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### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SEMINAR: MARK W. WATSON

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On 29 January we have a [Distinguished Speaker Seminar](#) at the Department with [Professor Mark W. Watson](#) from Princeton University. The title of the seminar is "Measuring the uncertainty about long-run predictions". The seminar is organised by [CREATES](#) and will be held in Auditorium E1 of building 2624. After the seminar CREATES will host a reception in the CREATES corridor, building 2628, room 303.

If you will not be able to come to the seminar, don't despair - the seminar will be video recorded and will be available in the [CREATES podcast archive](#).

[See poster](#).

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### PURE GOLD - DEADLINE 1 FEBRUARY

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Deadline for registration of publications in [PURE](#) is 1 February 2013. As you all know, the Department's economy is influenced by your PURE registrations so it is extremely important that you register your publications before the deadline.

If you have any questions regarding registration of publications in PURE you should contact your assistant ([who is my assistant](#)) or our contact person at the AU Library Fuglesangs Allé, [Helle Vinbæk Stenholt](#): [hes@asb.dk](mailto:hes@asb.dk), tel.: 87 15 24 38.

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### FLY OUTS

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This is just to remind you of the many fly outs (job candidates) that we have at the Department during the coming two weeks. Margit Sommer has sent out an e-mail with links to CVs, papers and doodles for interviews/lunch/seminars/dinner so you are already well informed. Hopefully we can all contribute to giving the job candidates a nice and profitable experience at the Department, so that they all will go home and wait in anticipation for a job offer from us in their inbox.

[See the list of job candidates here.](#)

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## LOCAL TRANSPORT WHEN TRAVELLING ON BUSINESS

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When travelling on business with hourly and daily allowance, local transport (incl. taxis) on your destination (e.g. between your hotel and your temporary place of work) must be covered by the hourly and daily allowance.

There may be exceptional cases with extremely large expenses for local transport – these may be reimbursed provided that you state the reason for applying for reimbursement and that you submit documentation.

Transport expenses on your outward journey and when going back are always reimbursed - Don't forget documentation.

For questions regarding reimbursement of travel expenses, contact [Ingrid](#) or [Christel](#).

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## THE STAFF PARKING GARAGE

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Please note that the staff parking garage in the basement of building 2632(L) is closed during weekends and on holidays.

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## SYMPOSIUM IN APPLIED STATISTICS

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There is still time if you would like to sign up for the Symposium in Applied Statistics organized by the Department of Business Administration and Statistics Denmark. The Symposium will be held on 28 – 29 January 2013 in Preben Hornung Stuen at Aarhus University.

See the programme and sign up via the Symposium website: [www.statistiksymposium.dk](http://www.statistiksymposium.dk).

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## ORIENTATION DAY AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

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The International Centre at Aarhus University invites newly arrived international PhD students, postdoctoral scholars, researchers and their spouses to participate in their Orientation Day on Friday 8 February. The aim of the Orientation Day is to give newly arrived international staff information

about practical matters related to working and living in Denmark.

[See the programme of the day and registration details here.](#)

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## FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR AMBASSADOR FULTON

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You are all invited to an informal farewell reception for Ambassador Laurie S. Fulton, who is returning to the US. The reception takes place on 23 January from 4 to 5pm in Vandrehallen (building 1413) at Nordre Ringgade.

[See the invitation.](#)

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## VESTAS PRIZE TO THE BUSINESS ECONOMIST OF THE YEAR

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The Business Economist of the year 2012 was elected and presented with a DKK 5,000 prize sponsored by Vestas at an event on 13 December 2012 arranged by the [EØ-network](#) and the [EØ-association](#). The winner of the award was Ida Thomsen. The election was made on the basis of nominations from all the business economist students at AU. The Vestas Prize will be given once a year in the future.

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## WHO DOES WHAT?

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You can find a list of the tasks performed by the Secretariat and Support Unit at the Department on our Staff Portal. The list is useful if you are in doubt as to who does what among the TAP personnel. There have been some changes to the list since August, e.g. regarding mail, new employees etc., so it may be a good idea to check out the list:

[Who are we – what do we do?](#)

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## STAFF PHOTO SESSIONS

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As announced by e-mail Ingrid and Jonna from BSS Communication will come and take new portrait photos of us on Thursday 31 January and Tuesday 12 February.

