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For Employees at the Department of Economics and Business - week 14, 2012.



HAPPY EASTER



News and announcements



Marie Curie Actions Workshop

For junior or senior researchers who wish to spend 1-2 years at a European research institution - or who wish to attract a visitor for 1-2 years, the Marie Curie Actions Workshop at AU on 18 April is a good place to start. At the

workshop you will hear about the various Marie Curie Actions and the application and selection process, and you will get the opportunity to discuss your specific issues and questions on a one-to-one basis with a European Commission official. [See the invitation and the programme for the workshop here](#) (in English). [Read also](#) (in Danish).

New working environment representatives at the Department

The new working environment organisation at AU is now in place. At the Department of Economics and Business, [Niels Jørgen Relsted](#) is the new [staff representative](#) and [Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen](#) will be [management representative](#). The working environment representatives will take initiatives to ensure a healthy and secure working environment at the Department and follow up on the physical and psychological workplace assessments which will be carried out later this year (see below). Members of staff are encouraged to contact either one of the representatives with suggestions for improvements of your own individual workplace environment and of the working environment at the Department in general. For more information about the working environment organisation, see the [HR webpage](#) (in Danish).

Assessment of the physical working environment postponed at BSS

In 2012, a workplace assessment of both the physical and psychological working environment will be carried out at Aarhus University. At initial stage, only the physical working environment will be assessed, but later this year, an assessment of the psychological working environment will also be carried out. The assessment of the physical working environment will not be initiated at BSS until the relocation process is completed. [Read more](#).



Salary catalogue proposal for academic staff members at BSS to be negotiated with the union representatives

With the aim of establishing the framework for a salary catalogue for the academic staff at the departments at BSS, a proposal has recently been submitted to the union representatives where it is currently under negotiation. Once an agreement has been reached on the salary catalogue, the heads of department will hold negotiations with their union representatives within the framework of the catalogue. [Read more](#).



Survey to improve the administrative service on the AU staff webpage

Do you sometimes find it hard to find information from the AU administration on the AU staff webpage? A survey about the administrative service on the AU staff webpage will try to improve the service. [Read more](#) (in Danish).

Summer University for Children at AU

Introduce your children to university life at an early age by signing them up for Summer University for Children at Aarhus University. Children aged 9 to 13 years and living in Aarhus are invited to Summer University for Children the first week of July. This year's theme will be "self-images of today", and the subjects will be literature, language, and culture and media. Sign up on the 15 - 17 June by writing an e-mail to Stine Ingemann Thomsen: stud20071225@hum.au.dk stating the name, age and contact information of your child. [Read more](#) (in Danish).

Prize winners reception and seminar at CBS

Copenhagen Business School invites to a prize winners reception and seminar on 19 April. Speakers at the seminar will be [David Cooper](#), [Deirdre McCloskey](#) and [Birger Wernerfelt](#). [Read more](#).



Is your photo on the staff page as nice as this one?

Or would you like to have another one taken? Or have you simply not had one taken yet? Jonna Kjær and Ingrid Fossum at BSS Communication would be happy to take your photo. They are both located at Bartholins Allé, building 1327, office 318, and you should contact them in order to make an appointment: Jonna: tel.: 871 52195, email: jbk@sam.au.dk, or Ingrid: tel.: 871 65327, email: if@sam.au.dk. We will try to arrange local photo sessions on a regular basis at Fuglesangs Allé once we have all moved together to make sure that we all look great on our staff pages.

Calls



The Oecon Award 2012 – Call for recommendations

The committee now invites faculty and students at the Department of Economics and Business to nominate candidates for this year's Oecon Award. In particular, MSc thesis advisors are urged to think about graduates from the summer of 2011 until now (including students whose theses may currently be under review).

The prize will be 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 considering academic as well as social initiatives. Besides being a fine student, the award winner is expected to be active within the study environment, e.g. Økonomisk Forening, student policy, Aiesec, Ø, establishing a new association or other sort of commitment at the Department of Economics and Business. Furthermore, the award winner is expected to show academic involvement and must be considered a fine ambassador for the competences of a cand.oecon.

Please hand in your reasoned recommendation in a sealed envelope to Birgitte Højklint Nielsen at Department of Economics and Business, Fuglesangs Allé 4, bldg. M, office 338, 8210 Aarhus V no later than **30 June 2012**. [See call](#).

Empirical Workshop at CBS – Call for papers

The Department of Economics at CBS is hosting an empirical workshop on 14 – 15 May: Recent work in empirical labour and industrial organization. Jeff Smith (University of Michigan) and Gautam Gowrisankaran (University of Arizona) will present papers. [See call](#).

The PhD corner



PhD defence

PhD student Zhenjiang Qin will defend his PhD thesis entitled “Asset pricing with heterogeneous beliefs: The role of derivative markets” on 25 April at 1:15 pm at Bartholins Allé, building 1333, auditorium A1. The members of the assessment committee are: Kristian Miltersen, CBS; Peter Norman Sørensen, KU; Claus Munk, AU (chairman). After the defence there will be a reception in Riddersalen. The thesis can be obtained from Susanne Christensen (sla@asb.dk).

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](#)

[Seminars Frichshuset](#)

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.



The Easter corner



Be the first to guess whose name is hiding behind the dots and I'll send you an Easter egg. Send your answer together with your input for the next issue of ECON News to bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

Colophon

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

Next issue: Monday 23 April (postponed one week due to Easter)

Deadline for input: Thursday 19 April at 12. E-mail: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk

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