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### BLACKBOARD POSTPONED FOR CAND.MERC. AND HA

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The new learning management system, Blackboard, which is to replace AULA and Campusnet, is expected to be incorporated at all departments at BSS from August 2013. However, for the Business Administration study programmes, cand.merc. and HA, the implementation will be postponed until autumn 2013.

This is due to the fact that Campusnet, unlike AULA, handles an element of digital exam administration and there is not enough time to incorporate the early exams in September and October into Blackboard.

In addition, it would not make sense to move these exams to Blackboard because AU Studies is in the process of implementing a new joint digital exam system which is expected in the autumn of 2013. So moving the exams to Blackboard would therefore only be temporary and would thus cause unnecessary confusion for students, lecturers and staff.

For further information or questions regarding Blackboard, please contact Rasmus Blok, Centre for Teaching and Learning: [blok@clu.au.dk](mailto:blok@clu.au.dk).

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### ACTOR-REALITY WORKSHOP: ACCOUNTING AND PRAGMATIC CONSTRUCTIVISM

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[The Research Group for Actor-Reality Construction](#) headed by [Hanne Nørreklit](#) hosts a workshop entitled Accounting and Pragmatic Constructivism on 22 – 23 May 2013 at Fuglesangs Allé, building 2630(K), meeting room 101.

[See the programme for the Workshop.](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING EXTERNAL VERSUS INTERNAL CONFERENCES

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In order to minimize the number of e-mails to faculty members as much as possible invitations and calls for papers for external conferences, journals etc. are only brought in ECON News and not sent out in separate e-mails. Invitations and calls for papers for internal conferences held at the Department or for conferences where a faculty member plays an active role will also be brought in ECON News, but unlike the external conferences these may also be announced in separate e-mails sent out to all faculty at the Department.

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## LSU MEETING ON 16 APRIL - MINUTES

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[The Local Cooperation Committee](#) (LSU) at the Department held a meeting on 16 April with the following agenda:

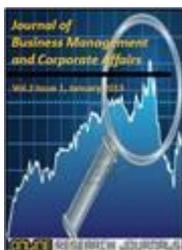
1. Approval of the agenda
2. Psychological Workplace Assessment (APV)
3. Suggestions for a new norm system
4. Tenure Track guidelines
5. Salary negotiations 2013
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[Read the minutes of the meeting here](#) (in Danish).

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## JOURNAL OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS CALLS FOR MANUSCRIPTS

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Journal of Business Management and Corporate Affairs is currently accepting manuscripts for publication. The journal publishes solicited and unsolicited articles in all areas of the subject pertaining to general management, business law, market and marketing management, business finance, business economics, organizational behaviour and theory, strategic management policy, public policy, econometrics, economics, economics and statistics, accounting and taxation, case studies, management information systems, technology and innovation, Human Resources Management, industrial and labour relations.

The following types of papers are considered for publication:

- . Original articles in basic and applied research.
- . Critical reviews, surveys, opinions, commentaries and essays.

All papers published by JBMCA are peer-reviewed.

Authors guide and other details are available at [www.onlineresearchjournals.org/JBMCA](http://www.onlineresearchjournals.org/JBMCA).

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## CALLS - NOMINATIONS TO THE HOLBERG INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL PRIZE AND THE NILS KLIM PRIZE



The Board of the Ludvig Holberg Memorial Fund invites you to nominate candidates to the Holberg International Memorial Prize 2014 and the Nils Klim Prize 2014. Scholars holding a position at universities and other research institutions within the academic fields mentioned below are entitled to nominate candidates.

Deadline for letters of nomination is 15 June.

### **The Holberg International Memorial Prize**

The Holberg International Memorial Prize is awarded to scholars who have made outstanding contributions to research in the academic fields of the arts and humanities, social science, law or theology. The prize winner must have had a decisive influence on international research. The prize for 2014 is NOK 4.5 million (approx. EUR 610,000).

[Read more about the Holberg International Memorial Prize.](#)



### **The Nils Klim Prize**

The Nils Klim Prize is awarded to young Nordic researchers who have made an outstanding contribution to research in the arts and humanities, social science, law or theology. The prize for 2014 is NOK 250.000 (approx. EUR 34,000).

