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BLACKBOARD SUPPORT



Café meetings

The Blackboard team will arrange café meetings at the Department once a month in order to give advice and provide guidance to both TAPs and VIPs. The team will answer questions and help you with specific problems.

The first Café meetings have been scheduled for:

28 August at 1-2 pm in room 2632(L)-242

18 September at 1-2 pm in room 2632(L)-242.

Book a supporter

The Blackboard team has established a support team, who will come to you when and where it is needed. The team will be able to answer questions, guide you through the system and help you to solve specific problems related to your course administration.

[Read more.](#)

Blackboard on mobile and tablets

Blackboard is available for iPhone, iPad and Android devices. The app is free of charge and can be downloaded from App Store and Google Play. The app gives you the possibility to view your courses, and it can be setup to send notifications whenever something changes on your course.

[Read more.](#)

FIRST AID COURSE



Some of you have uttered interest in learning first aid and how to use the defibrillators, and it would surely be reassuring to have at least a couple of persons at the Department who know first aid. AU HR does offer first aid courses, but if we could gather enough people at the Department to arrange our own course, it would be more convenient and perhaps also cheaper. So if you would be interested in learning first aid, please send an e-mail to Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen: len@asb.dk.

STAFF LUNCH MENU



The staff lunch menu of the week is available via [this link](#).

Here you can also rate the staff lunch of the day.

The link can also be found on our staff portal under "Nice to know" – "Staff lunch": <http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/nice-to-know/staff-lunch/>.

DEPARTMENTAL AND CREATES SEMINAR GUEST: DAVID F. HENDRY



David F. Hendry, Professor of Economics, University of Oxford, will hold a joint departmental and CREATES seminar on Thursday 12 September entitled "Semi-automatic Non-linear Model Selection".

The seminar will take place in 2632(L)-242 at 2:15 – 3:15 pm.

[Read more about David F. Hendry here.](#)

MARKUS PERKMANN - PRESENTATION ON THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT OF PUBLIC SCIENCE PROJECTS



On August 20 Associate Professor Markus Perkmann from Imperial College Business School in London will visit the Department of Business Administration and give a presentation on the economic and social impact of public science projects.

In his research in general Markus Perkmann explores how organisations source knowledge externally and innovate collaboratively. He is particularly interested in how firms work with universities and how such collaborations can be organized.

[Read more about the event here.](#)

[Time and place.](#)

THE OECON CONFERENCE 2013



The title for this year's Oecon Conference is "Productivity, Productivity and ... Productivity". The conference will be held on 28 September at Fuglesangs Allé. Dinner will be at Aarhus Theatre. The speakers include: Jan Rose Skaksen (KORA), Per Christensen (Axcel), Torben M. Andersen (AU), Anne Broeng (PFA Pension) and many other.

See the programme and sign up via [this link](#) (in Danish).

Deadline for signing up is 7 September.

AARHUS FESTIVAL 2013 - PROGRAMME



Aarhus Festival 2013 will take place from 30 August to 8 September. This year's theme is "Signs of Life - in a new reality".

Aarhus Festival is a great cultural event with both local, national and international artists. The city of Aarhus will be full of life for 10 days, where streets and alleys, clubs, stages, galleries and museums are sites for various events.

You may pick up an English version of the programme in the Lounge (2632(L)-242).

[Read more about the Aarhus Festival here.](#)

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



The Danish E-Infrastructure Cooperation (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.

[Read more.](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING



Aarhus University Research Foundation invites researchers to apply for publication grants to be awarded in the second 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.

Deadline for submitting applications is Friday 13 September at noon.

Note also their calls for applications regarding guest researchers, courses and meetings at Sandbjerg Manor, and research stays at Møllehuset.

[Read more.](#)

POSTDOC WORKSHOP: HOW TO WRITE A GOOD APPLICATION TO DFF OR THE CARLSBERG FOUNDATION

The Research Support Office is arranging a postdoc workshop about how to write a good application for a postdoc grant at the Danish Council for Independent Research (DFF) or the Carlsberg Foundation

The purpose of the workshop is to give you a more solid understanding of the contents of the call, the evaluation criteria and the structure of a competitive proposal. The workshop will introduce you to proposal writing and give you direct feedback on your application.

The workshop will contain presentations from the Research Support Office and a relevant Council member, writing exercises and feedback.

The workshop will be held on 28 August 9am to 2pm at Preben Hornung stuen, building 1422, room 132.

Registration deadline is 21 August.

[Read more.](#)

[See the invitation.](#)

FSE - CALL FOR PROPOSALS A2013 AND S2014



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.

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



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 Studenterhusfonden, 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.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS



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/>.

For information about where to get assistance etc. when applying for external funding, see: <http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/>.

