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For Employees at the Department of Economics and Business - week 17 2012



News and announcements



Travel insurance card

When travelling on official business you need to have an insurance card issued by the University to make sure that you are insured when going on trips abroad.

[Ingrid Lautrup](#) is in charge of ordering insurance cards for employees at the

Department. If you do not have an insurance card, you should contact your TAP

assistant ([see the VIP/TAP allocation list](#)), who will help you obtain a card, or you may simply contact Ingrid directly. Please note that the card may only be used when AU, as represented by the head of department, has authorised the travel in advance, and the card must not be used for private travel; that is, if you, for example, extend your stay abroad with a few extra days of holiday at your own expense, you must take out private travel insurance to cover the extended stay and travel time. For more information about travel insurance see: [Guidelines for travel insurance](#).



Settlement of credit card transactions within 14 days

If you are the holder of a credit card issued by the Department, please be aware that it is important to settle credit card transactions no more than 14 days from the day of the transaction, or, in case of travel expenses, after the end of the trip. This must be done in

AURUS and scanned documentation for all expenses incurred must be attached. Contact Margit Sommer (msommer@econ.au.dk) or Ingrid Lautrup (ini@asb.dk) if you need help. Read more about the rules and regulations for the use of credit cards issued by the Department [here](#).



Welcoming new employees

A new introduction programme to welcome new VIP employees at the Department has been developed in order to give new colleagues the best possible start at their new work place.

[Bibiana Paluszewska](#) will be in charge of the practical coordination and implementation of the programme, but everybody will at some point be asked to contribute. The idea behind the welcoming programme is:

- To make sure that the new employee feels welcome from the first day
- To make sure that he/she becomes an integrated member of the Department as soon as possible
- To make sure that he/she spends as little time as possible on settling practical matters

In the long term, it is the hope that this more professional and personal approach towards new employees will help maintain employees at the Department. Each new employee will be assigned a primary contact person. This must be a colleague with approximately the same job profile as the new employee, i.e. a VIP, which means that everybody at the Department must expect at some point in time to contribute to the realization of the programme. [See the details of the introduction programme](#).

Holiday

The end of this holiday year is approaching, and some of you may wish to transfer holidays to the next holiday year or to get remaining holidays paid out. HR is in the process of making new forms to apply for transfer or payment of holidays. You will be notified as soon as the forms are ready. Application deadline is 29 June so there is plenty of time.

Join the Staff Association at Business and Social Sciences

[The Staff Association at Business and Social Sciences](#) is for all employees at Business and Social Sciences. The association has approximately 350 members, but is hoping to get more. Every month, the association arranges social and cultural events to bring together faculty and staff from across departments. [Previous events](#) arranged by the association have been movie nights, table tennis, champagne tasting, various family events and lots more, and the last Friday of every month, the association invites its members for a drink in Klubben, Fuglesangs Allé. Join the staff association by sending an e-mail to: personaleforeningen@asb.dk. Membership costs DKK 20 per month. Read more about the staff association [here](#).



Strange parcels from TDC

If you have broadband from TDC at home paid by AU, you may have received a strange parcel containing a modem from TDC without any kind of guidance as to what to do with it. AU IT has been notified of the problem and they have asked TDC to communicate to the receivers of the modems what to do. TDC is in the process of upgrading the speed of these broadband connections, which requires new modems.



New webmagazine on teaching and learning at BSS

[The Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) (CUL), which is the educational research and development unit at BSS, has introduced a new webmagazine "CULTivate" with the aim of introducing some of the activities and projects that take place at BSS. CULTivate will be sent out twice a year and is aimed at BSS teachers, researchers and students. Read more about the new magazine [here](#), and see the new issue here: CULTivate.au.dk.

Seminar on writing excellent applications for Post Doc funds

Coordinator for external funding at the Department [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#) has organized a seminar on how to write excellent applications for Post Doc funds to the [Danish Council for Independent Research](#) (DFR) - FSE. [Anne Marie Zwergius](#) will talk about what kind of support can be provided by the [Research Support Unit](#) at AU, and [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), who is member of the FSE council, will talk about the assessment by FSE: What do the FSE committee value? and how do we meet these requirements? Finally [Niels Skipper](#) and [Anders Kock](#) will share their experience with the process of writing successful FSE Post Doc applications. The seminar will be held on 15 June. See the seminar programme [here](#).

