



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS  
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## COURSES ON SUPERVISION AND BLENDED LEARNING

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Registration for Aarhus BSS' courses on supervision of Master/PhD students and collegial supervision and blended learning is now open. Both courses are offered in Danish in the autumn of 2017, the course on blended learning is offered in English in the spring of 2018, and the course on supervision is offered in English in the autumn of 2019.

- **Supervision of Master/PhD students and collegial supervision**  
The basic idea of this course is that systematic and local exchange of experience between experienced colleagues helps to boost the individual and the supervision practice as a whole.

[Read more - in Danish](#)

[Read more - in English](#)

- **Go Online - blended learning**  
The basic idea of this course is that selection and deselection of

Educational IT must be made on an informed basis. The participants will gain experience with and insight into how Educational IT may be incorporated into the planning of teaching activities.

[Read more - in Danish](#)

[Read more - in English](#)

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## NOMINATE YOUR CANDIDATE FOR THE OECON AWARD

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The Oecon Association now calls for recommendations for this year's Oecon Award.

The prize is awarded to a newly graduated cand.oecon. who has contributed to the creation of an inspiring and strong study environment and influenced the studies in a positive way through academic as well as social initiatives.

The prize comes with a grant of DKK 20,000

Fellow students and academic staff members may nominate candidates. In particular, MSc thesis advisors are urged to think about graduates from the summer of 2016 until now (including students whose theses may currently be under review).

Please hand in your reasoned recommendation in a sealed envelope to [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#), building 2632(L), office 225.

Deadline is 30 June 2017

[Call for recommendations](#)

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## CHECK YOUR HOLIDAY BALANCE

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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.

If you still have holidays left from the holiday year 2016/2017, you should use them before 1 May, or apply for payment or transfer.

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

You may 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](#):

- [Request for transfer of remaining ordinary holidays to next holiday year](#)
- [Request for transfer of special holidays to next holiday year](#)
- [Request for payment of remaining ordinary holidays in special cases](#)

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](#): office: 2632(L)-103, e-mail: [inl@econ.au.dk](mailto:inl@econ.au.dk), tel.:87 16 53 72.

[Read more about holiday procedures here](#)

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## NEW WORD AND POWERPOINT TEMPLATES

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Today AU IT will upgrade our Word and Power Point AU templates. The update takes place automatically on your computer and takes a couple of minutes.

The AU templates make it possible and easy for all AU employees to create Word documents and PowerPoint presentations in accordance with the university's design programme including the use of the logo and seal.

[Read more about the update](#)

If you experience any problems with the update, contact Aarhus BSS IT Support by email [bss.it@au.dk](mailto:bss.it@au.dk) or by telephone 8715 0933.

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## DHL RELAY - SIGN UP

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Would you like to participate in the 5 km DHL Relay Race on 17 August, but haven't found a team yet - then send an e-mail to Birgitte Højklint Nielsen: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk) before 1 May stating:

- Whether you wish to run or walk
- T-shirt size (only if you did not get an AU running t-shirt last year)

[Read more about the race](#)

## STAFF PORTRAIT

### STAFF PORTRAIT: JORGE WOLFGANG HANSEN



This time [Jorge Wolfgang Hansen](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Jorge. Jorge is a PhD student at the Department and is affiliated with CREATES.

**How long have you been a PhD student at the Department of Economics and Business Economics?**

I started on the 4+4 programme in March 2016, so I have been a PhD student for a little over a year.

**What is your background?**

I have a BSc in Mathematics-Economics from 2014 from Aarhus University.

**What are your main areas of research?**

My primary research lies within the term structure of interest rates.

**What is in your experience the biggest difference between being a PhD student and being a regular student?**

The main difference is that I no longer have to think from exam to exam, but that I now have more time to dig deeper into selected topics.

**Are you teaching any classes this semester, or what are you going to teach next semester?**

I am going to be a teaching assistant in the next semester in Mathematical Economics 2.

**Are you planning to take part in any conferences or PhD courses in the near future?**

I will participate in the PhD course "Selection and Shrinkage in Nonparametric Regression" with Professor Bruce E. Hansen.

**Have you been abroad in connection with your PhD study (or where are you planning to go)?**

Not yet, but I have planned to go abroad in autumn 2018 or spring 2019.

**What do you do when you are not at work?**

I like doing fitness, watching all kinds of sport (Borussia Dortmund preferably live at the stadium), and hanging out with friends.

