



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
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WINTER SCHOOL 2017



During the past two weeks 60 students from different universities in Australia visited the Department in connection with the Winter School programme.

During the first week of their visit, the Australian students were lectured by Hans Martens from *Tænk tanken Europa* about EU matters and [Allan Sørensen](#) about the Danish economy. The second week Robson Silva Rocha from Department of Management lectured on Internationalisation, and special guest Senior Director Christoffer Østergaard Poulsen from Bang & Olufsen gave a talk about Bang & Olufsen and his experiences with cultural differences when doing business with other European countries.

Winter School ended on Friday 20 January with a 3-hour on-site exam, as well as a take-home assignment which must be handed in by March.

During their stay, the students also had time for a bit of sightseeing around Aarhus as they visited The Old Town and AROS, and they went for a guided

tour in the city and enjoyed a traditional Danish Christmas Lunch in Klubben. All in all a very interesting and successful visit from Down Under.

The Winter School was organised by [Frank Pedersen](#), and the administrative organisers were Laura Hammerschmidt from the International Office and [Charlotte Sparrevoth](#) from our Department.

The photo to the left is from Winter School 2016.

PRINCIPLES FOR VARIATION OF EXAM QUESTIONS



The validity of an exam and thus the quality of the exam practise on a degree programme depend, among other things, on the variation of the exam questions from one exam to another on a specific course and from one course to another. A note regarding the principles for variation of exam questions has been prepared by a working group established across the departments at Aarhus BSS. See the principles in the link below:

[Principles for variation of exam questions](#)

RELOCATION 2017



The coming relocation at the Department will take place during the Spring months. Below is an overview of the relocation plan - just to give you a rough idea of what is going to happen.

If you have any questions regarding the 2017 relocation process, you should contact [Christel B. Mortensen](mailto:chbm@econ.au.dk): chbm@econ.au.dk / 87 16 53 95.

- 1-8 March: The student organisations will be moving to 2640(R).
- 16-20 March: NCRR will be moving to 2641(R).
- 10-12 April: Econometrics and Finance people in 2628(M) 3rd floor and PhD students in 2622(C) 2nd floor will be moving to 2631(K).
- 2-10 May: CUL is moving out. Internal relocation among offices in 2622(C) ground floor.
- 1-2 June: TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research in 2630(K) will be moving to 2622(C) ground floor.
- 7-11 July: Logistics people in 2628(M) will be moving to 2621(B) 1st floor.
- Finance people in 2622(C) 1st floor will be moving to 2630(K).

- Programme administrators in 2632(L) will be moving to 2620(A) 1st floor.

MGMT will start moving in approx. primo May.

Well in advance of each relocation period, the specific relocation date for each member of staff will be communicated, and packing boxes, labels etc. will be distributed. Also, on each floor there will be several blue waste containers, so you have the opportunity to get rid of things that you don't need.

EVENTS

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **Resignation lecture: Jørn Flohr Nielsen**
Date: 27 January 2017 14:15
Venue: Bartholins Allé 10, auditorium 011, building 1324
- **Inaugural lectures: Professor Anders Ryom Villadsen and Professor Michael S. Dahl**
Date: 2 February 2017 14:00
Venue: Bartholins Allé 10, auditorium 011, building 1324
- **Danish Public Choice Workshop**
Date: 3 February 2017 11:00-18:00
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 8210 Aarhus V
- **AIAS Seminar: The Art of Measuring Democracy**
Date: 27 February 2017 14:15-16:15
Venue: Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 6B, building 1632
- **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
- **6th International Conference on Business & Economic Development (ICBED)**
Dates: 10-11 April 2017
Venue: New York

- **[2nd International Conference on Complexity, Future Information Systems and Risk](#)**
Dates: 24-26 April 2017
Venue: Porto
- **[3rd International Conference on New Trends in Econometrics and Finance](#)**
Dates: 28-29 April 2017
Venue: Helsinki
- **[The 12th Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics](#)**
Dates: 6-7 June 2017
Venue: Mols

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 Høiklint Nielsen](mailto:bhoeklint@econ.au.dk) bhoeklint@econ.au.dk

SEMINARS

AIAS SEMINAR: “THE ART OF MEASURING DEMOCRACY”



Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) is organising a seminar entitled “The Art of Measuring Democracy: The Varieties of Democracy Project in Comparative Perspective” with AIAS Fellow and Professor of Political Science Svend-Erik Skaaning.

The seminar takes place on Monday 27 February 14:15-16:15 at Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 6B, building 1632.

[Read more](#)

UPCOMING SEMINARS



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

We have the following seminar series:

[Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)

[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](#)

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

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

INTERNAL REVIEW BOARD



The Department's internal review board is again offering review of department members' DFF (FSE) applications.

This time it is for the 30 March 2017 deadline.

