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HOW IS YOUR HOLIDAY BALANCE?



The holiday year, 1 May 2016 – 30 April 2017, is coming to an end and all accounts will be closed when the new holiday year starts on 1 May 2017.

About the closing of accounts:

Since holidays are meant to give all employees a well-earned break, you are expected to take all your 25 holidays and 5 special holidays.

Certain circumstances make it possible to transfer max. 5 ordinary and 5 special holidays to the next holiday year, but such transfers call for special reasons and approval from the Head of Administration, [Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen](#).

Any remaining special holidays from the holiday year 2016/2017 will be paid out automatically.

How to check your holiday balance:

- Log-in to mit.au.dk
- Choose "Vacation overview"

If you have any questions regarding holidays, please contact [Ingrid Lautrup](mailto:Ingrid.Lautrup@econ.au.dk): office: 2632(L)-103, e-mail: inl@econ.au.dk, tel.:87 16 53 72.

About the next holiday year:

You have previously been informed (at the beginning of this holiday year) that the procedure for registration of holidays has been changed. Thus, according to the AU guidelines, standard holidays will be registered automatically at the beginning of the holiday year (i.e. in May) as follows:

- 3 weeks summer holiday in July (weeks 28, 29 and 30)
- 1 week at Christmas and New Year
- 2 days during the autumn holidays (in week 42)
- 3 days before Easter

This is to make sure that all holidays are registered for all employees. If you wish to change this, you should contact reception@econ.au.dk stating when (dates) you would like to take your holidays.

Your five special holidays can be registered at any time during the holiday year – contact reception@econ.au.dk and state when you wish to take your special holidays.

Please note that from 1 May 2017, [Betina Sørensen](mailto:Betina.Sorensen@econ.au.dk) will administer the registration of holidays and sickness. However, please use reception@econ.au.dk when informing of any kind of absence.

[Read more about holiday procedures here](#)

TRAVELLING - PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES



Funding principles and procedure

It is the policy of the Department to promote scientific exchange, e.g., at conferences and stays at other universities. The guiding principles for the departmental funding are described below.

The travel may be funded by the Department or a project, or reimbursed by your host.

If you want to apply for departmental funding, you are kindly asked to follow this procedure:

- fill in the application form of the section that you are in ([link to application forms](#)) and send it to your section head

- forward the approved application to one of the [research secretaries](#) of your section.

It is essential that you have obtained this approval before you commit to any expenses.

In case the funding is provided by an external grant, the conditions for the funding are determined by the regulations in the grant, and, as is the case in general, by the rules stipulated by AU.

The rules at AU regarding travelling can be seen here: [AU Travel Policy](#). The rules distinguish between trips which last up to 28 days, denoted short-term visits, and trips longer than 28 days, denoted long-term visits.

PhD students: [follow this link](#)

Conferences, workshops and short-term visits

It is possible to apply for funding of travel costs, conference fees, accommodation and daily allowances.

The travel costs cover transportation from your home/the Department to the destination of your trip. For some conferences, a conference fee applies. During the stay, the costs of accommodation, e.g., hotel or apartment can be covered.

Daily allowances, denoted the subsistence allowance, may be given to cover all expenses related to the travel beyond the other costs just mentioned. These may include meals and transport during the stay, i.e., if they are not covered by, e.g., the conference fee.

The overall travel funds allocated to a section are determined by the management of the Department. This is done by giving a conference frame intended for a typical member of a section. The actual allocation of the amounts within the section is under the discretion of the head of section.

Stays abroad (long-term visits)

As a guiding principle, a long-term stay abroad should be financed by external grant(s). Therefore, it is expected that sincere efforts have been made to obtain external funding before an application for partial departmental financial support is sent to the section head.

The Department may cover travel costs (including insurance) and travel costs for your nearest family, provided they stay for the majority of the time of the visit. The section head may approve partial or full reimbursement of accommodation costs, given that the costs can be covered by the section budget.

It is advisable to consult SKAT (The Danish Customs and Tax Administration) well in advance to establish the fiscal consequences of the research stay.

The head of section processes the application. To ensure that teaching tasks and other tasks at the Department can be cleared, the section head will consult the head of education.

Note that the principles regarding long-term stays abroad do not apply to PhD students.

Further information

For further information on AU's general guidelines regarding travelling, see: [AU Guidelines - Travel Booking and Expense Reimbursement](#)

BECOME A BETTER LECTURER - WITH A NEW ONLINE COURSE



A new online course in teaching and learning is now available to all lecturers at AU. The course familiarises participants with central concepts and methods for improving quality, such as alignment, active learning, learning objectives, educational IT, exams and evaluation.