Particular emphasis will be put on the originality and innovative capacity demonstrated by the researcher. It should also be considered whether the research contribution in question appears as particularly outstanding or promising in light of the researcher's age, the nature of the research project and the research tradition in the academic field in question. Candidates must be under the age of 35 on 15 June 2013.

[Read more about the Nils Klim Prize.](#)

## CALLS FROM THE ACADEMY OF BUSINESS & RETAIL MANAGEMENT



[The Academy of Business & Retail Management](#) calls for papers for one of their annual conferences and invites you to submit papers for one of their journals and for their new book:

### **Conferences:**

- London (Summer Conference): [International Conference of Restructuring of the Global Economy](#), 24 -25 June 2013.
- Paris: [International Academic Conference](#), 6 -7 August 2013.
- London (Winter Conference): [International Trade and Academic Research Conference](#), 4 – 5 November 2013.

- Dubai: [International Academic Conference](#), 20 - 21 January 2014.
- New York: [International Conference on Business and Economic Development](#), 24 -25 March 2014.

**Journals:**

- [Journal of Business & Retail Management Research](#).
- [The International Journal of Business and Economic Development](#).

**Book publication:**

- "Globalisation Revisited: A global phenomenon under the microscope" to be edited by Professor P.R.Banerjee and Dr P.R.Datta. Interested authors are invited to contribute chapter(s) in the book. [Read more](#).

[See the call for papers here](#).

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## BUSINESS SYSTEMS LABORATORY: 2ND INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

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[Business Systems Laboratory](#) has sent out a call for papers for their Second International Symposium entitled "Systems Thinking for a Sustainable Economy – Advancements in Economic and Managerial Theory and Practice" which will be held in Rome at the Universitas Mercatorum on 23-24 January 2014.

The topics of the symposium include: Systems Thinking, Sustainability, Corporate Social Responsibility, Sustainable Finance, Sustainable Marketing, Technology for Sustainability, Sustainable Tourism, Sustainability Management, Managerial Cybernetics, Ethics For A Sustainable Society, Economic Growth And Sustainability, Innovation, Business Models for Sustainability, Education For Sustainable Development, Evaluating Sustainable Development,

[Read more](#).

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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## WRITING SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

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The Research Support Office will hold courses on how to write successful grant applications on the following dates:

Writing Successful Grant Applications (in Danish)

- 11 June
- 12 June

Writing Successful Grant Applications (in English)

- 13 June

For more information please visit this [link](#).

### **Workshop for the Experienced Grant Writer**

Some of you have uttered interest in a workshop for the experienced grant writer to be held in English. In order to establish whether there would be enough participants for such a workshop, please write an e-mail to Birgitte Højklint Nielsen: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk) if you are interested in participating.

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## SEMINAR - COMMUNICATING SCIENCE TO POLICY MAKERS

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AU Research and Talent invites academic and interested administrative colleagues to participate in a seminar entitled Communicating Science to Policy Makers on how to communicate complex research related issues to external stakeholders. The seminar will be held in English.

Competition for research funding in Denmark and in the international arena is increasing. Therefore engaging potential funders and policy makers in your agenda is becoming an important first step in project development. Successful communication with these external stakeholders is now an important skill for researchers.

The focus of the seminar is on improving the effectiveness of your interactions with policy makers (delivering information in a format and manner that policymakers can use)

Presenter:

Marlit Hayslett, Director, Office of Policy Analysis and Research, Georgia Tech Research Institute, Atlanta, USA

Date and time:

13 May 2013 from 1pm to 3.30pm.

Venue:

Meeting room 2, Studenternes Hus, Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4  
The 78 places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Registration deadline: 8 May 2013

For registration please use this [link](#).

Please provide your name, title, institute/department, email address

For further information about the course, please contact Cornelia Thomas, AU Research and Talent: [cort@adm.au.dk](mailto:cort@adm.au.dk).

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## CALLS - RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

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The Co-operative Research Programme's call for applications for funding for international conferences and research fellowship grants in 2014 is now open.

