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### 13TH OXMETRICS USER CONFERENCE HOSTED BY CREATES

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On 5-6 September CREATES will host the 13th OxMetrics User Conference, which provides a forum for the presentation and exchange of research results and practical experiences within the fields of computational and financial econometrics, empirical economics, time series and cross-section statistics and applied mathematics.

The conference programme will feature keynote presentations, contributed paper sessions, poster sessions, and a panel discussion with the OxMetrics developers. This year the Ana Timberlake Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Professor Russell Davidson, McGill University.

The conference is open to all those interested, not just to OxMetrics™ users, from academic and non-academic organisations.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit by e-mail to Niels Haldrup ([nhaldrup@creates.au.dk](mailto:nhaldrup@creates.au.dk)), a 100-200 word abstract and paper on any issue that contributes to the conference theme by 31 May.

[Read more.](#)

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### FORUM: DEBATE MEETINGS

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FORUM for Future Public Administration and Management hosts 5-7 debate meetings every year, most of them at CBS, where practitioners, decision-makers and researchers give talks about challenges and possible solutions regarding administration and management of the public sector.

Apart from the talks given by the invited speakers, the meetings offer great opportunities for networking, inspiration and development.

[See the programme for 2013 here](#) (in Danish).

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## STAFF PHOTO BOARD

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As many of you may have noticed, the photo board in the entrance hall of building 2632(L) has now been filled with staff photos. Some are better than others, and the BSS photographers are currently working on making some of the photos less bright.

If you do not have a photo, or if you are not satisfied with your photo and would like to have a new one taken, you may contact Niels Relsted who has been so kind as to let us exploit his expertise as an amateur photographer. If you would like Niels to take your photo, you should contact him by e-mail: [nrelsted@econ.au.dk](mailto:nrelsted@econ.au.dk) to arrange a photo session.

You may also still choose to have your photo taken by the BSS photographers in Tåsingegade, see: <http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/practical-info/staff-photo/>.

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## ALUMNE ACTIVITIES AT THE DEPARTMENT

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In order to establish the range of alumne related activities at the Department, we would like to know whether there are any formalized alumne organizations related to your research environment or in relation to the study programmes that you teach.

Please contact Carsten Tanggaard by phone 87 16 55 73 or e-mail [ctanggaard@creates.au.dk](mailto:ctanggaard@creates.au.dk) stating the contact persons of the alumne organization, which activities they perform and in what way you or your research group assist the organization.

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## ALL ABOUT STAFF LUNCH

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### **Guest Lunch Tickets**

From now on, when bringing a guest for lunch in the staff lunch room and the Department is paying for his/her lunch, you must contact your administrative assistant to get a guest lunch ticket. The guest must write his/her name on the ticket and put it in the money box so that Studenterlauget can issue an invoice.

### **Staff Lunch Committee**

In order to ensure that our staff lunch scheme is running to everyone's satisfaction and to make sure that those of you who are interested in having influence on the staff lunch arrangement will be heard, it has been decided that we need a Staff Lunch Committee. So if you would like to have a say as to whether we should have patty shells four times a week or vegetarian food all week etc., please join the committee by writing an e-mail to [Margit Sommer: msommer@econ.au.dk](mailto:msommer@econ.au.dk).

### **Evaluation of the Staff Lunch Scheme**

Within the next couple of weeks, an evaluation of our staff lunch scheme will be carried out in which you will all be given the opportunity to state your opinion about the staff lunch scheme and give suggestions for improvements. You will receive a questionnaire by e-mail.

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## MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR RESEARCH DIRECTORS

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The Competence Unit at AU HR has now opened for registration for their course in management development for research directors.

[Read more about the course here](#) (in Danish).

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## OMNIBUS - NEW NEWSPAPER FOR STAFF AND STUDENTS AT AU

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On 30 April, the first issue of the new newspaper at Aarhus University, Omnibus, will be published. The newspaper will be for all students and staff at AU, and you can look forward to a newspaper that is independent of special interests. Omnibus will focus on forging a joint identity at AU, to unify and to promote debate.

On 30 April, you will find Omnibus in the special stands around the whole university.

Only a Danish version of Omnibus will appear on print, but you will find a full English version (as well as a Danish one) of each issue on the website [omnibus.au.dk](http://omnibus.au.dk) (to be launched).

Visit [Facebook.com / omnibus.au.dk](https://www.facebook.com/omnibus.au.dk) to know more about Omnibus, to start a debate or to submit proposals for articles for future releases.

