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ANDERS BREDAHL KOCK WINS THE GOLDEN POINTER 2017



[Anders Bredahl Kock](#) has been awarded lecturer of the year at Department of Economics and Business Economics by the Oecon/Soc students and received the much-coveted Golden Pointer.

The students compliment Anders for his intriguing and lively lectures, for his motivation, commitment and high spirits when lecturing, for being attentive, and for his good sense of relevance and ability to express himself clearly.

Congratulations, Anders!

The other nominees for the Golden Pointer were: [Alexander Koch](#), [Bo Sandemann Rasmussen](#), [Tom Engsted](#), [Niels Strange Grønborg](#).

The Golden Pointer was introduced in 1990 and has been a tradition at the Department ever since. The prize is meant as a positive recognition from the Oecon/Soc students at the Department. All Oecon/Soc students at the

Department may submit a reasoned nomination, and Oeconrådet then selects the winner based on the number of nominations – with specific emphasis on the students' written recommendations.

ERIC HILLEBRAND RECEIVES GRANT OF 3.6 MILLION FROM DFF



Associate Professor [Eric Hillebrand](#) has been awarded a grant of DKK 3.659.615 from The Danish Council for Independent Research - Social Sciences for his project entitled "Econometric Modeling of Climate Change".

Congratulations!

[Read the press release here](#)

PHILIPP SCHRÖDER - MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT'S NEW DISRUPTION COUNCIL



Professor [Philipp Schröder](#) has been appointed member of the government's new Disruption Council, which is a partnership between the labour market parties, companies, experts and ministers.

Prime Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen will act as chairman of the partnership.

The partnership will analyse, discuss and provide suggestions as to how the future Danish labour market can make the most of the technological development and how we can maintain and develop a dynamic labour market without social dumping.

[See the prime minister's press release announcing the new council](#) (in Danish)

REMINDER REGARDING MARKING AT AARHUS BSS



With a new exam period approaching, here is a reminder of the BSS guidelines regarding marking at exams:

Co-examiners and examiners must mark numerically from -3 to 12 and B/I (Passed/Not Passed). The mark -3 should only be give if a student has submitted a written exam paper which in terms of academic content corresponds to the mark -3. An exam paper which has been uploaded to the wrong exam flow must also be marked -3.

As from the winter exams 2016-17, examiners must, on a few occasions, type administrative marks (in WISEflow, STADS-VIP or paper based grade reports).

An overview of exams indicating which administrative mark to give and who should give it can be found here: [Administrative marks at exams](#)

Contact your [programme administrator](#) or Mariann Holmslykke (e-mail: mar@au.dk, tel.:21657664) if you have any questions in relation to marking at exams.

NEW PROCEDURES FOR HANDWRITTEN APPENDICES AT WISEFLOW EXAMS



Aarhus BSS Studies will implement new procedures for the submission of handwritten appendices at WISEflow on-site examinations:

FLOWlock exams (WO)

As of the 2017 summer exams, it is no longer possible to submit handwritten appendices at FLOWlock exams (WO). Instead, the students must either use the webcam on their computer to take photos of any handwritten appendices (e.g. drawings by hand, formulas) or use the built-in drawing tool in the programme to create freehand drawings.

Prior to the FLOWlock exams, detailed guidelines will be sent to the students via the exam flow in WISEflow and the guidelines will also be handed out in the exam room.

[See the guidelines here](#) (Please note that these guidelines will be updated with new descriptions prior to the summer exams.)

FLOWassign exams (WOAI and WOA)

At FLOWassign exams, the students can use all the digital tools on their own computer. As such, there is no need to submit handwritten appendices at these exams.

However, if the lecturer has a well-founded reason for allowing the students to submit handwritten appendices at a FLOWassign exam, this is still possible.

This must be indicated on the [exam information sheet](#) by ticking the box "Handwritten attachments allowed". The exam information sheet must be submitted to the BSS Studies Administration in the usual way and the reason for permitting handwritten appendices must be included in the email.

Please contact your [programme administrator](#) if you have any questions regarding this.

ANONYMIZATION AT EXAMS



As from the summer exams 2017, the students will be anonymized at the written take-home assignments and the on-site exams without a subsequent oral exam. This means that flow-serial numbers will be used instead of student registration numbers at these exams.

Student registration numbers will still be used in connection with:

- written take-home assignments and on-site exams with a subsequent oral exam
- hand-written on-site exams (ON)
- exams that consist of several parts where one mark is given
- group assignments.

Please contact your [programme administrator](#) if you have any questions regarding the anonymization at exams.

