

ECON News 12

For Employees at the Department of Economics and Business - week 12, 2012.



News



New project for the Ministry of Children and Education

A research group from Aarhus University with [Michael Rosholm](#), [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#), [Nina Smith](#) from the Department of Economics and Business, among others, have won a project for the Ministry of Children and Education with the purpose of uncovering the effect of having more teachers in primary and lower secondary school (Folkeskolen).

The project will be carried out as a two-teacher randomized experiment in 3rd grade classes. There will be two treatments; in the first treatment, an additional trained teacher will support the Danish and math teachers, and in the other treatment, the extra person can be a teaching assistant with another background, for example a student of teaching or a pedagogue. 35 schools will be in each treatment group, and there will be a control group of 35 schools receiving no treatment.

The aim of the project is to reduce the trend towards increasing fractions of students being referred to special classes in or outside the school, to reduce noise and stress in the classroom, and to lift the competency levels of those students who are least skilled in Danish and math. Impacts will be measured on test scores (national tests in Danish and math), well-being of pupils (questionnaires), and the extent of referrals to special classes in the class.

The project will run from the school year 2012. DKK 30 million have been allocated for the project - 3 million for research. Congratulations!

See the [press release](#) (in Danish).



Visiting researcher from University of Virginia

In the beginning of March, [Federico Ciliberto](#) from University of Virginia visited the Department of Economics and Business. During his visit, he taught a PhD course entitled "Empirical Industrial Organization in Practice", and he worked with [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#) and [Marianne Simonsen](#) on a couple of projects.

In a joint research project that crosses the disciplines of labour economics and industrial organization, Federico, Marianne and Helena build on a methodology developed by Federico to study the airline industry, and apply the model of strategic interaction between airlines (industrial organization) to study strategic interaction between peers at workplaces (labour economics).

Furthermore, they are working together on a paper with the exiting title “Playing the Fertility Game at Work”, in which they investigate whether and how a working woman’s fertility decision is affected by the fertility of her co-workers at the same establishment. They argue that if such effects are present, they may either dampen or amplify effects of maternal leave or child care policies.

Federico Ciliberto will return to the Department during the spring or summer.



Keynote speaker at the 8th Danish International Economics Workshop

On 10-15 April [Raymond Riezman](#) from University of Iowa will visit [Philipp Schröder](#) at the Department where he will be the keynote speaker at the [8th Danish International Economics Workshop](#).

Professor Riezman is C. Woody Thompson Research Professor of Economics at the University of Iowa and external research fellow at GEP, Nottingham and CES-ifo, Munich.

He has published widely in the field of International Economics and Political Economy and is the Director of the Midwest International Economics Group.

The workshop, which is hosted by [GlobID](#) and Department of Economics and Business, and financed by the Tuborg Foundation, will take place on 12-13 April at Fuglesangs Allé. At the workshop, Professor Riezman will present the keynote paper entitled: “[Intermediate Goods Trade, Technology Choice and Productivity](#)”, and he will comment on the other papers presented. See the [programme of the workshop here](#).

Are you expecting a guest?

Are you expecting a guest – visiting researcher – that you would like to introduce to the rest of us in the next issue of ECON News, let me know: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

Announcements



Let’s run together

[Mikkel Nørlem Hermansen](#) (“Team Brownian Motion”) and [Bent Jesper Christensen](#) encourage all of us to participate in a departmental relay team for the legendary **Aarhus 1900 relay**. The race is held on Sunday 22 April. It is a 5 person relay and each contestant will run 10 km. The setting is the beautiful Marselisborg Forest. See the website: <http://www.aarhus1900.dk/stafet/>. Prices

will be approximately DKK 100 per person and will include snacks and beverages after the race. If you are interested in being part of this social event sign up here: <http://www.doodle.com/3uefxstcz8bb9ia>.



If 10 km is a bit too much for you too, the **DHL Relay Race** on 23 August may be a good alternative. It is only 5 km, and you run or walk(!) in teams of five. Registration for the DHL relay race is free for Aarhus University employees. Read more about the DHL relay race here: www.au.dk/en/dhl.



