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9TH DANISH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS WORKSHOP - CALL FOR PAPERS



[The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalization and Firms](#) hosts the Ninth Danish International Economics Workshop, which takes place on 23 to 24 May.

Andrew Bernard from Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and Mark Roberts from Pennsylvania State University will be the key note speakers at the workshop.

Deadline for submitting papers (or extended abstracts) is 1 March.

[Read more about the workshop and see the call for papers here.](#)

FORMAL OPENING OF THE TUBORG RESEARCH CENTRE



On Friday 22 February from 2.30 - 4pm a reception to mark the opening of [The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms](#) will be held at the Department.

The programme for the reception will be:

- Welcome by Dean Svend Hylleberg
- Speech by Director Peter Moe Rasmussen, The Tuborg Foundation
- Signing of contractual documents
- Speech by Centre Director, Professor Philipp Schröder
- Reception

Sign up no later than Monday 18 February at auws.au.dk/Opening-reception.

AUFF PUBLICATION GRANTS



Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) invites researchers to apply for grants to be awarded in the first half of 2013.

The foundation's objective is to support scientific research at Aarhus University. The foundation awards grants on the basis of recommendations from Aarhus University. Grants to cover overhead are not available.

Application deadline is 18 February.

[Read more about the application procedure.](#)

DKK 50 MILLION TO A NEW ROUND OF THE AU IDEAS PROGRAMME



In 2013 the Aarhus University Research Foundation has allocated DKK 50 million to a new round of the AU IDEAS programme which supports freedom of research and good research ideas.

A more detailed call for AU IDEAS applications is expected to be published at the beginning of March 2013, with application deadline at the end of May 2013. The grant recipients will be announced in September/October 2013 with a view to project start in January 2014.

AU IDEAS is an initiative that was created through a collaboration between the Aarhus University Research Foundation and Aarhus University. The IDEAS programme, which distributed funding for the first time in December 2011, aims to help realise visionary and original project ideas.

- [Read more about AU IDEAS](#) (in Danish)
 - [See list of previous AU IDEAS projects](#) (in Danish)
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NEW EMPLOYEE - GITTE GILBERT



Gitte Gilbert will join the Department from 6 February in a temporary and part-time (25 hours per week) position (16 weeks) as service/administrative assistant. She will be in charge of the coffee machines and tidying up the lunch room after lunch, and she will be handling travel reimbursements, and other ad hoc tasks. Gitte is 46 years old and lives in Hørning. She has several years' experience as administrative assistant with practical as well as administrative tasks. Gitte will be located in building 2632, office 103 together with Ingrid (Christel's old space), and Christel will then move to office 105.

Welcome to the Department, Gitte!

OUTLOOK CALENDAR - FREE OR BUSY



In the Outlook calendar, the default setting makes it possible for all your colleagues to see the subject and location of your appointments. You can change this setting so that your calendar just shows whether you are free or busy - follow the instructions below.

It is possible to give selected persons (e.g. your administrative assistant) permission to see the contents of your calendar items.

Office 2010:

Choose Calendar Permissions – Permissions – choose Free/Busy time as default - OK.

Mac:

Choose My Calendars – Permissions – Default – open Permission Level – choose Free/Busy time – OK

HOW TO ADD HOLIDAYS TO YOUR OUTLOOK CALENDAR



By default, no holidays are loaded when you begin using the Outlook calendar, but Microsoft Outlook has a built-in feature to add holidays from different countries to your default calendar folder. You can add holidays to your Calendar folder by following these steps:

1. Make sure that your Outlook is set to Danish
 2. Click Files
 3. Choose Options
 4. Choose Calendar
 5. Click Add holidays
 6. Mark the countries whose holidays you would like to show in your Outlook calendar and press OK.
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CORRECTION - STAFF PARKING GARAGE



In the last ECON News it was announced that the staff parking garage is closed during weekends and on holidays. However, this just means that the large gates will be closed - you can easily open them using your access card. So you can still park there during weekends and on holidays. Sorry for the confusion!

UIC SPRING PROGRAMME



The University International Club's Spring Programme 2013 is out, and the UIC invites all foreign and Danish staff and their spouses to participate in the events.

The spring programme offers weekly seminars, meetings and excursions such as a visit to the new iNano House, a seminar about the Danish tax system, a seminar about Piet Hein etc. For most of the events you can just turn up, but for some you must sign up beforehand.

[See the UIC Spring Programme here.](#)

See also the UIC website for information about their Dinner Club, the UIC Play Group, their Board Games Event and language training etc.: www.au.dk/uic.

7TH RIMINI BAYESIAN ECONOMETRIC WORKSHOP - CALL FOR PAPERS



[The Rimini Centre for Economic Analysis](#) invites papers for the 7th Rimini Bayesian Econometric Workshop, which will be held on 25 – 26 June.

The keynote speakers will be: Fabio Canova, European University Institute, Sylvia Frühwirth-Schnatter, Vienna University of Economics and Business and Mike West, Duke University.

Deadline for submitting papers is 6 May. [See call.](#)

THE BERLIN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS CONGRESS 2013



The Berlin International Economics Congress 2013 takes place on 6 – 10 March. The title of the congress is "Innovative Nation Branding Strategies: Integrating Sustainable Development, Youth Education & Development, Ecotourism, and Sustainable Action for Climate Change".