EVENTS

INVITATION TO AWARD CEREMONY



All employees at the Department are invited to the 2017 Award Ceremony, where the recipients of the Rigmor and Carl Holst-Knudsen Award for Scientific Research and The Aarhus University Research Foundation PhD Award will be revealed.

This year the Department is represented among the recipients.

The ceremony will be held in the Main Hall at Aarhus University on Wednesday 24 May 2017 11:00-13:30.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception.

Register via this link au.dk/tilmeldingpriser2017 before 16 May 2017.

[See the invitation](#)

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SEMINAR - CHANGE OF SCHEDULE



There has been a slight change of schedule to the Distinguished Speaker Seminar with Bruce E. Hansen on Wednesday 24 May.

The seminar will be held from 14:30 to 15:30 - NOT 13:15-14:15 as previously announced.

[Read more about the Distinguished Speaker Seminar here](#)

CALL FOR PAPERS - WORKSHOP ON TIME-VARYING UNCERTAINTY IN MACRO



The School of Economics & Finance, University of St Andrews, calls for papers for their Workshop on Time-Varying Uncertainty in Macro, which will be held on 2-3 September 2017.

The keynote speakers at the workshop are Professor Wouter den Haan (LSE) and Professor Fabio Canova (Norwegian Business School).

All submissions of both a theoretical and empirical nature that fit broadly within the theme of "uncertainty in macro" can be submitted.

Submission deadline is 9 June 2017, 6pm (UK time).

AARHUS BSS EXTERNAL RELATIONS EVENTS



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

Most 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 take place in Mediehuset Herning Folkeblad the first Tuesday of every month from 7:30 to 9:00.
Send an e-mail to John Hansen: john.hansen@au.dk if you would like to participate.
[Read more](#) (in Danish)
 - **Go-home-meeting: Digital Innovation – with Timo Leimbach and Maersk Drilling**
Date: 31 May 2017 15:00-17:00
Venue: Not announced yet
Send an e-mail to Thomas Korsgaard: tkors@au.dk if you would like to participate.
Link not available yet
 - **Aarhus BSS Business Conference**
More than 20 researchers and business leaders will speak over the topic "Management in the new world" - among others, Professor Dan Ariely, Duke University, who is the producer of the Netflix documentary "The Truth About Lies" and best-selling author.
Date: 2 June 2017 9:30-17:00
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, building 2610(S)
[Read more](#) (in Danish)
 - **Alumni event: "Disruption – den nye bestyrelsesudfordring"**
How should the board of directors handle disruption?
Speakers: Tune Hein, author of the book "Disrupt eller dø" and Jesper Broberg Bang, managing director at Gejst/Studio
Date: 6 June 2017 15:00-19:30
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, building 2610(S)
[Read more](#) (in Danish)
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UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **[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
- **[2017 AU Award Ceremony](#)**
Date: 24 May 2017 11:00-13:30
Venue: AU Main Hall
- **[Distinguished Speaker Seminar: Bruce E. Hansen](#)**
Date: 24 May 2017 14:30-15:30
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé, 2624(E)-2
- **[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

- **[Workshop on Time-Varying Uncertainty in Macro](#)**

Dates: 2-3 September 2017

Deadline: 9 June 2017

Venue: University of St Andrews

- **[2nd York Workshop on Labour and Family Economics \(WOLFE\)](#)**

Dates: 4-5 September 2017

Venue: York

Deadline: 15 June 2017

- **[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

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](#)

STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: CARSTEN BERTHRAM ANDERSEN



This time [Carsten Andersen](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Carsten. Carsten is a PhD student at the Department and is member of the Labour and Public Policy section.

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

Since August 2016, so nine months.

What is your background?

I have an MSc in Mathematics-Economics from Aarhus University, where I graduated in 2016.

What are your main areas of research?

Health Economics - e.g., the relative contributions of education and intelligence in mortality outcomes.

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

Monthly income and the amount of street credit from the outside world.

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

I am currently a teaching assistant in Quantitative and Qualitative, Limited Dependent Variables (4th semester econ). Next semester I will be lecturing a 10-hour brush-up course in econometrics, possibly grading some exam papers and then I will practically have finished the teaching obligations.

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

In a few weeks I am going to a research workshop on public policies, health and health behaviors, where I plan to bring a poster presenting some results/research ideas. I am possibly doing a DGPE course on spatial econometrics in June.

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

I have not been abroad yet, and have not figured out where to go.

What do you do when you are not at work?

Play football (by which I naturally mean soccer), read books, being with friends. Currently going through 'Mad Men' at high pace with my girlfriend.