The moving process

A joint relocation secretariat for Arts and Business and Social Sciences has been established in order to facilitate the co-ordination of the relocation process. They have also established a [website](#) that provides an overview of the relocation process and allows you to keep updated on when and where the different departments and sections will be relocated.

Workshop invitation: Massively Parallel Computing in Economics and Finance

The workshop will take place on 11 May at Novotel Rotterdam Brainpark and is sponsored by the Econometric Institute, Tinbergen Institute, ERIM, and Journal of Applied Econometrics. Deadline for registration is 15 April. [See the invitation.](#)



AU HR Courses – Spring 2012

AU HR offers a great number of courses for AU employees this spring for both VIPs and TAPs. See the list of courses and course descriptions [here](#). The courses are taught by skilled external consultants from Textminded, Cubion, MBK, Crecea, Harbohus, Atea and Aarhus Business College, and teachers from AU IT.

Entertainment expenses

When inviting guests for lunch or dinner, the cost per person must not exceed DKK 450 for lunch or DKK 700 for dinner, including beverages. There must be a reasonable proportion between the nature of the occasion and the entertainment expenses. In connection with academic events with mainly internal participants, the cost per person must be below half the maximum costs. I have put this information on econ.medarbejdere.au.dk under Purchases ([see it here](#)), and added a link to the [AU staff webpage about entertainment expenses](#) (in Danish) if you need more information.



Orientation Day for international researchers

The International Centre, AU, invites newly arrived international researchers, PhD students and their spouses to Orientation Day on 13 April. The Orientation Day programme is comprised of practical information about living and working in Denmark, a formal welcoming and talk, and is rounded off with socialisation and dinner. For further information and to sign up see: [Staff homepage](#).

Calls



The Danish Council for Strategic Research

The Danish Council for Strategic Research has published their calls for 2012 amounting to approx. DKK 600 million. Read about the themes and find links to the calls [here](#).

Click on the poster (in Danish) for information about deadlines and information meetings.

Reminder: Call for papers – NORIO VIII

The deadline for this year's NORIO workshop in Copenhagen from June 8-9 is soon approaching. Papers can be uploaded on their website until the deadline on April 1: <https://norio2012.cbs.dk/>. [See call](#).

The PhD corner



PhD defence

PhD student [Soheil Abginehchi](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled “Essays on Inventory Control in Presence of Multiple Sourcing” on 23 March at 10 am at Fuglesangs Allé, Auditorium R1. The members of the assessment committee are: Professor Refik Güllü, Bogazici University; Professor Stefan Minner, University of Vienna and Associate Professor Lars Relund Nielsen, AU (chairman). After the defence there will be a reception in R117. The thesis can be obtained from Ingrid Lautrup inl@asb.dk

MOOD 2012 - 12th Doctoral Workshop in Economic Theory and Econometrics, EIEF

This workshop is said to be one of the best workshops a PhD econ student can present his/her paper at. It takes place on 26-28 June in Rome. PhD students are invited to submit their CV by April 15 along with a draft of the paper they intend to present. High quality papers in all fields of economics will be considered. See [call](#).

PhD courses at the Department of Economics and Business:

- [Identification and forecasting in Mortality Models](#), [Bent Nielsen](#): 17-18 April
- [Sparse Models for Dependent Data](#), [Marcelo Cunha Medeiros](#): 14-15 May
- [Credit Modeling and Counterparty Risk Pricing and Restructuring](#), [Damiano Brigo](#): 24-25 May
- [Applications on Vehicle Routing](#), [Richard Eglese](#): 20-24 August

Would you like to announce a PhD related event in ECON News - please let me know: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

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 let me know: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

Seminars



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

We have the following seminar series:

[Brownbag Lunch Workshop](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

[CREATES weekly seminars](#)

[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)

[Economics Seminar Series](#)

[Finance Seminar Series](#)

[Management Seminar Series](#)

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Publications

New publications?

Have you published something within the past couple of weeks, and would you like to share it with the rest of us? Send me the title of your publication and where and when it was published, and, if possible, a link – then I will announce it in the next issue of ECON News: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

All publications

All ECON publications and working papers may be seen [here](#). Please note that some publications may be missing – this will be corrected as soon as possible.

Colophon

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

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