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### STAFF LUNCH DURING THE SUMMER

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From 1 July to 9 August (weeks 27-32) there will be no staff lunch in building 2632(L).

From 1 to 5 July and from 29 July to 9 August (weeks 27, 31 and 32) you can buy food in the canteen in building 2610(S).

From 8 to 26 July (weeks 28, 29 and 30) a special holiday staff lunch arrangement with rye bread and slices of meat etc. will be established for those of you who are not on holiday, but only if enough of you are interested in such an arrangement. Please state whether you would be interested in this special holiday lunch arrangement here: <http://www.doodle.com/h6iq9hrbfqqpvakq>

You may also visit Dittens on the other side of the road or Najib's Sandwichbar on Viborgvej.

If you have any questions regarding the staff lunch, please contact [Jeanette Johannesen](mailto:jjohannesen@econ.au.dk): [jjohannesen@econ.au.dk](mailto:jjohannesen@econ.au.dk).

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### DEIC CONFERENCE: "THE FUTURE OF E-SCIENCE - BIG DATA - BIG SCIENCE"

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DeIC invites everybody who are interested in e-infrastructure and high performance computing to the DeIC Conference 2013 entitled "The Future of e-Science - Big Data - Big Science" which will be held on 1-2 October in Middelfart.

The conference fee is DKK 3000 if you sign up before 20 August.

[Read more.](#)

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## NORDIC MASTER PROGRAMME - CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education calls for applications for The Nordic Master Programme 2013. The Nordic Master Programme is an initiative of The Nordic Council of Ministers with the aim of strengthening the Nordic region as a more coherent unit, boost its competitiveness, and attract both Nordic and non-Nordic students to study at Nordic higher education institutions.

Higher education institutions from the Nordic countries are eligible for financial support, and each project may be awarded up to DKK 1.1 million.

The deadline for applications is 25 November.

[Read more.](#)

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## COOPERATION WITH SOUTH DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH PROJECTS IN VIETNAM AND GHANA

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The Danida Fellowship Centre and the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs invite Danish research institutions to express interest in collaborating with south driven development research projects in Vietnam and Ghana.

Deadline: 22 August 2013.

[Read more.](#)

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### FSE - CALL FOR PROPOSALS A2013 AND S2014

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The Danish Council for Independent Research has announced its call for proposals for Autumn 2013 and Spring 2014.

[See the call.](#)

**Deadlines:**

Autumn 2013: 29 October 2013

Spring 2014: 1 May 2014

The Autumn 2013 main application deadline applies to all instruments, except DFF-MOBILEX mobility grants and Research educations outside the universities (PhD), while the Spring 2014 deadline is only relevant for DFF-Individual postdoctoral grants, DFF-MOBILEX mobility grants, Research educations outside the universities (PhD) and FSS-Pregraduate scholarships.

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## WANNA BE A MILLIONAIRE...?

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...then keep watching this space because in August the Department of Economics and Business will launch a new internal review process for grant applications to the FSE (The Danish Council for Independent Research | Social Sciences) in order to improve the quality of the applications.

Despite being the leading economics department in the country, our success rate on FSE applications is, unfortunately, not very high! The internal review process will be led by the Advisor for External Funding, [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), who has years of experience from serving on the board of FSE. Nabanita will be assisted by a board consisting of senior members of the Department who will read and comment on the project description.

The purpose is not so much to give scientific advice (you can easily get that from within your own group), but to have a broad group of researchers drawn from various sub-fields to look critically at the application and give advice on how to strengthen the argumentation and make it more persuasive to researchers from other fields, as it is not just economists but also other social scientists who ultimately will be judging your proposal.

We strongly encourage all who send applications to the FSE to make use of this review process once it is set up. A link to how the process will work will later be set up on the ECON homepage. The link will also contain a list of common beginners' mistakes on applications made to the FSE.

For now, please jot down in your calendars the date: Friday 13 September. This is when the first draft of the project description will be due to the internal review board, a month and a half before the next FSE deadline for both post-docs and collective projects.

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## INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM IDEAS LAB IN MOSCOW, SEPTEMBER 23-27

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The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and the Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology (Skoltech) are hosting an Innovation Ecosystem Ideas Lab in Moscow on 23-27 September.

The goal is to develop and fund groundbreaking research proposals to answer the question: How can an institution or a government seed, grow and maximize technological innovation and entrepreneurship?

Participants will have an opportunity to develop collaborations with a multidisciplinary group of experienced researchers and professionals. All participants receive full support to attend, and resulting proposals are eligible to receive up to \$500,000 per year for up to four years.

Participants must have expertise within innovation, entrepreneurship, science and engineering, mathematics, architecture, sociology, economics, business, psychology, political science, sustainability, or Russian studies. 25 people will be selected to participate.

Application deadline is 5 July.

[Read more.](#)

If you have any questions regarding the ideas lab, please contact Beth E. Zonis: [zonis@mit.edu](mailto:zonis@mit.edu).