Supplementary question from [Jorge Hansen](#): How many (math) equations are there in your master thesis?

"There were three math equations in my master's thesis. Frankly, this shocked Jorge when I told him. And I think this is why he wants me to admit it in public. I guess that number is sort of a record in master's theses from the Department of Mathematics. However, the thesis turned out fine and as a wise man once said: 'The number of equations in a master's thesis is not a quality measure in itself.'"

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

[Lars Skipper](#)

What specific supplementary question would you like him to answer?

Suppose you could not be an Economist, but had to choose a programme from the Humanities/Arts Department - then what would you be, and why?

CALL - AUFF STARTING GRANTS 2017



The Aarhus University Research Foundation's (AUFF) has announced its call for applications for AUFF Starting Grants 2017.

With AUFF Starting Grants, The Aarhus University Research Foundation wishes to secure outstanding researchers good career opportunities at Aarhus University and, moreover, promote particularly promising internationally renowned research at the four faculties.

The September application round is aimed at growth areas at Aarhus University, and the 2017 call for AUFF Starting Grants is targeted at assistant and associate professors employed by 1 July 2016 or later.

The application deadline is Friday 1 September 2017 at 12:00 noon.

[Read more](#)

WORKSHOP AND APPLICATION SUPPORT FOR ERC STARTING GRANT APPLICANTS



The Research Support Office is hosting a workshop for ERC Starting Grant applicants on 8 June.

The workshop will give you an understanding of the ERC proposal and let you work directly on your proposal elements:

- Develop your idea around ERC concepts
- Discuss your idea with other applicants
- How to choose your panel
- Intro to the budget – what is possible?

In addition, the applicants are offered guidance, feedback and support up to the deadline in mid-October.

[Read more about the ERC Starting Grant workshop and support here](#)

Note also that there will be an information meeting about ERC on 23 May.

[Read more about the information meeting here](#)

Applicants for Consolidator and Advanced Grants are also offered support. Please contact the [Research Support Office](#) if you are planning to apply for those grants. The next deadline for Consolidator grant applications is expected

to be in February 2018, and deadline for Advanced is 31 August 2017, and after that September 2018.

GRANTS FOR INDUSTRIAL PHD AND INDUSTRIAL POSTDOCS



The Innovation Fund Denmark and Realdania has announced 10 new grants for industrial researchers at PhD and postdoc-level to join a research cluster in BLOXHUB.

The aim is to support sustainable and smart city solutions to ensure that more companies within the industry improve their ability to combine experience-based and knowledge-based elements in their innovation efforts.

Deadline for applications is 25 September 2017.

An information meeting about the grants will be held in Copenhagen on 25 May.

[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

PHD DEFENCE: CHRISTIAN ELLERMANN-AARSLEV



[Christian Ellermann-Aarslev](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "History Dependent Uemployment Insurance" on Monday 29 May 13:15-16:00 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Ann-Sofie Kolm, Stockholm University
- Associate Professor Birthe Larsen, Copenhagen Business School
- Associate Professor [Rune Majlund Vejlín](#), AU (chair)

Professor [Torben M. Andersen](#) has been Christian's supervisor.

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-242/L243 (the lounge).

[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](#).

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

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

Publications:

- Ella Paldam and [Martin Paldam](#): [The political economy of churches in Denmark, 1300-2015](#), Accepted for publication in Public Choice.
- Niclas Berggren, [Christian Bjørnskov](#) and Therese Nilsson: [Do Equal Rights for a Minority Affect General Life Satisfaction?](#), Journal of Happiness Studies.

- [Christian Bjørnskov](#) and Stefan Voigt: The Architecture of Emergency Constitutions, International Journal of Constitutional Law.
- [Mette Trier Damgaard](#): [Labor market search effort with reference-dependent preferences](#), Economics Letters 156 (2017), pp. 99–101.
- Tomas Björk, Mariana Khapko and [Agatha Murgoci](#): [On time-inconsistent stochastic control in continuous time](#), Finance and Stochastics, 2017, Vol. 21(2), pp. 331-360.

Working papers:

- Massimo Franchi and [Søren Johansen](#): [Improved inference on cointegrating vectors in the presence of a near unit root using adjusted quantiles](#), CREATES Research Paper 2017-17.
- Matias D. Cattaneo, [Michael Jansson](#) and Kenichi Nagasawa: [Bootstrap-Based Inference for Cube Root Consistent Estimators](#), CREATES Research Paper 2017-18.

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.

Next issue: Tuesday 23 May 2017

Deadline for input: Thursday 18 May 2017 at 12 noon

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