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NOISE IN BUILDING 2621(B) IN THE BEGINNING OF APRIL



On 2 April builders will start to tear down the wall into meeting room B04 and set up a new glass facade. This will inevitably make some noise especially during the tear-down process.

This also means that meeting room B04 will be unavailable in the beginning of April.

[See the working schedule of the builders here](#) (in Danish).

THE SEB AWARD 2013 - CALL



Oeconforeningen and SEB now call for recommendations for this year's SEB Award (previously known as the Oecon Award).

In particular, MSc thesis advisors are urged to think about graduates from the summer of 2012 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](#), Building 2632(L), Office 134.

Deadline is 30 June 2013.

[See call.](#)

NEW TEMPORARY OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR AT FUGLESANGS ALLÉ



[Flemming Jakobsen](#) will function as temporary operations supervisor at Fuglesangs Allé for the next 3 months while our usual operations supervisor, Lars Friis, is away.

Flemming jakobsen is located in building 2610(S), office 430 and can be reached by phone 87 15 23 73, mobile 21 70 31 55 or e-mail: fjakobsen@asb.dk.

MEDIA TRAINING COURSES FOR AU RESEARCHERS



AU Communication offers media training courses aimed at helping researchers to disseminate their research in a clear and accurate way to journalists.

The courses take place on 16 and 30 April at AU.

[Read more and sign up for Media Training 1 and 2 here](#) (website and courses are in Danish).

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT PAYROLL PROCESSING



If you have any questions regarding your pay and you are a salaried employee, you need to contact your local HR department in the future. If you are a public servant, a PhD employee or paid by the hour, you need to contact the Payroll Office as before.

The decentralisation of parts of the payroll processing to the HR departments will take place over the next month. For employees at the Department of Economics and Business, this will apply from 22 March. Until 22 March, you must contact your usual salary administrator.

[Read more.](#)

REPORT ON THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM SENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING



The Ministry for Economic Affairs and the Interior has published a report from the commission to evaluate the Danish structural reform of local authorities. The report is now sent for public hearing among organisations and citizens.

Please contact Birgitte Højklint Nielsen (bhoejklint@econ.au.dk) if you would like a copy of the report and details concerning the hearing procedure.

Deadline for commenting on the report is 8 April.

THE YOUNG ACADEMY OF DENMARK - MEMBERSHIP



[The Young Academy](#) is a new independent platform for young scientists from all branches of science and thus a new institution in Danish academia. The purpose of The Young Academy is to strengthen basic research and the interdisciplinary exchange, bridging the gap between science and society - and to give a united voice to some of the most excellent young scientists in Denmark. Its 24 members are all prominent profiles with strong international experience and interesting views on science and society.

The Young Academy now calls for applications for membership. New members must have obtained their PhD degree within the past three to seven years. New members will be granted a five-year membership. Eight new members will be admitted every year.

Application deadline is 15 April.

The application must include:

- CV
- Full list of publications
- A thorough description of research area and motivation for applying (max. 1000 words)

[See the call](#) (in Danish).

ORIENTATION DAY AT THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

The International Centre at Aarhus University organizes Orientation Day on Friday 5 April from 15:00 to 21:00. The event is aimed at newly arrived PhD students, postdoctoral scholars, International Staff and their spouses. The Orientation Day programme is comprised of practical information about living and working in Denmark and a formal welcoming and talk. The day will end with socialization and dinner.

[Read more.](#)

SAIL - TEACHERS TRAINING ONBOARD



Researchers and PhD students with a strong background within the field of sustainable development in the Baltic Sea region are invited to Staff Training Week onboard the tall ship Fryderyk Chopin, arranged by the Baltic University Programme (BUP) at Uppsala University.

The SAIL (Sustainability Applied in International Teaching and Learning) Teachers Training 2013 will start on 17 May in Gdynia, Poland, and end on 24 May in Gdynia, Poland. There will be a two day visit in Visby, Gotland where there will be a common seminar with teachers and researchers from Gotland University.

Application deadline is 6 April.

[Read more.](#)

STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: BARAN SIYAHHAN



This time [Baran Siyahhan](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Baran. Baran is Assistant Professor at the Department and is located in building 2622(C), office 104.

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

I have been employed at the University (initially the former ASB) since August 2010.

What is your background?

I completed my BSc in Business Administration (Middle East Technical University) and MSc in Finance (Bilkent University) in Turkey. I then obtained my PhD in Finance from the Vienna Graduate School of Finance in 2010.

What are your main areas of research?

