.

The theme this year will be "Angels and Demons" - of course with a Christmassy touch - and the Christmas Party Committee is well under way in the planning of a really great party.

Stay tuned, more information will follow!

DEPARTMENTAL FORUM - MINUTES OF MEETING



Departmental Forum held a meeting on 20 September 2016. The minutes of the meeting can be seen here:

[Minutes of Departmental Forum meeting 20 September 2016](#)

Minutes of previous meetings in Departmental Forum are available on the Department's staff portal, see: [Departmental Forum](#)

AU CONFERENCE: CHALLENGES IN INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

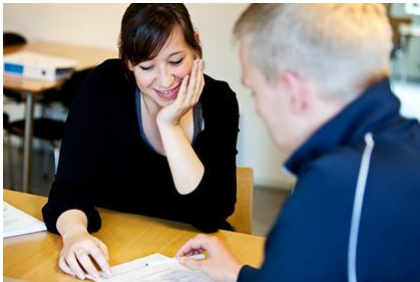


Attracting and retaining international researchers is a challenge for Danish universities. To encourage debate on the challenges and opportunities involved in international recruitment, AU is hosting a conference on 22 November 2016 at 12:00-16:30.

Register before 20 November

[Read more](#)

CUL WORKSHOPS AND WEBINARS IN NOVEMBER



[Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) (CUL) is organizing a number of events, workshops and webinars in November that might be of interest to you:

Inspiration day:

- [Student supervision and the study progress reform](#): 29 November 9.00-12.00

Workshops:

- [Designing courses with feedback](#): 16 November 9.00-12.00
- [Make your course evaluation more valuable](#): 23 November 9.00-12.00
- [Optimise Master and PhD thesis supervision with online tools](#): 24 November 9.00-12.00

Webinars about Blackboard:

- [For new employees](#): 8 November 09:00-9.40
- [Tests and assignments for activating students](#) (Danish): 15 November 9.00-9.40
- [Tests and assignments for activating students](#) (English): 16 November 9.00-9.40

Webinars about Wiseflow:

- [For lecturers: Digital exams in Wiseflow](#): 29 and 30 November 9.00-9.40
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UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **[Conference on Markets with Search Frictions](#)**
Dates: 31 Oct.-3 Nov. 2016
Venue: Sandbjerg Manor
- **[Om Ledelse 16 \(about management\)](#)**
Date: 7 November 07.30 – 12.30
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, Building 2610(S)
- **[NEPR seminar on Labour Market Integration of Refugees \(Programme\)](#)**
Date: 10 November 2016
Venue: Oslo
- **[DGPE workshop 2016](#)**
Dates: 10-11 November 2016
Venue: Severin Conference Center, Middelfart
- **[HR conference – Paradox management](#)**
Date: 11 November 7.30-12.00
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, Building 2610(S)
- **[AU Conference: Challenges in International Recruitment](#)**
Date: 22 November 12:00-16:30
Venue: Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 6B, 1632-201, 8000 Aarhus C
Deadline: 20 November at 15:22
- **[Inspiration day: Student supervision and the study progress reform \(CUL\)](#)**
Date: 29 November 2016
Venue: Studenternes Hus, Fredrik Nielsensvej 2-4
- **[Australasian Public Choice Conference](#)**
Dates: 8-9 December 2016
Venue: Canberra, Australia
- **[Malinvaud Conference](#)**
Dates: 8-10 December 2016
Deadline for abstracts: 15 June 2016
Venue: Paris
- **[CEMENT Mentoring Workshop for Female Faculty](#)**
Dates: 8-10 January 2017
Venue: Chicago, IL
- **[The 39th Symposium in Applied Statistics](#)**
Dates: 23-24 January 2017

Venue: SDU, Odense

- [**The 54th Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society**](#)
Dates: 2-4 March 2017
Venue: New Orleans, Louisiana
- [**1st Annual ÍZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics**](#)
Dates: 31 March-1 April 2017
Venue: Bonn