Click on the Doodle links below to sign up if you haven't already done so. They will take three persons per 15 minutes:

Thursday 31 January: <http://www.doodle.com/a4bmy7hktmgesczt>

Tuesday 12 February: <http://www.doodle.com/qyz4cq3kfweswh4>

The photo sessions will take place in building 2623(D), room 6.

You may choose between colour and black/white photo.

A number of photos will be taken of each person. Ingrid and Jonna will choose the best one and send it to you by e-mail and upload it to your PURE profile.

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## THE PHD CORNER

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### PHD DEFENCE: KENNETH LYKKE SØRENSEN

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[Kenneth Lykke Sørensen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled Essays on Wage Determination on Friday 1 February at 1.15 pm in Auditorium E1, building 2624.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Kenneth's staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen: [sla@asb.dk](mailto:sla@asb.dk).

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

Professor Jakob Roland Munch, University of Copenhagen

Professor Francis Kramarz, CREST-ENSAE, Paris

Associate Professor, Lars Skipper, Aarhus University

The defence will be chaired by Professor Bo Sandemann Rasmussen, Head of Programme.

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room L162 (Palmehaven), building 2632.

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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: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

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## STAFF PORTRAITS

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### STAFF PORTRAIT: SANNE WØHLK

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This time [Sanne Wöhlk](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Sanne. Sanne is Associate Professor at the Department and is located in building 2628(M), office 319.

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

Since the Department was formed in the summer 2011. Before that, I was employed at the former Department of Business Studies at Aarhus School of Business - since 2005.

**What is your background?**

I studied mathematical economics at University of Southern Denmark and specialized in a combination of Operations Research and Theoretical Computer Science (algorithmics). I earned my PhD from the same university. After that, I got a position as assistant professor at the former ASB.

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

I have two areas of interest which are partly overlapping. The first is on the so-called arc routing problem, which is a transportation problem where street segments need some kind of service. This problem occurs e.g. in snow removal, refuse collection, and winter gritting. This has been my key topic since my master thesis. The second is the transportation problems arising in collection of waste and recyclable materials. For both areas, my research focus is on the development of solution procedures. So that is a lot of math and theory followed by programming in order to test the procedures.

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

I am working on a great project with Reno Djurs where we study the collection of household waste and try to determine the transportation cost of different scenarios of separating waste to different degrees. I have a number of master thesis projects involved in this work and we all really enjoy it.

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

I teach programming to about 200 cand.merc. students. It's a tough course to get through for the students, but most of them appreciate it once they graduate and realize how useful it is in the real world. I also teach part of a course about transportation models.

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

I am head of the organizing committee of a workshop focusing on arc routing, which is hosted by our department in the spring. Besides that, I plan to participate in the EURO-INFORMS conference in Rome this summer.

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

We just had Bernard Gendron, who is director of the CIRRELT research centre in Montreal, visiting for a week. Part of the purpose of his visit was to form a partnership between CIRRELT and CORAL.

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

No. Though I have an agreement about a future project with one from NERI.

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

My family could claim that there is no "not at work", but I try to squeeze in a bit of time for my husband, four children, a countryside property, and two horses.

# PUBLICATIONS

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

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I have received the front pages and abstracts of 6 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](mailto:bhojklint@econ.au.dk).

- [H. Stevens](#), [E. Agerbo](#), K. Dean, M. Nordentoft, [P. R. Nielsen](#) and [P. B. Mortensen](#): [Offending prior to first psychiatric contact: a population-based register study](#), Psychological Medicine 2012; 42(12): 2673-2684.
- [Rainer Lueg](#) and Shijia Lu (2012): [Improving efficiency in budgeting – An interventionist approach to spreadsheet accuracy testing](#). In: Problems and Perspectives in Management, vol. 10, iss. 1, pp. 32-41.
- Jean Jacod and [Mark Podolskij](#): [A test for the rank of the volatility process: the random perturbation approach](#), CREATES Research Paper 2012-57.
- [Tom Engsted](#) and [Thomas Q. Pedersen](#): [Predicting returns and rent growth in the housing market using the rent-to-price ratio: Evidence from the OECD countries](#), CREATES Research Paper 2012-58.
- [Mikko S. Pakkanen](#): [Limit theorems for power variations of ambit fields driven by white noise](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-1.
- Juanna Schrøter Joensen and [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#): [Math and Gender: Is Math a Route to a High-Powered Career?](#), Economics Working Papers 2013-01.

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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](#)

[Management Seminar Series](#)

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## COLOPHON

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ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

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