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NEW CENTRE AT THE DEPARTMENT FROM NEXT YEAR



The Department has this week been given assurance of external funding of DKK 15 million from the Tuborg Foundation. This means that as of 2013 the Department will host a new centre entitled "The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms". The director of the new centre will be [Philipp Schröder](#). The new centre will conduct research within the area of international economics and international business, mapping out the performance of exporters and international firms as well as the policies surrounding globalization.

The predecessor of the new centre is the DKK 6 million research project entitled 'Made in Denmark anno 2050' which various researchers at our department contributed to and which was also funded by the Tuborg Foundation

The grant from the Tuborg Foundation comes as a DKK 3 million per year grant for a 5-year period and a 100 % match finance from AU, resulting in a total centre budget of DKK 30 million.

YOUR PHOTOS FROM HORSENS



If you took some photos at the workshop in Horsens, please send them to me: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk and I will upload them on the staff portal and some of them will be put on the Wiki.



Some photos from the workshop have already been uploaded here: [See the photos.](#)

REORGANISATION OF ECON.MEDARBEJDERE.AU.DK



The ECON staff portal (<http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/>) has been reorganised in order to make it more user friendly. I hope the new structure will make it easier for you to make your way around the staff portal and to find the answers to your questions.

If you haven't already visited the ECON staff portal, I recommend that you do so – It contains useful information about travelling, staff lunch, VIP/TAP allocation, services provided by the Secretariat and Support Unit, purchases, internal news and events, external funding and lots more. Further, and most importantly, previous issues of ECON news are filed here.

If the reorganisation of the webpage gives you trouble locating a particular site on the ECON staff portal, please contact me: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

SMOKE LIKE A CHIMNEY



I'm sorry to pick on the smokers – they have a tough time as it is with the cold season coming and all. Nevertheless, it is time to refresh the smoking rules of the Department. You can read them here: <http://medarbejdere.au.dk/administration/hr/abc/rygning/> (in Danish), but just to sum up:

Please do not stand with the door open while you smoke – you need to go all the way outside and close the door behind you, so you don't let out all the warm air and let in smoke, and so that people who pass you in the doorway won't have to breathe in smoke on their way in.

Please don't take it personally! No offence meant! It's totally OK that you smoke (i.e. outside)!

IS YOUR TELEPHONE OUT OF ORDER?



The relocation of the Department is months away, but it seems that some of you still have problems with your telephones. This needs to be settled, so if your telephone is out of order, please contact [Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen](mailto:lene@asb.dk): lene@asb.dk. Please state whether you have an analogue or an IP telephone.

LSU MEETING



Our [Local Cooperation Committee](#) (LSU) consists of the following members:

Management representatives: [Allan Würtz](#) and [Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen](#)

Staff representatives: [Niels Jørgen Relsted](#), [Per Madsen](#), [Hanne Stevens](#) and [Bibiana Paluszewska](#)

The committee was gathered at a meeting on 27 September. The agenda of the meeting was as follows:

- Approval of agenda
- Budget 2013
- Salary negotiations 2012
- Relocation status
- MUS
- AOB

Read the [minutes](#) of the meeting (in Danish) and see the appendix: [Budget 2013](#) (in Danish).

FOXY STUDENTS



In connection with oral exams, you should be aware that there have been cases where students use hidden smartphones to record the conversation between the examiners when they grade the student performance. The recording is then used for making complaints. The students simply leave their belongings with the hidden smartphone in the examination room while the examiners grade the student performance. So a suggestion would be to always ask students to take all their belongings with them when they leave the examination room.

AARHUS INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED STUDIES - CALLS AND INFORMATION MEETING



[Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies](#) invites you to an information meeting in connection with the calls for recommendations of potential fellows for the Dale T. Mortensen Fellowships (researchers from outside of Aarhus University; external fellows):

- [Dale T. Mortensen Junior Fellowships](#)
- [Dale T. Mortensen Senior Fellowships](#)



and the calls for applications for the Jens Christian Skou Fellowships (internal fellows, i.e. employees of Aarhus University):

- [Jens Christian Skou Junior Fellowships](#)
- [Jens Christian Skou Senior Fellowships](#)

The meeting will be held on 19 November 4pm at Langelandsgade 139, building 1586.

The meeting will be held in Danish, but you may ask questions in English.

[See the invitation to the information meeting](#) (in Danish).

For questions about the meeting or the calls or to sign up for the meeting, contact Pia Leth Andersen: plan@adm.au.dk. Sign up before 15 November.

UIC SEMINAR: HOW TO NAVIGATE THE DANISH TAX SYSTEM



In cooperation with SKAT (the Danish Tax Authorities) the [University International Club](#) (UIC) and the [International Community](#) invite researchers to a tax seminar on the Danish tax system. Focus will be on tax issues related to researchers.

The seminar will be held on 14 November 3-5pm at the AU Conference Centre, Meeting Room 2, First floor, Building 1421, Fredrik Nielsens Vej 4, 8000 Aarhus C.

[Read more about the seminar and sign up here.](#)

For questions about the seminar contact Gitte Haahr-Andersen: gha@adm.au.dk.

WHERE IS THE NEAREST DEFIBRILLATOR?



We have 6 defibrillators at Fuglesangs Allé. They can be found here:

- Building 2620(A) – The entrance hall
- Building 2621(B) – On the way down to Klubben
- Building 2623(D) – The library at the counter
- Building 2636(U) – Main entrance
- Building 2610(S) – Upper multi hall
- Building (R) – The hallway between 2640 and 2641

[See map.](#)

THE PHD CORNER

VISITING PHD STUDENT



Benjamin Friedrich, who is a PhD student at Yale, will be visiting the Department for the period 11 - 27 November. He will start using our merged firm-worker data sets at Statistics Denmark for a paper on hierarchies, firm reorganization and wage inequality. An important application for firm dynamics is international trade with firms starting export activities which in turn trigger major expansion and organizational restructuring. This together with the structure of the Danish labour market with its

flexicurity model, wage flexibility and job mobility make Denmark a good case study for the theoretical setting from which testable implications are derived. Benjamin Friedrich will be sitting in C11.