The members of the Department's internal review board are:

- Professor [Kim Allan Andersen](#) (Business)
- Professor [Niels Haldrup](#) (Econometrics & Finance)
- Professor [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#) (Economics)

The Board accepts applications for review in the time period between 1 and 21 March 2017.

You can send your full application including project description, budget and appendices by email to Nabanita, ndg@econ.au.dk as a pdf document.

The Board will try to give you feedback as soon as they can, but please plan for at least one week turnaround time.

[See the list of common beginners' mistakes in DFF \(FSE\) applications](#)

[See the call](#)

CALLS FOR APPLICATIONS:



The Following calls may be of interest to you:

- **ERC Consolidator Grant:**

For top researchers with 7-12 years' experience after PhD. Grants up to €2 million for 5 years

Deadline: 9 February 2017

[Read more](#)

- **Danida Development Research Projects:**

This is a call for phase 1 applications for research grants related to research collaboration projects. Two windows have been set up for 2017: Window 1 for research with partners in Danida priority countries, and Window 2 for research with partners in growth and transition countries. In addition, the MFA invites applications for individual Danida mobility grants for research stays in Denmark.

Deadline: 3 March 2017

[Read more](#)

- **Innovation Fund Denmark:**

Call for applications for Grand Solutions/Thematic

Deadline 7 March 2017

[Read more](#)

Please note that there will be an information meeting at AU in connection with this call from Innovation Fund Denmark on 27 January at 10:30-12:00 in the Nobel Auditorium, Building 1482, room 105.

[Read more about the information meeting](#)

- **DFF Danish Council for Independent Research /Social Sciences:**

- **The DFF-International Postdoctoral Grant** is aimed at researchers at the start of their careers, i.e. within -6 months to +3 years of completing their PhD at the time of application. The funds are given for two-year post doc studies at an international host institution of which 6 months are spent at a Danish research institution.

- **The Sapere Aude DFF-Starting Grant** is aimed at researchers who are within 8 years of completing their PhD and who have demonstrated an ability to carry out research at a high international level. A max of DKK 4.1 million excluding overhead can be applied for.

- **International Research stays** of minimum 3 months duration may be applied for by post-PhD researchers and for an amount up to DKK 300,000, excluding overhead.

Deadline: 30 March 2017

[Read more](#)

The Department's internal review board offers review of department members' DFF applications - see above.

- **NOS-HS Exploratory workshops:**

The aim of the grant is to promote research collaboration and development of new research areas and programs within the humanities and social sciences in the Nordic countries.

Deadline 21 March 2017

[Read more](#)

- **Nordforsk - Nordic University Hubs:**

The overall objective is to strengthen international competitiveness and facilitate the development of world-leading Nordic research environments. Each university consortium may receive NOK 2-10 million in NordForsk funding per year for the period 2018-2020, and thereafter NOK 1-5 million per year through 2023. The participating universities, universities of applied sciences and university colleges must contribute resources equaling twice the amount of funding sought from NordForsk from 2018 through 2023.

Deadline 3 May 2017

[Read more](#)

CALL: AIAS-COFUND FELLOWSHIPS



[Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies](#) (AIAS) calls for applications for AIAS-COFUND (Marie Curie) Fellowships. The target group of the programme is talented researchers with a PhD and at least two years of fulltime postdoctoral research experience after completing their PhD. There are 12 to 15 fellowships available.

There are two types of AIAS-COFUND Fellowships:

- AIAS-COFUND Junior Fellowships (a duration of 12 to 36 months): postdoctoral research careers of 2-10 years.
- AIAS-COFUND Senior Fellowships (a duration of 6 to 18 months): postdoctoral research careers of +10 years.

Applicants can choose their research topic freely within all academic areas, but must comply with a number of demands – please see the link below.

Deadline for applications is Friday 3 February 2017 at 12.00 (noon)

[Read more](#)

CALL: JENS CHRISTIAN SKOU FELLOWSHIPS



[Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies](#) (AIAS) calls for applications for Jens Christian Skou Fellowships.

Applicants must be Aarhus University employees with a distinguished track record in research, who intend to explore innovative, high-risk topics in their scientific research areas.

Up to five Jens Christian Skou Fellowships of various lengths are available. Fellows can fully devote time to research, completely unrestricted by other obligations.

Two types of Jens Christian Skou Fellowships are available:

- Jens Christian Skou Junior Fellowships: Fellowship duration from 12 to 18 months for researchers with postdoctoral research careers of 2-10 years.
- Jens Christian Skou Senior Fellowships: Fellowship duration from 6 to 12 months for researchers at a high international level, equivalent to professors or highly qualified associate professors with postdoctoral research careers of +10 years.

Deadline for applications is Friday 10 February 2017 at 12.00 (noon).

[Read more](#)

FULBRIGHT DANISH VISITING SCHOLAR



The Fulbright Commission offers three grants for self organised research and teaching stays at American universities.

The grant is given to postdocs, assistant professors, associate professors or professors at Danish universities. Applicants must be Danish citizens.