- Research Fellowships - to conduct a research project in another OECD country in 2014
- Conference Sponsorship – international conference, workshop or symposium

Applications should fit into one of the three following research themes:

- The Natural Resources Challenge
- Sustainability in Practice
- The Food Chain

Deadline for applications is 10 September.

[Read more.](#)

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## NEWSLETTER FOR GRANT RECIPIENTS FROM ØKONOMI BSS

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Martha Berdiin from Økonomi BSS has sent out a newsletter that contains useful information for grant recipients, future grant recipients and secretaries. Here are the main topics of the newsletter:

- Grant applications – Offices to contact
- Administering your grant – Who is your project finance administrator?
- Budget changes – Remember to adjust your budget along the way
- Purchase – Rules and useful numbers regarding purchase
- Travelling and expense claims – What to do in AURUS and what about EU funds
- Project and activity numbers
- Financial statements and regulations
- When your grant ends – Final financial statement and academic reports
- Contact

[Click here to read the newsletter in its full length](#)

On the basis of the newsletter a webpage has been set up on our intranet to help grant receivers and future grant receivers get an overview of the information, please visit:

<http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/guide-for-grant-receivers/>.

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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/external-funding/calls-for-applications/>.

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## STAFF PORTRAIT

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## STAFF PORTRAIT: RUNE VEJLIN

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This time [Rune Vejlin](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Rune. Rune is associate professor at the Department and is located in building 2621(B), office 13a.

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

I was first "employed" as a PhD student from 2005-2009 and after that as an Assistant Professor. So depending on what you mean by employed then from 2005 or 2009.

### **What is your background?**

I was born and raised in Silkeborg. I spent my wasted youth playing various sports, but especially soccer took up a good amount of my time. Finally, I moved to Aarhus in 2001 when I began to study Economics at Aarhus University. I was very much in doubt about whether to study Economics, Political Science or History, but I found that the combination of math and social science in Economics suited me well. I was inspired to start as a PhD student by Michael Svarer during his course in Labour Economics. During my studies I spent 6 months in Madison, Wisconsin working with Chris Taber. Today that collaboration is still active - unfortunately it is still on the same project.

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

I am broadly interested in Labor Economics, where I do both reduced form analysis and more structural work.

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

I am working on various models of the labor market. In one of the projects (joint with Chris Taber) we are interested in explaining wage inequality. We do this by estimating a model which incorporates the main explanations (frictions, compensating differentials, Roy model heterogeneity and human capital) and then use the model to investigate the relative importance of each component. In a different project (joint with Francois Fontaine) we try to investigate the features of the Danish voluntary unemployment insurance system. The main driver here is to try to figure out the impact of private savings and labor market risks on optimal unemployment insurance.

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

Currently, I am teaching a course on Micro and Macro Models of the labor market. This is an elective course for Master students in the Econ program and is a fairly technical course. In the fall I will teach Principles of Micro/Macro, which is a first semester intro course for the Oecon and Soc programs. I kind of like the variation between the requirements in the two courses.

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

I am going to Mainz, Germany, to present a paper in a workshop in one month. I am also presenting papers at the ESPE conference in Aarhus in June and the joint CAP-BI workshop in Ebeltoft (or I hope so, since Bent Jesper Christensen has still not made a call for papers :-))

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

Greg Veramendi (formerly a post doc here and now an AP at Arizona) is visiting in June together with Javier Donna (AP at Ohio State). We are in the very early stages of some collaborative research, but

hopefully we can get some work done. Also, the CAP center is getting a lot of visitors during June and some of my other co-authors are probably also going to come.

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

No, not at the moment.

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

I have an almost 2 year old girl so she takes up a lot of my "free time". Also, my wife and I bought a house two years ago, so I am getting familiar with all the pleasures of being a house-owner. I also like to run, play football, and the occasional computer or poker game.

**Supplementary question from Hongyan Jenny Li (cf. ECON News No. 36): Have you attempted the Trin 7 assignment, Go-Online course?**

Haha, Jenny is probably teasing me, since we are taking the GoOnline course together. And no – I have still not attempted the Trin 7 assignment (which includes commenting on Jenny's work), but I will soon:-)

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

Anders Bredahl Kock

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

Did you ever complete Civilization 3 on the hardest level with 7 opponents?

