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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

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### CALL FOR PAPERS - SMYE

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**SMYE2013**  
SPRING MEETING OF YOUNG ECONOMISTS

The Department will host the [Spring Meeting of Young Economists](#) (SMYE) at the end of May next year.

The Spring Meeting of Young Economists is a yearly conference intended to give non-tenured young economists such as PhD students, postdoctoral researchers and assistant professors an opportunity to meet at an international conference. The conference intends to cover most fields of economics and will feature a rich programme for young researchers to gather around.

[Keynote speakers:](#)

Dale T. Mortensen, Northwestern University

Paul De Grauwe, London School of Economics

J. Peter Neary, University of Oxford

Deadline for sending abstracts is 21 December.

[See call.](#)

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### CALL FOR PAPERS - MIGRATION: GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT, NEW FRONTIERS

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The NORFACE Research Programme on Migration and the Centre for Research and Analysis of Migration (CReAM) at UCL are jointly organising a large interdisciplinary conference on migration. The conference will be held from 10 - 13 April, 2013 at University College London. It will feature invited talks, contributed sessions and a number of academic podia on topics at the frontier of the migration research agenda, as well as two policy events, where high level practitioners, politicians and media representatives will discuss migration related issues.

Scholars from economics, sociology, psychology, demography, anthropology, development studies, and other disciplines with an interest in migration issues are invited to submit innovative papers on any aspect related to migration. Papers and abstracts should be submitted before 16 December.

[Read more about the conference.](#)

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## VISITOR: SUDDHASIL SIDDHANTA

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[Suddhasil Siddhanta](#), Postdoc, from Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics (GIPE), India, is currently visiting the Department and will be here for the next two months.

Suddhasil Siddhanta will be working with [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#) on a project dealing with female labour force participation in India.

During his visit Suddhasil Siddhanta will be located in office 2622(C)-11.

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## RENOVATION OF THE KITCHEN IN THE STAFF LUNCH ROOM

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The renovation of the kitchen in the staff lunch room will start on 1 November. It will be possible to use the staff lunch room and staff lunch will be served during the renovation.

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## THE PHD CORNER

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### ELECTION FOR THE PHD COMMITTEE - CANDIDATES

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During the period 26-29 November 2012 election for the Faculty's PhD committee is being held. The election period is one year as of 1 February 2012.

PhD students from each PhD programme must choose a representative for the PhD committee of the main area.

The deadline for handing in list of candidates to the election secretariat is 9 November 2012

[Read more.](#)

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## PHD COURSES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

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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 let me know: [bhoeiklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoeiklint@econ.au.dk).

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## STAFF PORTRAITS

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### STAFF PORTRAIT: TOR ERIKSSON

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**How long have you been employed at the Department of Economics and Business?**

I came to Aarhus in 1994 to the Economics department at ASB (in building I). The workplace has grown somewhat since then!

**What is your background?**

I'm born in Finland. I'm from the Swedish speaking minority and so, it's easy for Danes to say and remember my name. I've been in Academia most of my life, and short spells outside it proved to be rather boring.

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

I started out in labour economics and still do that now and then. Other areas I worked on are personnel economics, health economics and intergenerational mobility. I'm curious about other countries and thus have done some studies on the Czech Republic and China. I'm also interested in new tools of analysis, like lab experiments, which were used in a number of papers I contributed to.

**What research projects are you working on at the moment?**

Right now most of my research time is spent on revising papers. New, ongoing projects deal with HRM practices, incentive pay and innovation and intergenerational mobility (of health) in China. I'm also part of an international project on labour flows and firms' labour adjustment to economic shocks.

**What are you involved in teaching-wise at the moment?**

I teach Microeconomics for first year business students. I also teach the economics part of the Masters course called "Doing Business with China", which I'm doing together with Matthew Elsmore from the Law Department. Moreover, as I've been teaching Personnel economics for MBAs, I also act as supervisor on some MBA Master theses.

**Are you planning to take part in any conferences or the like abroad in the near future?**

I'm going to a workshop in Kyoto in November and to another workshop in Xiamen (China) in December.

**Are you expecting any visiting researchers from abroad in the near future (or have you had**

**any visitors from abroad recently)?**

I had my old friend and collaborator Takao Kato from the U.S. for a two month visit before we moved to Fuglesangs Allé. As I'm planning to travel a lot myself in the spring semester, I can't have visitors right now.

**Are you cooperating with researchers from other departments at AU at the moment?**

At the moment I don't, but I've done in the past and hope to in the future (as I'm affiliated with both CIRRAU and ICM3). In general I think it's a bad idea to emphasize that we should cooperate locally. The probability that the optimal cooperation partner is at your own university is rather low (OK, maybe at Harvard) and it's not at all good for the transmission of new ideas.

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

I enjoy most aspects of my work, and so, a lot of my time goes into it. And I don't have any fancy hobbies. But I do forget work completely on vacations (spent typically in Finland or China) and when I'm with my wife, whom I've only known for about seven years and therefore want to spend as much time as possible with. And, also, of course, when I'm with my grand/children.

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

Many of us probably do not know many of our new colleagues in the K building, so I'd like to suggest Esben Agerbo (whom I'm fortunate to know).

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

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I have received the front pages of X new publications. Thank you for that. 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 of your publication (and, if possible, an abstract) - then I will announce it in the next issue of ECON News: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

- [Robert P. Ormrod](#): [Defining Political Marketing](#), Management Working Papers 2012-02.
- [Astrid Würtz Rasmussen](#) and Leslie S. Stratton: [How Distance to a Non-Residential Parent Relates to Child Outcomes](#), Economics Working Papers 2012-23.
- [Stig V. Møller](#) and Jesper Rangvid: [End-of-the-year economic growth and time-varying expected returns](#), CREATES Research Paper 2012-42.
- [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#) and Hendrik Jürges: [Do Workers Underreport Morbidity? The Accuracy of Self-reports of Chronic Conditions](#). Social Science and Medicine 75 (2012) 1589-1594.
- Christian Riis Flor and [Stefan Hirth](#): [Asset Liquidity, Corporate Investment, and Endogenous Financing Costs](#), Journal of Banking & Finance, October 2012.

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## ALL PUBLICATIONS

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[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.

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## 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 let me know:  
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## 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](#)

[Brownbag Lunch Workshop](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

[CREATES weekly seminars](#)

[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)

[Economics Seminar Series](#)

[Finance Seminar Series](#)

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## COLOPHON

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