The course takes a week, and participants should expect to spend seven to eight hours on it. The course is accessed online in Blackboard and consists of a blend of text, videos and exercises, and is supported by an e-moderator who provides feedback and moderates discussion forums. During the course, participants also work on developing their own teaching plans.

The first course starts on 3 May.

The course is held in English.

Deadline for signing up is 18 April (limited seats)

[Read more](#)

ERGONOMIC GUIDANCE ON WORKING POSTURE



An ergotherapist visited the Department last week to give advice on working posture and exercises that you can do in your office during the day to prevent back pain, mouse-related injury etc.

The brochure and poster below summarize some of the topics that she went through:

- [Brochure on working posture and exercises](#) (in Danish)
- [Poster: Exercises with elastic stretch band](#) (in Danish)

JOIN THE EMPOWER TALENT! MENTOR PROGRAMME



The mentor programme, Empower Talent!, provides you with an opportunity to receive or give feedback and expand your professional network as it matches members of academic staff at assistant professor level with more senior colleagues at associate professor or professor level.

As a mentor you get the pleasure and satisfaction of helping a talented colleague develop professionally and personally?

As a mentee you are offered guidance on the strategic prioritisation of your working hours and tasks as well as good advice and ideas on how to increase your visibility and navigate in the world of research.

Sign up to become a mentor or mentee by 20 April 2017.

[Read more](#)

NEW DANISH COURSE AT A HIGH LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY

Lærdansk would like to establish a new course in the Danish language for academically trained internationals who have worked for many years in Denmark but who are not quite satisfied with their own proficiency in Danish.

Lærdansk

The course will focus on pronunciation and conversation, based on the needs of the course participants, but also on other aspects of the language.

Tuition will be paid by the course participants, with a fixed price per lesson, which will be split among the participants enrolled in the course.

Before Lærdansk commits to the content and quantity of lessons, they would like to know who and how many people would be interested in this type of course.

The course will be open both to AU employees and employees at other companies in the Aarhus area.

If you are interested in the course or know someone who might be, please contact Dorotea Smesnjak, ds@au.dk.

Lærdansk also offers:

- A Beginners' Crash Course – starting 15 May. [Read more](#)
- A Full Semester Course – starting 24 April. [Read more](#)

EVENTS

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SEMINAR - BRUCE E. HANSEN



[CREATES](#) has organised a Distinguished Speaker Seminar with Bruce E. Hansen, who is Phipps Distinguished Chair of Economics at University of Wisconsin-Madison.

The seminar is entitled "Model Averaging in Econometrics" and will take place on Wednesday 24 May at 13:15-14:15 in Auditorium 2624(E)-2.

Bruce E. Hansen's research area is within econometric theory and methods with an emphasis on techniques with practical application for applied economists.

[Read more](#)

CONFERENCE: LABOR MARKETS AND MACROECONOMICS



The Ensuring Economic and Employment Stability (EES) Network is organising a conference on Labor Markets and Macroeconomics in Nürnberg on 13-14 October 2017.

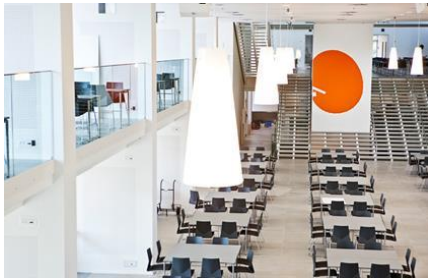
The conference aims to bring together high-quality research that is at the intersection of labor economics and macroeconomics.

Pierre Cahuc, Ecole Polytechnique, Mike Elsby, University of Edinburgh, and Wouter den Haan, London School of Economics, have already confirmed their participation.

Submit your paper before 15 May 2017.

[Read more](#)

AARHUS BSS EXTERNAL RELATIONS EVENTS



Aarhus BSS External Relations hosts a number of events in April for employees at Aarhus BSS, students, alumni, businesses and external relations.

Some of the events will be held in the S-building at Fuglesangs Allé.

Employees at the Department are welcome to participate.

Signing up is necessary.

- **Early Tuesday lectures - 1st Tuesday of every month**

Early Tuesday lectures are organised in cooperation with Mediehuset Herning Folkeblad and Erhvervsrådet Herning & Ikast-Brande. The lectures take place in Mediehuset Herning Folkeblad the first Tuesday of every month from 7:30 to 9:00. On 4 April the speaker will be the former CEO at EG A/S, Leif Vestergaard.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

- **LederLounge - Gør forskelle til forretning - det handler om branding**

Turning differences into business – about branding. Networking and knowledge exchange event.