ALL EVENTS

[See the list of all coming events at the Department: seminars, workshops, PhD defences, PhD courses etc. here.](#)

Do you know of an event that is not mentioned on the list, please contact [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk) bhoejklint@econ.au.dk

SEMINARS

UPCOMING SEMINARS



[Get an overview of forthcoming seminars at the Department here.](#)

We have the following seminar series:

[Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)

[CIRRAU Lunch Seminar Series](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

[CREATES weekly seminars](#)

[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)

[Economics Seminar Series](#)

[Experimental Research in Social Science](#)

[Finance Seminar Series](#)

[Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)

[MOB Seminar Series](#)

[Tryqfonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

EMPLOYEE NEWS

NEW EMPLOYEE



On 1 November we welcome John McGrath as new professor at the Department. John McGrath will be affiliated with the National Centre for Register-based Research (NCRR), and he will be located in 2631(K)-121b.

John McGrath's research is mainly within the areas of schizophrenia and other mental illnesses.

ON LEAVE



Lene Gilje Justesen has been on leave from her position as assistant professor since 1 June and is currently working at Jyske Bank as analyst in risk management. Her leave period ends on 31 May 2017.

RESIGNATIONS



- Sin C. Ho left the Department on 1 September.
 - Sashka Dimova left the Department on 15 October.
 - Margit Malmrose will be leaving the Department as from 31 December for a position as associate professor at Department of Management, so luckily she won't be going far.
 - Søren Harck will be leaving the Department as from 30 April next year.
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STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: GUSTAVO FRUET DIAS



This time [Gustavo Fruet Dias](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Gustavo. Gustavo is assistant professor at the Department and is member of the Econometrics Section

How long have you been employed at the Department of Economics and Business Economics?

Three years already, time flies!

What is your background?

I have a bachelor degree in Economics from University of Sao Paulo (USP) in Brazil and a PhD in Economics from Queen Mary, University of London.

What are your main areas of research?

Financial Econometrics and forecasting.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

I am working on two projects that are related to volatility modeling and another one which is related with high-frequency data and market micro structure noise.

What are you involved in teaching-wise at the moment?

I am currently teaching the Econometrics 1 course.

Are you planning to take part in any conferences or the like abroad in the near future?

Not in the near future, as I have a small baby at home.

Are you expecting any visiting researchers from abroad in the near future (or have you had any visitors from abroad recently)?

I do not have anything scheduled, but I hope one of my co-authors will come soon.

What do you do when you are not at work?

I am staying more at home lately, as I have a new baby to enjoy! We usually go for quiet walks around our place on the weekends. I also like cooking.

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

AUFF MOBILITY GRANTS - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS



Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) calls for applications for mobility grants for associate professors and professors at AU.

A grant can range between DKK 50,000 and 100,000, and can be used to co-finance travel expenses and accommodation (and to some extent also travel expenses of accompanying family members).

The planned research stay must be of at least 3 months (typically 6 months) at a foreign top institution and must take place between 1 July 2016 and 31 December 2017.

The deadline for applications is 1 November 2016. Applications must be submitted via the head of department.

[Read more](#)

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

Previously announced calls etc. regarding funding that are still valid can be found on the staff portal, see: econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/calls-for-applications/.

For information about where to get assistance etc. when applying for external funding, see: econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/.

THE PHD CORNER

NETWORKING WITH THE DANES - INTERNATIONALIZE WITH US!



Studentarhus Aarhus and AU are once again organizing the successful Internationalize with (Aarh)us-project, where PhD students and postdocs get a chance to experience Danish culture up close!

In short, the project is a dinner club, where you are offered a Danish contact family. The contact family will be a Danish employee from one of the participating companies and his/her family, who can give you a unique insight into the Danish culture outside academia.

Together, the family and the PhD student/postdoc will hold three dinners, and there will be a visit to the company where one of the family members works.

The project will start with a sign-up event on 3 November.

[Read more](#)

ELECTION: PHD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE PHD COMMITTEE



The nomination period for the 2016 Elections at AU will take place from 24 October to 4 November, so it is time to nominate PhD student representatives for the PhD committee.