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## THE PHD CORNER

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### LEADER SUMMER SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

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The LEADER Summer School 2013 which takes place on 15 – 26 July at University of Edinburgh addresses the training needs of future research leaders in the complementary skills required to lead large-scale, collaborative research programmes and projects involving partners from multiple sectors (industry, business and/or public sector as well as academic institutions).

The course provides PhD students with skills such as intellectual property management, communication, networking, fundraising, intercultural collaboration, entrepreneurship, team work and leadership skills. It will deliver tailored, inspirational, professional skills training through facilitated workshops to small groups of young researchers. The training will be put into a context and exemplified in seminars led by internationally renowned academic researchers who themselves are engaged in collaborative research within various thematic areas.

The course is aimed at PhD researchers who are more than one year into their studies (with priority given to those in their final year).

The application deadline is the 16th of May.

[Read more.](#)

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## OIKOS YOUNG SCHOLARS ECONOMICS ACADEMY 2013

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The oikos Young Scholars Economics Academy calls for papers for this year's Academy which will be held in Zurich on 15-19 September 2013. The theme will be "Global Financial Inclusion".

The oikos Young Scholars Economics Academy provides PhD students and young scholars with a platform to identify and advance rigorous policy-oriented research on global financial inclusion, and the purpose of this year's Academy is to bring together young economists to discuss topics related to how households save, borrow, make payments, and manage risk, particularly in the case of limited financial access.

The Academy encourages papers that identify innovative products and services to enhance how individuals manage their financial portfolios and transactions.

Submission deadline is 15 May.

[Read more.](#)

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## 5TH YOUTH ECONOMIC FORUM IN PETROZAVODSK (RUSSIA)

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Institute of Economics, Karelian Research Centre, Russian Academy of Sciences invites young scientists, PhD students and university students to participate in the 5th Youth Economic Forum in Petrozavodsk (Russia) which takes place on 14-15 November 2013.

The Forum is devoted to issues of International economic integration with the following topics:

- Economic integration as an aspect of globalization of the world economy;
- The formation of regional integration structures;
- Eurasian economic integration;
- Euroregion as a form of international integration;
- Russia and the WTO: the first results of the integration process;
- Russian business in the international division of labor;
- Inter-regional integration and national economic space of Russia;
- Cross-border cooperation of the regions and municipalities;
- International integration and innovative development;
- Social and legal aspects of economic integration;
- Migration in the development of the integration process;
- Integration for sustainable development and the transition to a "green economy".

[Read more.](#)

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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: MIKKEL NØRLEM HERMANSEN

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[Mikkel Nørlem Hermansen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled Longer Human Lifespan and the Retirement Decision on Monday 13 May at 1.15pm in Auditorium M1, building 2628.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Mikkel Nørlem Hermansen'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 Svend Erik Hougaard Jensen, Copenhagen Business School
- Professor Øystein Thøgersen, Norges Handelshøyskole
- Associate Professor [Christian Bjørnskov](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

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: 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.

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: MARK STRØM KRISTOFFERSEN

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[Mark Strøm Kristoffersen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled Essays on Economic Policies over the Business Cycle on Monday 3 June at 1.15pm in Auditorium M1, building 2628.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Mark Strøm Kristoffersen'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 Morten O. Ravn, University College London
- Associate Professor Birthe Larsen, Copenhagen Business School
- Associate Professor [Allan Sørensen](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

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 two 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: [bhoeiklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoeiklint@econ.au.dk).

- [Tom Engsted](#), [Stig V. Møller](#) and [Magnus Sander](#): [Bond return predictability in expansions and recessions](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-13.
- [Johannes Raaballe](#): [Forøget egenkapital i banken – en ulempe for banken og dens kunder?](#), Management 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:  
[bhoeiklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoeiklint@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.

Next issue: Tuesday 21 May

Deadline for input: Thursday 16 May at 12. E-mail: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

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ECON News will contain information related to overall news not provided by the Departmental News (written by Allan, Head of Department). To attain the goal of having a comprehensive information platform, I need your ideas and input. So please provide me with info on new grants etc. Please send me an e-mail: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

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