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## EURASIAN MULTIDISCIPLINARY FORUM - CALL FOR PAPERS

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The organizers of the Eurasian Multidisciplinary FORUM call for papers for the conference which takes place on 24-26 October at Grigol Robakidze University, Tbilisi, Georgia.

All accepted papers will be published in a special publication and the papers will be also published in a special edition of the European Scientific Journal.

Submission deadline is 1 October

Eurasian Multidisciplinary FORUM is organized by: European Scientific Institute, Grigol Robakidze University and University of the Azores.

[Read more.](#)

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## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON QUALITY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

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Sakarya University, Turkey, calls for papers for the International Conference on Quality in Higher Education which will be held on 12-14 December.

The conference aims to provide a multinational platform where the latest trends in quality in higher education are presented and discussed.

[Read more.](#)

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# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

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The Institute of Management Technology calls for papers for the International Conference on Business Management & Information Systems which will be held on 19-21 November in Dubai.

Submissions from researchers and practitioners within the areas of Business Management and Information Systems are invited. The submissions may be research papers, work-in-progress, case studies or experiential insights from researchers and practitioners.

Submission deadline is 30 June.

[Read more.](#)

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### CALL FROM THE NATIONAL ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATION

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The Danish National Advanced Technology Foundation (*Højteknologifonden*) aims to give companies and universities the best possible frames for cooperating effectively and focusing on producing great results. The foundation invests in the most ambitious research cooperations with the aim of creating new technology with great commercial potential. In 2013 the foundation has DKK 530 million to invest and it therefore calls for applications for:

- [Advanced Technology Projects: DKK 2.5 – 15 million](#)
- [Advanced Technology Platforms: DKK 15 – 75 million](#)

Deadline for submitting expression of interest is 21 August at 12.

The Foundation also calls for applications for:

- [Industrial postdoc projects](#) (deadline 23 October)

Read more: [www.hoejteknologifonden.dk](http://www.hoejteknologifonden.dk)

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### DEIC FUNDING FOR HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTING

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The Danish e-Infrastructure Cooperation (DeIC) has set aside DKK 15 million for acquisitions of or access to High Performance Computer (HPC) hardware. The aim is to provide researchers in Denmark with access to HPC processing power or data storage for research projects with strong emphasis on high-performance large-scale computing.

Funding for HPC will be awarded to individual researchers or research groups via a Primary Investigator.

Application deadline is 24 May

[Read more.](#)

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# INFORMATION MEETING - NEXT APPLICATION ROUND FOR CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE



The Danish National Research Foundation (DG) will announce its next application round for Centers of Excellence in June 2013. The Research Support Office at AU therefore invites potential applicants to take part in an information meeting on 2 May from 10am to 1pm in Meeting Room 2, Fredrik Niensensvej 4, Building 1421.

Programme:

10:00 – 10:10: Welcome by the Research Support Office1

0:10 – 10:40: Presentation of the call for applications to the DG Centers of Excellence by Senior Consultant Vibeke Schrøder, DG.

10:40 – 11:20: The experiences of two center leaders by Professor Jørgen Christensen-Dalsgaard, Department of Physics and Astronomy, and Professor Dorthe Berntsen, Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences. The two center leaders share their experiences with the application procedure and start-up phase of their centers.

11:20 – 11:30 Conclusion by the Research Support Office

11:30 – 13:00 Sandwiches and applicants get the opportunity to discuss the organization and structure of their application one-on-one with Vibeke Schrøder, DG.

To sign up: Write an e-mail to Else Bjerggaard Kristensen: [elsekren@rm.dk](mailto:elsekren@rm.dk) before 29 April stating your name, title, department and whether or not you wish to have a one-on-one meeting with Vibeke Schrøder, DG.

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

Read more at DG's homepage: <http://dq.dk/en/centers-of-excellence-2/proposals-for-new-centers/>

## 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 research

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](#).

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## PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

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Previously announced calls etc. regarding funding that are still valid can be found on the staff portal, see: <http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/calls-for-applications/>.

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## STAFF PORTRAIT

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### STAFF PORTRAIT: HONGYAN JENNY LI

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This time [Hongyan Jenny Li](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Jenny. Jenny is Associate Professor at the Department and is located in building 2628(M), office 321.

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

I have returned to [CORAL](#) for nine months since last August, but I worked as a postdoc at Aarhus School of Business from 2007-2010 where I was also affiliated with [CORAL](#).