PHD COURSES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

[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: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

STAFF PORTRAITS

ESBEN AGERBO



[Esben Agerbo](#) is associate professor and affiliated with [NCRR](#) (National Centre for Register-based Research), which is located in building 2631(K). He has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait of this issue of ECON News. Thank you, Esben.

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

I began working at CLS, i.e. Centre for Labour Market and Social Research, in 1996 on a project about psychiatric illness and labour market affiliation. In 2000 I was employed at the [NCRR](#), i.e. National Centre for Register-based Research, which became part of the Faculty of Social Sciences in 2005.

What is your background?

At first I studied Mathematics-Economics, but after a few years I went from natural science to the other side of the University Park. Soon I shifted to major in statistics and mathematics, as I found that economics at the Department of Economics and Business was a rather talkative discipline. However, as [Peter Løchte Jørgensen](#) said the other day in Horsens: "it takes time to mature and we will probably first get there when we retire". Not only do I agree, but I also believe that I have learned a lot from working with economists. Later during my work at NCRR I wrote some papers on the epidemiology of suicide which I glued together and submitted as a doctoral thesis in medicine (Doctor medicinae).

What are your main areas of research?

Social epidemiology - mostly socio-economic risk factors of psychiatric disorders. A rather talkative subject.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

My latest paper capitalises on register-based in-vitro fertility treatment, where I try to argue that this register - to some extent - can be used to identify a natural experiment to the exposure of becoming a parent (Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health). Before this, I wrote a paper to Schizophrenia Research on the genetics of schizophrenia where genetic markers (single-nucleotide

polymorphism) were measured in 600k positions along the chromosome, but the genuine strength was that we had access to register information on a population-based sample. Currently, I am writing a paper on the propensity for being born in an urban area and the subsequent higher risk of being diagnosed with schizophrenia – a really old topic in the field.

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

Two weeks ago I went to Stockholm to present a paper entitled “Urban Risk of Schizophrenia - Selection and Early Detection”, and in the middle of December I am going to Baltimore to meet with our collaborators from the Stanley Medical Research Institute. The Stanley Medical Research Institute has supported my boss Professor Preben Bo Mortensen for many years.

Are you expecting any visiting researchers from abroad in the near future (or have you had any visitors from abroad recently)?

In the end of November, Sinead O’Neill from Cork in Ireland will be joining us for a week. We are working on a project where women, their partners and children are followed after caesarean versus vaginal birth.

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

Marianne Simonsen, Sarah van Mastrigt, Niels Westergård-Nielsen, Tor Eriksson, Jørn Olsen, Mogens Vestergaard, Jiong Li, Jakob Grove and Erik Parner - just to mention people who pop up in my brain. Otherwise, through my boss Preben Bo Mortensen, I am affiliated with CIRRAU and iPSYC. And of course, I benefit daily from working with my colleagues at NCRR (the Closed Ward).

What do you do when you are not at work?

At this time of year, I really enjoy being a member of vinterbadeklubben Jomsborg, <http://jomsborg.vinterbadning.dk/> (polar bear swim club). I mostly go there in the evening; i.e. 10 to 11pm. Otherwise, I sometimes run and my goal is to run once a week to work – now that it is said, I hope that the present me will commit the future me . Mostly of course, I spend time with my family: Charlotte (wife), Julius (9 years) and my daughter Frederikke (14 years) but she is currently in Texas for a high school exchange.

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

Christiane Gasse

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages of 5 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: bhojklint@econ.au.dk.

- [Tom Aabo](#), Marianna A. Hansen and Christos Pantzalis: [Corporate foreign exchange speculation and integrated risk management](#), *Managerial Finance*, Vol. 38, No. 8, pp. 729-

751.

- [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), Mette Lausten and [Dario Pozzoli](#): [Does Mother Know Best? Parental Discrepancies in Assessing Child Functioning](#), Economics Working Papers 2012-24, [Abstract](#).
- [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), Daniel Lau and [Dario Pozzoli](#): [The Impact of Education and Occupation on Temporary and Permanent Work Incapacity](#), Economics Working Papers 2012-25, [Abstract](#).
- [Jonas Maibom Pedersen](#), [Michael Rosholm](#) and [Michael Svarer](#): [Experimental Evidence on the Effects of Early Meetings and Activation](#), Economics Working Papers 2012-26, [Abstract](#).
- Pieter Gautier, Paul Muller, Bas van der Klaauw, [Michael Rosholm](#) and [Michael Svarer](#): [Estimating Equilibrium Effects of Job Search Assistance](#), Economics Working Papers 2012-27, [Abstract](#).

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.

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:

[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](#)

SEMINARS AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

The [Department of Mathematics](#) hosts the following seminars that may be of interest to you:

Title: Quantitative Finance: Market Risk Management

Speakers: Jimi Truelsen and Manuel Torrealba, Nordea Market Risk Management

Date: Thursday 15 November 2:15-4pm

Location: Department of Mathematics, Auditorium D2

Title: Applications of Partial Differential Equations in Ecology and Economics (preliminary)

Speaker: Henri Berestycki, EHESS, Paris

Date: Tuesday 20 November 3:15pm

Location: Department of Mathematics

COLOPHON

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