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## INFORMATION MEETING ABOUT THE 8TH APPLICATION ROUND FOR NEW CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

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In connection with the [8th application round for new centers of excellence](#) from The Danish National Research Foundation, AU will host an information meeting on 26 August 12:30-2pm at Studentarhusfonden, Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4, 8000 Aarhus C, meeting room 2.

Director of DNRF Thomas Sinkjær will explain the application and selection procedure in detail and you will get a chance to ask questions.

For further information about the meeting, please contact John Westensee: [jwe@adm.au.dk](mailto:jwe@adm.au.dk).

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## POSTDOC INFORMATION DAY: HOW TO WRITE A GOOD POSTDOC APPLICATION

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[The Research Support Office](#) is arranging a Postdoc Information Day about how to write a good postdoc application. It will take place on 28 August 2013. Exact time and place will be announced later.

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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: DANIELA OSTERRIEDER

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This time [Daniela Osterrieder](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Daniela. Daniela is a postdoc at the Department and is affiliated with CREATES.

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

2.5 years

**What is your background?**

I did my undergrad and MSc studies in econometrics and operations research at Maastricht

University. I also obtained an MPhil degree in economic and financial research from there, as well as a PhD degree in finance. In 2011 I joined CREATES as a post-doc.

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

Financial econometrics and empirical asset pricing - both with a particular focus on fractionally integrated time-series processes.

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

I work on term-structure of interest rates models, allowing interest rates to exhibit long memory. In addition, I am collaborating with a professor in Mexico, looking at econometric problems that arise in return predictions with persistent regressors. I also work on two projects with CREATES members; one, where we consider estimation issues in standard capital asset pricing model (CAPM) regressions; the other one investigates the relation between stock price volatility and volume.

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

I just finished teaching "empirical finance"; a master course for Econ students.

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

I think I'm all "conferenced out" for the moment. June was fairly busy conference-wise... I attended the SoFiE meeting in Singapore in early June, organized a conference in Maastricht on "advances in quantitative economics" mid-June, and co-organized the "long-memory symposium" in Aarhus end of June.

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

My former PhD advisor from Maastricht, Peter Schotman, will probably come to Aarhus sometime in the fall.

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

No.

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

I recently decided that just paying for the AU gym was not very economical of me... So now I try to actually go there 2-3 times a week.

**Supplementary question from Eric Hillebrand: "If you could pick a salad dressing for the staff canteen, which one would it be?"**

I'm strictly a "salad teriyaki" gal ;-)

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

[Julia Nafziger](#)

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

If you could pick any city in the world to live in, which one would that be and why?

## PHD DEFENCE: INA CHARLOTTE JÄKEL

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In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business, [Ina Charlotte Jäkel](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Product Quality, Trade Policy, and Voter Preferences: Essays on International trade" on Monday 2 September at 1.15pm in Auditorium M2, building 2628.

Two weeks before the defence the thesis can be downloaded from Ina [Charlotte Jäkel'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 [Tor Eriksson](#), Aarhus University
- Professor Farid Toubal, Paris School of Economics and CEPII
- Professor Jens Südekum, Universität Duisburg-Essen

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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## PRESENTS IN CONNECTION WITH PHD DEFENCES

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If you would like to contribute to a present in connection with someone's PhD defence, please leave DKK 20 with [Susanne Christensen](#) (2632-L126) at least 2 weeks before the defence.

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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 5 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).

- [Martin Paldam](#) and Erich Gundlach: [The religious transistion. A long-run perspective](#), Public

Choice (2013) 156: 105-123.

- Mongoljin Batsaikhan and [Norovsambuu Tumennasan](#): [Price-Matching leads to the Cournot Outcome](#), Economics Working Papers 2013-12.
- [Cristina Amado](#) and [Timo Teräsvirta](#): [Modelling volatility by variance decomposition](#), Journal of Econometrics 175 (2013): 142-153.

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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:  
[bhoeklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoeklint@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](#)

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## PIPSEN'S CORNER

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A HAPPY ENDING...

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On Wednesday last week [Betina Sørensen](#) caught a lost green and yellow budgie in the yard next to building 2627(H). It stayed in Betina's office in building 2628(M) while the rightful owner was searched for.

Apparently Pipsen was in great demand at the Department and the little bird generated many e-mails from people taking an interest in the bird. They are still looking for the rightful owner through Facebook and advertisements at bus stops nearby, but for now Pipsen is residing in [Mikael Søndergaard's](#) home. He reports that Pipsen is well but very tired after some stressful days. He also reports that his family likes the new bird, so it is certainly in good hands. On the 3rd floor of building 2628(M), however, they miss the little fellow.

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## COLOPHON

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ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

Next issue: Monday 5 August (postponed due to the summer holidays)

Deadline for input: Thursday 1 August at 12. E-mail: [bhojklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhojklint@econ.au.dk).

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