My main research areas are corporate finance, industrial organization and real options. The central theme in my research is often the interaction between the product market dynamics, including industry structure, strategic competition and also macroeconomic forces and the firm's investment and financing choices. I also enjoy "reaching out" to other fields (of course remaining mainly in the realm of economics) and look at some of the research questions with a different perspective or methodology.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

Oddly enough for a person sitting in the finance wing, my current projects deal with aspects of labor economics and economics of innovation. In one paper, my co-author and I look into the human capital investments of R&D-intensive firms and analyze how cross-sectional differences drive firms' investment and the implications for the firm risk. In another project, we address the emigration of skilled labor: how does the option to emigrate to another country affect the education choice? Does emigration necessarily lead to brain drain in the country of origin?

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

I teach Corporate Valuation in the Fall semester and International Business Finance in the Spring term. Both are courses offered in the Finance and International Business programme.

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

I am scheduled to give a seminar at VU Amsterdam in May.

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

I'm not expecting any visitors personally, but we do have visitors coming in for seminars, and I invited a couple of researchers that I hope to find some time to talk to.

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

No, I'm not cooperating with anyone outside the Department at the moment.

What do you do when you are not at work?

When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time with my wife following concerts and movies. And once we come out of the ice age again, I plan to travel around Denmark a bit.

Supplementary question: What is your Facebook status at the moment? (asked by Marcel Turkensteen)

I don't have anything in my facebook status at the moment, but I guess it could have read something like "back into the ice age".

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

EUROCENTER COURSE PROGRAMME - FP7 AND HORIZON 2020



The EuroCenter under the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation offers courses for researchers on how to apply for EU funds. This year the EuroCenter's spring course programme offers courses with focus on applications for the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7), and their autumn programme has focus on applications for Horizon 2020.

All courses will be in Danish, except for a half-day workshop on 28 August on how to prepare for Horizon 2020 entitled "Getting Ready for Horizon 2020" which will be held in Copenhagen.

Below you can see the courses that are offered this spring:

- *Rapportering i FP7*, 14 March: Scandic Copenhagen
- *Bliv dus med Marie Curie*, 17 April: Scandic Plaza Aarhus
- *Få succes som koordinator*, 25 April: Scandic Copenhagen
- *Bliv en haj til regnskaber i FP7*, 23 May: Scandic Aarhus City
- *Forskning med faktura*, 13 June: Scandic Copenhagen

In the [EuroCenter Course catalogue](#) (in Danish) you can see the full list and descriptions of all courses for both spring and autumn 2013. See also the [Ministry's homepage](#) (in Danish).

To register for a course you must send an e-mail to the EuroCenter: tilmelding-ec@fi.dk at least two weeks before the course. You must state your contact details, title, EAN- or CVR-number and the number of the course that you wish to register for.

The course fee is DKK 3000 per course.

For further information about the courses, contact Elisabeth Lysén Sørensen, EuroCenter: tel.: 7231 8261, e-mail: elso@fi.dk.

THE DANISH COUNCIL FOR STRATEGIC RESEARCH - CALLS



The Danish Council for Strategic Research calls for Phase 1 applications (prequalification) for funding for Strategic Research Centres, Strategic Research Alliances and Strategic Research Projects.

The Council is offering a total of DKK 700 million for strategic research activities under the following programme commissions and themes:

- [Programme Commission on Health, Food and Welfare](#)
 - Connection between food, health and lifestyle
 - Food
- [Programme Commission on Sustainable Energy and Environment](#)
 - Future energy technologies and systems
 - Environmental technology
- [Programme Commission on Strategic Growth Technologies](#)
 - Nanotechnology, biotechnology and information and communication technology
- [Programme Commission on Individuals, Disease and Society](#)
 - Health researchA

Application deadline is 25 April at 3pm.

[See the call.](#)

For an overview of all 2013 calls from the Danish Council for Strategic Research, see the links below:

- Current calls 2013 - [See the list of all current calls](#) (click on the calls to see the deadline for applications).
- Future calls 2013 - [See the list of areas within which the Council will call for applications in 2013.](#)

MOBILEX MOBILITY GRANTS



The Danish Council for Independent Research invites proposals for MOBILEX Mobility Grants – a new funding opportunity for researchers in the beginning of their research career.

The MOBILEX Mobility Grants will fund research projects carried out at research institutions in Denmark or abroad, provided that the applicant 1) has obtained a PhD degree and 2) has not stayed for more than 12 months in total in the country of the host institution within the last three years before the application deadline.

A MOBILEX grant is awarded for a period of 24 months and amounts to DKK 2,500,000.