**What is your background?**

I am from Northwestern China but went to the university in Northeastern China where it is really cold in the winter. I received my PhD in Management Science from Lancaster University Management School, UK, in 2007. Afterwards I started in a position as postdoc at Aarhus School of Business. In 2010 I went back to China and worked as an associate professor at Northeastern University for a while.

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

My research interests are broadly ranging and include operational and supply chain management, revenue management and decision science. I mainly apply analytical methods to study supply chain collaboration, inventory control and revenue management problems.

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

In line with one of the courses I am teaching, I am working on a few projects on supply chain collaboration with pricing and competition at the moment. In addition, recently I started to develop a new research interest in behavioural management. This topic lies at the frontier of operation research. There is a great deal of problems that are worth looking into.

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

Apart from research, I am also passionate about teaching. I have gained teaching qualifications in higher education both in Denmark and China. I taught and teach numerous courses such as Operations and Supply Chain Management, Revenue Management, Simulation, and I plan to teach

Mathematics for Business next semester. I also supervise a variety of bachelor and master projects as well as internships. I was also involved in our master students' study trip this March.

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

I am going to the EURO and INFORMS joint conference on Operations Research this July in Rome.

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

Yes, I have tried to invite some researchers in our area from abroad to visit us sometime this summer or fall, but nothing is fixed yet. I had visitors in my previous position at ASB.

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

Not yet, but I believe there is good potential for me to pursue cooperation with researchers from the management or psychology department in the future.

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

At this moment I am pretty much occupied by many tasks: research, teaching, learning Danish and settling down in Aarhus. However, if I had time, I would love to do a lot of sports, visiting friends and traveling to other cities or countries. At this moment, I only manage to play badminton a couple of times per week. Swimming, tennis and hiking are on my list.

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

[Rune Mailund Vejlin](#)

**What specific supplementary question would you like him or her to answer?**

Have you attempted the Trin 7 assignment, Go-Online course?

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## THE PHD CORNER

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### PRIZE PAPER COMPETITION - THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

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Have you produced an academic paper that could provide food for thought for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs? Then you may have a chance of winning DKK 30,000.

There is no specific topic for the prize paper competition, but the subject dealt with must be within the Foreign Ministry's field of work.

Deadline for submission is 1 October.

[Read more.](#)

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### PHD DEFENCE: RUNE BYSTED

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[Rune Bysted](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Employee-Driven Innovation" on Wednesday 24 April at **1.45pm** in Auditorium E1, building 2624, Fuglesangs Allé 4.

The thesis can be downloaded 2 weeks before the defence from [Rune Bysted'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 Niels Noorderhaven, Tilburg University
- Associate Professor Claus Varnes, Copenhagen Business School
- Associate Professor, [Robert Ormrod](#), 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 (Tuborg Atrium), building 2632.

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## PHD DEFENCE: HANNE STEVENS

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[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](mailto: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.

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## PHD DEFENCE: JANNIE HELENE GRØNE KRISTOFFERSEN

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[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](mailto: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.

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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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## 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 7 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).

- [Christian Bjørnskov](#): [Types of Foreign Aid](#), Economics Working Papers 2013-08.
- Roberto Casarin, [Stefano Grassi](#), Francesco Ravazzolo and Herman K. van Dijk: [Parallel Sequential Monte Carlo for Efficient Density Combination: The Deco Matlab Toolbox](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-09.
- Hendrik Kaufmannz and [Robinson Kruse](#): [Bias-corrected estimation in potentially mildly explosive autoregressive models](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-10.
- [Tim Bollerslev](#), [Daniela Osterrieder](#), Natalia Sizova and George Tauchen: [Risk and return: Long-run relations, fractional cointegration, and return predictability](#), Journal of Financial Economics 108 (2013), pp. 409-424.
- [John Kennes](#) and Daniel le Maire: [Job Heterogeneity and Coordination Frictions](#), Economics Working Papers 2013-09.
- [Robinson Kruse](#), Daniel Ventosa-Santaulària and Antonio E. Noriega: [Changes in persistence, spurious regressions and the Fisher hypothesis](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-11.
- [Martin M. Andreasen](#), Jesús Fernández-Villaverde and Juan F. Rubio-Ramírez: [The Pruned State-Space System for Non-Linear DSGE Models: Theory and Empirical Applications](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-12

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

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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](#)

[CIRRAU Lunch Seminar Series](#)

[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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