Newsletter from the Research Support Office ARTS/BSS

The newsletter from the [Research Support Office](#), AU presents a selection of current calls and provides you with a calendar of other upcoming funding opportunities. Among the calls mentioned in the newsletter are:

- **ERC Starting Grants** aim to support up-and-coming research leaders who are about to establish or consolidate a proper research team and to start conducting independent research in Europe. Funding per grant is up to € 1.5 million.
- **Education for Tomorrow** is a newly established programme for which NordForsk in collaboration with the Danish Council for Strategic Research, among others, is issuing a call for proposals for research

projects addressing the challenges facing the Nordic educational systems and the reasons underlying the differences demonstrated in their respective performance.

- **FP7 Cooperation Programme:** The call for proposals for EU's FP7 Cooperation Programme on SSH (Social Sciences and Humanities) will be published in July, but the Research Support Office will receive drafts during spring. You may contact the Research Support Office for further information about the preliminary content of the call in the various thematic areas.

[See the newsletter here.](#)



Media Training courses – Get your message across in the media

AU Communication now offers three new courses in media training for researchers.

Media training 1 is an introduction to the media and the journalist as working partners.

You get tips on how to get your message across and good advice about what to do when a journalist calls. You learn inspiring ways about when and how you should communicate. The course will also briefly touch upon crisis communication and where you can get help if bad luck strikes.

Media training 2 is an all-day course about good and not so good examples of appearing in the media. You will be trained in meeting the journalist, and there will be exercises that should give you more confidence when you appear in the media. The course will also go through communication principles, as well as media platforms and genres.

Media training 3 is customised to your individual needs. Would you and your colleagues like advice about media training in a specific case? Do you need to get controversial messages across? Would you like to know something about writing feature articles, analyses or other genres? Do you want to prepare a communication plan for a research application? Do you want to work with management communication? There are loads of options for individually designed sessions to meet your communication needs. [Click here for more information about the courses or to register.](#)

New measures to avoid administrative problems

The management seminar at Sandbjerg, which was held at the end of March, resulted in a number of initiatives designed to strengthen the administrative service offered to employees and students.

The university's senior management team acknowledges the problems which have arisen in connection with the academic development process. It has therefore been a great help that at the seminar and in the preceding few weeks there has been a lot of constructive feedback and suggestions for improvements from employees and students. It gives the university's senior management team better possibilities for addressing mistakes and shortcomings. For example, the decentralised administrative service to the departments must be improved by strengthening contact between the departments and the administrative centres and by increasing the decision-making competences of the directorate managers and administrative managers.

Moreover, a user panel will be established to ensure continual sparring on administrative issues and requirements. In addition, AU will work with the relevant public bodies to improve user-friendliness in the shared IT systems. As far as communication is concerned, two user groups have been appointed with a view to developing the university newspaper UNivers, while continued efforts are being made to improve the area at medarbejdere.au.dk, which contains information on administrative support.

A memo has just been sent to all seminar participants summarising all the measures discussed at Sandbjerg. [Read memo](#) (in Danish)



Nordic-Chinese academic conference on European integration

“The European Union as a Political and Economic Environment” is the title of this multi-disciplinary conference which is held at the Nordic Centre, Fudan University, Shanghai, on 29 November – 1 December. Deadline for proposals is 27 April. [See the invitation.](#)



Tinbergen Workshop: “Recent Theory and Applications of DSGE Models”

The Tinbergen Institute, Rotterdam, is organizing a workshop entitled “Recent Theory and Applications of DSGE Models” on 8 June with Frank Schorfheide, University of Pennsylvania, as the keynote speaker. [See the invitation.](#)

Conference: Academy of Business Education, Financial Education Association

Academy of Business Education, Financial Education Association has organised a conference which will take place on 13-15 September in Charleston, South Carolina. Deadline for submitting papers is today: Monday 23 April. Paper submission information can be found at www.abeweb.org or www.fea.sju.edu. [See the invitation.](#)