Date: 7 April from 8:00 to 11:00

Venue: Fuglesangs Allé, Buidling 2610 (S)

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

- **Den offentlige organisation – med omdømmet i behold**

About public sector organisations – reputation and crisis management

Date: 24 April from 13:00 to 16:00

Venue: Emdrup

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

- **Aarhus BSS HR Conference: RETHINK HR**

Date: 28 April from 8:00 to 12:00

Venue: Fuglesangs Allé, Buidling 2610 (S)

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **[1st Annual IZA 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
- **[Inspiration Day about Ways to Improve Your Lectures](#)**
Date: 4 May 2017
Venue: Building 1324-025, Bartholins Allé 10, 8000 Aarhus C
- **[The International Scientific Conference of Policy and Economy due the Challenges of the XXI Century](#)**
Dates: 15-16 May 2017
Venue: University of Bialystok
Deadline: 8 March 2017
- **[The 16th session of the Institutional and Organizational Economics Academy](#)**
Dates: 22-26 May 2017
Venue: Corsica, France
- **[Distinguished Speaker Seminar: Bruce E. Hansen](#)**
Date: 24 May 2017
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé
- **[9th Nordic Econometric Meeting](#)**
Dates: 24-27 May 2017
Venue: Tartu, Estonia
Deadline for paper submission: 15 February.

- **[The 12th Nordic Summer Institute in Labor Economics](#)**
Dates: 6-7 June 2017
Venue: Mols
- **[Workshop on Early Life Environment and Human Capital Formation](#)**
Dates: 12-13 June 2017
Venue: Helsinki
Deadline: 1 April 2017
- **[9th RCEA Money-Macro-Finance workshop: "Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the Next Recession"](#)**
Dates: 23-24 June 2017
Deadline: 31 March 2017
Venue: Waterloo, Ontario
- **[Norges Bank Workshop: "Housing and household finance](#)**
Dates: 28-29 August 2017
Deadline: 15 May 2017
Venue: Oslo
- **[Conference: Labor Markets and Macroeconomics](#)**
Dates: 13-14 October 2017
Deadline: 15 May 2017
Venue: Nürnberg, Germany

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](#)

[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

AUFF MOBILITY GRANTS



Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) provides grants for mobility for associate professors and professors.

- The applicant must be employed at Aarhus BSS as associate professor or professor.
- The planned research stay must be of at least 3 months (typically 6 months) at a foreign top institution.
- The planned research stay must take place within the timeframe 1 July 2017 – 31 December 2018.
- A grant can range between DKK 50,000 and DKK 100,000. The AUFF mobility grants can be used to co-finance travel expenses (to some extent also reasonable expenses in relation to accompanying family members) and accommodation.

Applications must be sent via the head of department. Deadline is 1 May 2017.

[Read more](#)

COMMON BEGINNERS' MISTAKES IN RESEARCH FUNDING APPLICATIONS



The Department's internal review board in relation to applications for research funding from DFF (FSE), DNRF etc. has updated their list of common beginners' mistakes.

[Common beginners' mistakes](#)

It is a little late in relation to the March 2017 FSE call, but keep it for next time.

It can also be found at the Departments staff portal, here:
<http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/>

APPLICANTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL POSTDOC INSTRUMENT



Applicants for DFF's International Postdoctoral Grant should be aware that:

- the Danish Agency for Science and Innovation will administer the grant, not AU
- there will be no overhead going to AU even though the applicant intends to spend a period at AU
- any budget prepared for this instrument at AU is only suggestive, as AU will not be administering the grant.

[See the call](#)

Deadline is 30 March 2017.

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

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 EMPLOYEE



On 3 April we welcome Sigurd Anders Steffensen as a new PhD student at the Department.

Sigurd Anders Steffensen's main supervisor is [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#), and [Stig Vinther Møller](#) will be his co-supervisor.

Sigurd's area of research is within econometric analysis, and he will evaluate the significance of investor sentiment in connection with explaining irregular price movements.

Sigurd will be located in office 2622 (C) - 217.

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of two new publications and one new working paper. 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](#), bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

Publications:

- [Hans Jørn Juhl](#), [Morten H. J. Fenger](#) and John Thøgersen: [Will the Consistent Organic Food Consumer Step Forward? An Empirical Analysis](#), Journal of Consumer Research.
- Mona Larsen and [Peder J. Pedersen](#): [Labour force activity after 65: what explain recent trends in Denmark, Germany and Sweden?](#), Journal of Labour Market Research.

Working papers:

- [Niels S. Grønborg, Asger Lunde, Allan Timmermann](#) and Russ Wermers: [Picking Funds with Confidence](#), CREATES Research Paper 2017-13.

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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