Read more and find nomination forms at www.au.dk/valg.

PHD DEFENCE: TJÖRVI ÓLAFSSON



[Tjörvi Ólafsson](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Macrofinancial Linkages and Crises in Small Open Economies" on Friday 4 November 2016 at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Gunnar Bårdsen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology
- Associate Professor Michael Bergman, University of Copenhagen
- Professor Emeritus [Martin Paldam](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium)

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: CARLOS VLADIMIR RODRÍGUEZ CABALLERO



[Carlos Vladimir Rodríguez Caballero](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "On Factor Analysis with Long-Range Dependence" on Friday 11 November at 13:15 in 2640(R)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Vanessa Berenguer-Rico, Oxford University
- Professor Carlos Velasco, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- Associate Professor [Eric Hillebrand](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in room 2632(L)-162 (the Tuborg Atrium).

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: EDUARDO VERA-VALDÉS



[Eduardo Vera-Valdés](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Essays in Long Memory" on Tuesday 15 November at 13:15 in auditorium 2640(R)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Javier Hualde, Universidad Pública de Navarra
- Associate Professor Michel van der Wel, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Associate Professor [Paolo Santucci de Magistris](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-162 (the Tuborg Atrium).

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PHD DEFENCE: MAGNUS SANDER



[Magnus Sander](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Returns, Dividends, and Optimal Portfolios" on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Hans Dewachter, KU Leuven
- Associate Professor Lasse Bork, Aalborg University
- Associate Professor [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium).

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: IOANA DANIELA NEAMTU



[Ioana Daniela Neamtu](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "Wind Power Effects and Price Elasticity of Demand for the Nordic Electricity Markets" on Friday 25 November 2016 at 13:15 in auditorium 2628(M)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Rafal Weron, Wroclaw University of Technology
- Professor Frits Møller Andersen, Technical University of Denmark
- Professor [Svend Hylleberg](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium).

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PHD DEFENCE: ANNE BRINK NANDRUP



[Anne Brink Nandrup](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "Determinants of Student Achievement and Education Choice" on Tuesday 29 November at 12:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Marc Gurgand, Paris School of Economics
- Professor Peter Fredriksson, Stockholm University
- Professor [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium).

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PHD DEFENCE: JAKOB GULDBÆK MIKKELSEN



[Jakob Guldbæk Mikkelsen](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Time-Varying Loadings in Factor Models: Theory and Applications" Friday 2 December at 9:15 in auditorium 2628(M)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Catherine Doz, Paris School of Economics and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Senior Professor Marco Lippi, Einaudi Institute of Economics and Finance
- Professor [Martin Møller Andreasen](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception (room TBA).

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: MARTIN PETRI BAGGER



[Martin Petri Bagger](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Attention and Decision-Making: Separating Top-Down from Bottom-Up Components" on Monday 5 December at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Andreas Glöckner, Fernuniversität Hagen
- Professor Martin Meissner, University of Southern Denmark
- Professor [Julia Nafziger](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-162 (the Tuborg Atrium).

[Read more](#)

PRESENT CONTRIBUTION



If you would like to contribute to a present in connection with a PhD defence, please contact [Susanne Christensen](#) (2632(L)-126). A direct mail is sent to all PhD students before the defence.

PHD RELATED EVENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT

[See the list of all PhD courses at the Department.](#)

Would you like to announce a PhD related event in ECON News or on the website - please contact [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#).

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of one new working papers. Thank you. See it below. Have you also published something new and would you like to share it with the rest of us? Send me the front page of your publication and, if possible, an abstract - then I will announce it in the next issue of ECON News: [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#), bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

Working papers:

- [John Kennes](#) and Daniel le Maire: [On the equivalence of buyer and seller proposals within canonical matching and pricing environments](#), Economics Working Papers 2016-10.

ALL PUBLICATIONS

[All ECON publications and working papers may be seen here.](#)

Please note that some publications may be missing – the list will be updated on a regular basis.

COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every two weeks.

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