Please give us your suggestion for the next department staff member to be presented:

[Carsten Berthram Andersen](#)

What specific supplementary question would you like him or her to answer?

How many (math) equations are there in your master thesis?

## EVENTS

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **[Den offentlige organisation – med omdømmet i behold](#)** (Public sector organisations – reputation and crisis management)  
Date: 24 April 13:00-16:00  
Venue: Emdrup
- **[2nd International Conference on Complexity, Future Information Systems and Risk](#)**  
Dates: 24-26 April 2017  
Venue: Porto
- **[Aarhus BSS HR Conference: RETHINK HR](#)**  
Date: 28 April from 8:00 to 12:00  
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé, Building 2610(S)
- **[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
- **XIIIth Danish International Economics Workshop**  
Host: The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms  
Dates: 15-16 June 2017  
Venue: Scandic Aarhus City Hotel, Aarhus
- **PeRCent Annual Conference 2017**  
Date: 20 June 2017  
Deadline: 13 June 2017  
Venue: Copenhagen Business School
- **9th RCEA Money-Macro-Finance workshop: "Monetary and Fiscal Policy in the Next Recession"**  
Dates: 23-24 June 2017  
Venue: Waterloo, Ontario
- **Child Development: The Roles of the Family and Public Policies**  
Dates: 3-4 August 2017  
Venue: Munkebjerg Hotel, Vejle.
- **Norges Bank Workshop: "Housing and household finance**  
Dates: 28-29 August 2017  
Deadline: 15 May 2017  
Venue: Oslo
- **Conference: "Gender Economics of Labor Markets" and Lindahl Lectures**  
Dates: 12-13 September 2017  
Deadline 15 May 2017

Venue: Uppsala

- [Conference: "Big data, machine learning and the macroeconomy"](#)

Dates: 2-3 October 2017

Venue: Norges Bank, Oslo

Deadline: 31 July 2017

- [Conference: Labor Markets and Macroeconomics](#)

Dates: 13-14 October 2017

Deadline: 15 May 2017

Venue: Nürnberg, Germany

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## ALL EVENTS

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[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:Birgitte.Højklint.Nielsen@econ.au.dk) [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk)

## SEMINARS

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### UPCOMING SEMINARS

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[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

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### FUNDING FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY NETWORKS

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Young AU researchers are invited to apply for funding for interdisciplinary research networks that strengthen innovative cross-disciplinary and cross-faculty collaboration.

Applicants can apply for funding of max. DKK 150,000 in 2017 and DKK 230,000 in 2018.

Deadline for applications is 8 May 2017

[Read more](#)

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### AUFF MOBILITY GRANTS

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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](#)

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### PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

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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/](http://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/](http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/).

## THE PHD CORNER

### PHD COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO PLANNING, PRESENTATION TECHNIQUE AND TEACHING



Centre for Teaching and Learning is organising a course for PhD students who wish to improve their teaching competencies. The course will be held over two days on 16 and 30 August 2017.

The purpose of the course is to introduce PhD students to tools that will help them structure their own lectures or conference presentations with a clear message as well as help them prepare and carry out their teaching.

Deadline for signing up for the course is 30 June 2017.

[Read more](#)

### PHD DEFENCE: JONAS JUUL HENRIKSEN



[Jonas Juul Henriksen](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "International Trade and the Labour Market" on Tuesday 2 May 11:15-14:00 in auditorium 2628(M)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Gabriel Felbermayr, Ifo Center for International Economics + University of Munich
- Professor Catia Montagna, University of Aberdeen
- Associate Professor [Lars Skipper](#), Aarhus University (chair)

Associate Professor [Allan Sørensen](#) has been Jonas' academic supervisor.

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

[Read more](#)

## PHD RELATED EVENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT

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[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

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### NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

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I have received the front page and abstract of a 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 and abstract of your publication - then I will announce it in the next issue of ECON News: [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#), [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

#### Working papers:

- Leslie S. Stratton, [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), David Reimer and Anders Holm: [Modeling Enrollment in and Completion of Vocational Education: The role of cognitive and non-cognitive skills by program type](#), Economics Working Papers 2017-2.

### ALL PUBLICATIONS

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[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.

Next issue: Monday 8 May 2017

Deadline for input: Thursday 4 May 2017 at 12 noon

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