Calls

Seed funding: UHH, CAU, SDU and AU collaboration initiative

AU, [University of Hamburg](#), [Christian-Albrechts-Universität zu Kiel](#) and [SDU](#) have entered into a formal alliance with the primary objective of initiating, strengthening and broadening collaboration within education, research and other areas. Faculty from the four universities have the possibility to apply for seed funding as each of the four universities have agreed to provide a maximum of € 50,000 annually, equal to a total maximum of € 200,000 for each of the years 2012 and 2013. With the seed funding, research groups are expected to identify areas of common interest within research or education and to develop relevant projects for application for joint research funding nationally or internationally. [Click here for more information.](#)

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The Cand.Soc. Prize 2012

Faculty at the Department are encouraged to submit candidates for this year’s Cand.Soc. prize. Reasoned recommendations must be sent to mail@eeforeningen.dk before 27 April. [See call.](#)



The Oecon Award 2012 – Call for recommendations

This is to remind you 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). 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.](#)



PhD defence: Zhenjiang Qin

PhD student [Zhenjiang Qin](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled “Essays on Heterogeneous Beliefs, Public Information, and Asset Pricing” 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 will be downloadable from [Zhenjiang Qin’s staff page](#) two weeks before the defence. Please contact Susanne Christensen (sla@asb.dk) for a paper copy of the thesis.



PhD defence: Lasse Frisgaard Gunnensen

PhD student [Lasse Frisgaard Gunnensen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled “Income Redistribution Policies” on 8 May at 11:15 am at Bartholins Allé, building 1324, auditorium 025. The members of the assessment committee are: David Dreyer Lassen, University of Copenhagen; Tomas Sjögren, Umeå School of Business and Economics; Allan Sørensen, AU (chairman). After the defence there will be a reception in Riddersalen, building 1323, 3rd floor. The thesis will be downloadable from [Lasse Frisgaard Gunnensen’s staff page](#) two weeks before the defence. Please contact Susanne Christensen (sla@asb.dk) for a paper copy of the thesis.



PhD thesis proposal: Marie Herly

[Marie Herly](#) will present her thesis proposal on 7 May at 9.30 am at Fuglesangs Allé, M323. The title is: Empirical Studies on Earnings Quality. The members of the committee are Thomas Plenborg, Copenhagen Business School and Juha-Pekka Kallunki, University of Oulu.

Newsletter from the PhD House Activity Group

[The PhD House Activity Group](#) hosts activities in the PhD House, which is located in the Dale Mortensen Building. The group organizes academic and social events such as music events, PhD Café and after work meetings in Dale’s Café, and they have just published their first newsletter “Open House”: [read it here](#). For more information about the PhD House, [click here](#).

Summer University

Last summer more than 1000 students decided to spend part of their summer taking specialized, intensive courses. This summer you can do the same by signing up for the Summer University courses offered at the Department:



- [4412: The Economics of Search and Matching](#), week 34
- [4695: Advanced Programming in Quantitative Economics](#) - week 34
- [6301: Dynamic Asset Allocation](#) - week 32
- [6302: Economic Modeling and Inference](#) - week 33
- [6305: Advanced Corporate Finance](#) - week 34
- [5410: The Economics of Gender differences in the Educational System](#) - week 33

Read more about the courses and sign up via the [AU Summer University website](#).

PhD courses at the Department of Economics and Business:

- [Sparse Models for Dependent Data](#), [Marcelo Cunha Medeiros](#): 14-15 May
- [Credit Modeling and Counterparty Risk Pricing and Restructuring](#), [Damiano Brigo](#): 24-25 May
- Topics in Microeconometrics, [William Greene](#): 31 May-1 June
- [Experimental and Quasi-Experimental Applications in the Economics of Education](#), [Thomas Dee](#): 12-14 June
- Cupola modelling, [Andrew Patton](#): 14-15 June
- Economic Modeling and Inference, [Bent Jesper Christensen](#): 13-17 August
- [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:

bhojklint@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:

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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

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