[Read more.](#)

See the call for applications:

[English version](#)

[Danish version](#)

Information meeting

If you would like to know more, you can meet the MOBILEX project officers at an information meeting at Aarhus University on 22 March. [Read more about the information meeting.](#)

TRYGFONDEN - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

TrygFonden

Last year TrygFonden awarded a six-year center grant of DKK 60 million to the TrygFonden Centre for Research into Well-Being among Children and Young People led by [Michael Rosholm](#). To further promote Danish research in this area, TrygFonden is now issuing a request for proposals for research projects on the well-being of children and youth. The funding available for qualified projects is DKK 40 million.

Proposals should focus on designing, testing, and/or promoting the spread of effective interventions within the three policy areas social work, education, and crime prevention. The end-goal of a project should be to improve the well-being of children and youth – socially and/or educationally. A proposal cannot exceed DKK 8 million.

Deadline for submitting a proposal is 19 August.

[Read more.](#)

Please contact [Michael Rosholm](#) if you are interested in submitting a proposal.

THE PHD CORNER

PHD DEFENCE: TUE RAUFF LIND CHRISTENSEN

[Tue Rauff Lind Christensen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled Network Design Problems with Piecewise Linear Cost Functions on Friday 5 April at 1.15pm in Auditorium E1, building 2624, Fuglesangs Allé.

The thesis will be downloadable from [Tue Rauff Lind Christensen's staff profile](#) at least 2 weeks before the defence. For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee

Professor Jesper Larsen, Technical University of Denmark

Professor Kaj Holmberg, Linköping University

Associate Professor, [Michael Malmros Sørensen](#), Aarhus University

The defence will be chaired by Professor [Jens Lysgaard](#), Department of Economics and Business.

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

building 2632.

PHD DEFENCE: JANNIE HELENE GRØNE KRISTOFFERSEN

[Jannie Helene Grøne Kristoffersen](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled Empirical Essays on Economics of Education on Wednesday 29 May at 1.15pm in Auditorium E1, building 2624.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Jannie Helene Grøne Kristoffersen's staff profile](#) at least two weeks before the defence. For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen: sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Martin Salm, Tilburg University
- Associate Professor Anna Sjögren, IFAU, Uppsala University
- Associate Professor [Marianne Simonsen](#), 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.

PHD DEFENCE: HANNE STEVENS



[Hanne Stevens](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled Crime and Mental Disorders on Tuesday 7 May at 1.15pm in Auditorium 011, building 1324, Bartholins Allé.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Hanne Stevens' staff profile](#) at least two weeks before the defence. For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Marie Torstensson Levander, Malmö University
- Dr Seena Fazel, University of Oxford
- Associate Professor Anette Storgaard, Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence will be chaired by Vibeke Asmussen Frank, Head of Programme, Social Science and Business.

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception.

NEWSLETTER FROM THE PHD HOUSE ACTIVITY GROUP

The PhD House Activity group is a volunteer group of PhD students who organise activities at the PhD House for all PhD students and Postdocs (and occasionally their families) across all faculties of

Aarhus University.

[Read the newsletter here.](#)

OSLO SUMMER SCHOOL - COMPARATIVE SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDIES



The Faculty of Social Sciences at University of Oslo calls for applications for admission to the Oslo Summer School in Comparative Social Science Studies which takes place on 22 July – 2 August 2013.

The areas of social sciences represented at this year's summer school include Sociology, Human Geography, Political Science, Economics, STS, Environmental Studies, Anthropology, Research Methods, Educational Science and Psychology.

The target group is mainly doctoral students within the field of social science, but researchers, research scholars and advanced MA students may also apply.

[Read more.](#)

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.

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages and abstracts of 4 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.

- Sílvia Gonçalves, [Ulrich Hounyo](#) and Nour Meddahi: [Bootstrap inference for pre-averaged realized volatility based on non-overlapping returns](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-07.
- [Lueg, R.](#), Nedergaard, L., & Svendgaard, S. (2013): [The use of intellectual capital as a competitive tool: a Danish case study](#). International Journal of Management, Volume 30, Issue 2, pp. 217-231.
- [Niels Skipper](#) and [Rune Vejlin](#): [Determinants of Generic vs. Brand Drug Choice: Evidence from Population-wide Danish Data](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-05.

- [Katarzyna Lasak](#) and Carlos Velasco: [Fractional cointegration rank estimation](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-08.

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](#)

[Management Seminar Series](#)

COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

Next issue: Monday 8 April (postponed due to Easter)

Deadline for input: Thursday 4 April at 12. E-mail: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

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