The congress will focus on innovative nation branding techniques and strategies in the 21st century in allowing countries to achieve economic gains and financial stability through the uses of sustainable development, ecological tourism, and socially responsible investment.

[See the invitation.](#)

THE PHD CORNER



PhD students in Economics at University of Macedonia organize the 1st International PhD Meeting of Thessaloniki in Economics, which will be held on 1 – 2 July 2013 at the University of Macedonia, in Thessaloniki, Greece.

The aim of the PhD meeting is to offer an international meeting point where PhD students and young

researchers can exchange ideas about their work and encourage academic collaboration among young economists. Submitted papers could focus on issues within all fields of Economics. Application may be submitted by PhD students and Post-Doctoral researchers. No registration or participation fee applies.

Invited keynote speakers are Thanasis Stengos, University of Guelph, and Tom Wansbeek, University of Groningen.

Deadline for submitting abstracts (300-500 words) is 17 March.

[See the invitation.](#)

For more information visit: www.uom.gr/uomphdmeeting.

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: bhoejkint@econ.au.dk.

STAFF PORTRAITS

STAFF PORTRAIT: CHRISTIANE GASSE



This time [Christiane Gasse](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Christiane. Christiane is Senior Researcher at the Department and is affiliated with [NCRR](#) - National Centre for Register-based Research.

How long have you been employed at NCRR?

I have been employed at the National Centre for Registry-based Research for 6 years.

What is your background?

I am a pharmacist with a PhD in medical sciences from the University of Muenster and a diploma in Epidemiology and Biostatistics from the McGill University, Montreal, Canada. Through my post doc position at Boston University I developed into a serious pharmacoepidemiologist investigating medical drug use and its side effects in the population. Pharmacoepidemiology has been a niche for some time as the discipline depends on large amounts of data to detect rare events. This was almost the main reason why I came to Denmark in 2005 (to work with register data) after some frustrating times at the university hospital in Heidelberg, Germany. Somehow I stayed. Beside in academia, drug safety is naturally also a general public health concern and also of quite some interest to pharmaceutical companies. Therefore collaborations between these three domains are common.

What are your main areas of research?

My main area of research is course and outcome of pharmacological treatment in psychiatric patients with schizophrenia or depression. I really like this area as psychiatry or mental health affect and include all aspects of life, and besides medical sciences, also other disciplines such as sociology and psychology contribute to investigate the reasons, risks and outcomes of these diseases. Though I would not perform research that did not involve drugs I am aware of the fact that drugs are not the solution to everything, or even anything?

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

I am currently mainly involved in two EU funded projects called CRESTAR and PROTECT. I am really glad for the funding as it allows me to work relatively independent from drug companies and will last almost until the end of 2015. Moreover I appreciate the international collaborations with experts in the respective fields.

In CRESTAR we try to find socio-demographic, clinical and genetic predictors for identifying patients with schizophrenia at an early stage who will be difficult to treat successfully with standard antipsychotic treatments. The earlier these patients could be safely offered a particular other and unique drug, namely clozapine, the better the long-term outcome of these patients may be.

In PROTECT we have the opportunity to compare and develop new methods in pharmacoepidemiology to quantify and communicate risks and benefits of pharmacological treatment in the population. Here we have chosen an example of antiepileptic drugs and the risk of suicide.

Other projects I am involved in concern antidepressive treatment response, sickness absence in users of antidepressants, pharmacological treatment of patients with dementia, and others.

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

I mainly teach on a one-to-one level, mainly my PhD student and a couple of other medical and PhD students in Aarhus and Copenhagen.

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

As we have a number of interesting results coming up I have planned to participate with a group of collaborating researchers in the International Conference in Pharmacoepidemiology in Montreal this year. It is generally a very inspiring and refreshing conference with good net-working opportunities and a great place to meet friends in the field.

Additionally I would like to spend a month at the University of Chapel Hill to broaden my skills.

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

As my main projects are international and it is only possible to work with Danish drug data in Denmark we have frequently visitors coming over from abroad.

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

Currently I am mainly collaborating with researchers from the faculty of Health. Due to several arrangements within our department I had the chance to meet a number of very nice colleagues and found that we may have common interests and supplementing skills, not only regarding pharmaco-economics or health economics. Everybody interested in working with prescription drug data having

some questions are more than welcome to contact me!

What do you do when you are not at work?

I am together with my boys cooking, traveling, singing and running around.

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages and abstracts of 3 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.

- [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), Mette Deding and Mette Lausten: [The effect of low birth weight on height, weight and behavioral outcomes in the medium run](#), Economics and Human Biology 11 (2013), 42-55.
- [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), Anders Poulsen and Marie Claire Villeval: [Gender Matching and competitiveness: Experimental evidence](#), Economic Inquiry Vol. 51, No. 1, January 2013, 816-835.
- [Almut E. D. Veraart](#) and Luitgard A. M. Veraart: [Risk premia in energy markets](#), CREATES Research Paper No. 02, 2013.

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:
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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](#)

[Management Seminar Series](#)

COLOPHON

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