The duration of the stay must be a semester, and the stay should be either in autumn 2017 or spring 2018. The grant amount is DKK 200.000.

Application deadline: 1 March at 12 noon

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

GRANTS FOR RESEARCH STAYS AT AMERICAN ELITE UNIVERSITIES



The Danish Agency for Science and Innovation has published notices concerning grants for research stays at:

- **[Massachusetts Institute of Technology \(MIT\)](#)**. Target group: PhD students and postdocs employed at a Danish university or a Danish institution.
- **[Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society \(CITRIS\)](#)** at the University of California (UC) at the four campuses UC Berkeley, UC Davis, UC Merced, and UC Santa Cruz. Target group: PhD students and researchers employed at a Danish university or a Danish institution.
- **[The interdisciplinary research center Sustainable Energy through Catalysis \(Suncat\) at Stanford University](#)**. Target group: PhD students and researchers employed at a Danish university or a Danish institution.

Application deadline is 15 February 2017.

PUBLICATION SUPPORT GRANTS



All AU employees can now apply to the Aarhus University Research Foundation for grants which support the dissemination of scientific work and other activities at the university.

The application deadline is 22 February, and the grants will be awarded in the first half of 2017. The total pool for 2017 is DKK 5 million.

[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/.

COURSE IN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



AU Library is organising a course on information retrieval and information management with the goal of providing participants with skills to enhance the efficiency of the search process in the beginning of a research project.

The course is especially relevant for PhD students who are doing a literature review, but also for researchers in general who are in the process of developing their research design.

The course will be held twice:

- 15 February 2017: [Read more and sign up](#)
- 23 February 2017: [Read more and sign up](#)

PHD DEFENCE: MAX WEISS DOHRN



[Max Weiss Dohrn](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Business Cycle Costs for Finitely Living Individuals" on Thursday 2 February 2017 at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Martin Flodén, Stockholm University
- Professor Svend Erik Hougaard Jensen, Copenhagen Business School
- Professor [Martin Møller Andreasen](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-242 (The Lounge).

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: OSKAR KNAPIK



[Oskar Knapik](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Essays on Econometric Modelling and Forecasting of Electricity Prices" on Friday 3 February 2017 at 9:15 in auditorium 2628(M)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Alessandra Luati, University of Bologna
- Professor Luigi Grossi, University of Verona
- Professor [Svend Hylleberg](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2628(M)-303.

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: MIKKEL BENNEDSEN



[Mikkel Bennedsen](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Rough Continuous-Time Processes: Theory and Applications" on Friday 3 February at 12:30 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Roberto Réno, University of Verona
- Dr Almut Veraart, Imperial College London
- Associate Professor [Anders Bredahl Kock](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2628(M)-303.

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: JESPER BO PEDERSEN



[Jesper Bo Pedersen](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Essays on Financial Risk Management and Asset Allocation" on Friday 24 February 2017 at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Montserrat Guillen, University of Barcelona
- Professor Christian Wagner, Copenhagen Business School
- Associate Professor [Kim Christensen](#) (chair), AU

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-242.

[Read more](#)

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](#).

EMPLOYEE NEWS

NEW EMPLOYEES



- Oleguer Plana Ripoll will be employed as postdoc at the National Centre for Register-Based Research(NCRR) from 1 February 2017.
- Anders Ørberg will be employed as research assistant at the National Centre for Register-Based Research(NCRR) from 1 February 2017.
- Vicke Norén will be employed as PhD student at the Department from 1 February 2017. Charlotte Christiansen will be his supervisor.
- Allan Aachman was employed as research assistant at TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research as from 15 January 2017.

NEW TITLES



- [Sanne Stræde Dalgaard](#) was employed as project coordinator at TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research as from 15 January 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of three new publications and two new working papers. Thank you. See them 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](mailto:birgitte.hojkint@econ.au.dk), bhoejkint@econ.au.dk.

Publications:

- [Timo Teräsvirta](#): [Sir Clive Granger's Contributions to Nonlinear Time Series and Econometrics](#), European Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics, Vol. 10, No. 1, 2017, 104-132.
- [Ina Charlotte Jäkel](#) and [Marcel Smolka](#): [Trade Policy Preferences and Factor Abundance Journal of International Economics](#), Journal of International Economics.
- [Eliane Choquette](#), Morten Rask, Davide Sala, [Philipp Schröder](#): [Born Globals – Is there fire behind the smoke?](#) Forthcoming in International Business Review.

Working papers:

- Nektarios Aslanidis, [Charlotte Christiansen](#) and Andrea Cipollini: [Predicting Bond Betas using Macro-Finance Variables](#), CREATES Research Paper 2017-1.
- Almut Balleer, Nikolay Hristov, [Dominik Menno](#): [Financial Constraints and Nominal Price Rigidities](#), Discussion Paper, Centre for Economic Policy Research.

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

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Deadline for input: Thursday 2 February 2017 at 12 noon

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