THE PHD CORNER

PHD COURSE: STUDYING CRISIS COMMUNICATION: NEW THEORIES AND METHODOLOGIES

Centre for Corporate Communication has organized a PhD course on crisis communication aimed at doctoral students within social sciences and humanities. The course will be held at Ilmenau University of Technology (Germany) on 30 September to 2 October 2013.

The course will be lectured by Professor W. T. Coombs and Professor S. J. Holladay, University of Central Florida (USA) and Professor F. Frandsen and Professor W. Johansen, Aarhus University.

Deadline for registration is 16 September.

[Read more.](#)

PHD DEFENCE: CÉDRIC GORINAS



In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business [Cédric Gorinas](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Marginalization and Integration of Immigrants and Young Criminals - a Labor Economics Perspective" on Friday 23 August at 1.15pm in Auditorium 119B (Store Sal), building 2640(R), Fuglesangs Allé.

When published, the thesis can be downloaded from [Cédric Gorinas' staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

Professor [Michael Rosholm](#), Aarhus University (chairman)
Senior Researcher Eskil Heinesen, Rockwool Foundation
Dr Elke Jahn, IAB (Institute for Employment Research)

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room L162 (Tuborg Atrium), building 2632.

PHD DEFENCE: INA CHARLOTTE JÄKEL



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, Fuglesangs Allé 4.

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

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.

PHD DEFENCE: ANNA GERSTRØM



In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business [Anna Gerstrøm](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "World Disruption - How Bankers Reconstruct the Financial Crisis: Essays on Interpretation" on Friday 6 September at 1.15pm in Auditorium 001, building 1324, Bartholins Allé, 8000 Aarhus C.

When published, the thesis can be downloaded from [Anna Gerstrøm's staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Emeritus Sten Jönsson, University of Gothenburg
- Associate Professor Per Darmer, Copenhagen Business School
- Associate Professor Mona Toft Madsen, Aarhus University

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room 326, building 1323.

PHD DEFENCE: MADS BONDE UBBESEN



In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business [Mads Bonde Ubbesen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "The Danish Child Protection System in Light of Register-Based Research" on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 4pm in Auditorium M1, building 2628, Fuglesangs Allé 4.

When published, the thesis can be downloaded from [Mads Bonde Ubbesens' staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Bo Vinnerljung, Stockholm University
- PhD Barbara Needell, University of California at Berkeley
- Professor Mads Uffe Pedersen, Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room L141 (The lunch room) building 2632.

PHD DEFENCE: PAOLA ANDREA BARRIENTOS QUIROGA

In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business [Paola Andrea Barrientos Quiroga](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Development Economics" on Tuesday 10 September 2013 at 4:15pm in Auditorium E2, building 2624, Fuglesangs Allé 4.

When published, the thesis can be downloaded from [Paola Andrea Barrientos Quiroga's staffpage](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor [Frederic Warzynski](#), Aarhus University (chairman)
- Associate Professor Ingvild Almås, NHH
- Associate Professor Ingrid Henriksen, University of Copenhagen

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room L162 (Tuborg Atrium), building 2632.

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.

STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: DAN MØNSTER



This time [Dan Mønster](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Dan. Dan is associate professor at the Department and is located in building 2632(L).

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

I have been at the department since the beginning of 2013, so that is eight months by now.

What is your background?

By education I am a physicist with a PhD in theoretical particle physics from Aarhus University. After my PhD I worked as an expert consultant in high-performance computing where I helped other researchers optimize and parallelize their code for various supercomputer platforms. I also did my own research on high-temperature superconductivity together with a group from Risø National Laboratory. I then moved in to high performance networking, and especially video streaming and video conferencing. In 2008 I was appointed Chief Technology Officer for the Danish Research Network, and my focus shifted from technology to strategy and organizational development. To help me perform my new duties I started in the MBA programme at the Aarhus School of Business. As part of my MBA studies I worked with some researchers from the MINDLab project, helping them analyse heart rate data from a social interaction experiment. This soon became so interesting that I accepted an offer to start in a postdoc position at the Department of Business Administration and the Interdisciplinary Center for Organizational Architecture. When funding for my postdoc ended I was fortunate to receive funding from the Interacting Minds Centre and the new Cognition and Behavior Lab, which allowed me to start in the position as Assistant Professor here at the Department of Economics and Business. Apart from my affiliation with the Interacting Minds Centre I am also Lab Manager for the Cognition and Behavior Lab.

What are your main areas of research?

I am combining two areas of research: social interactions and nonlinear dynamics. That means that my approach to studying social interactions is a dynamic stance, where I look explicitly at how the interactions unfold over time. So I work a lot with time series analysis and use mainly nonlinear methods since the data are non-stationary. My focus up to now has been on emotions in groups and describing the emotional dynamics as captured by various physiological data.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

I am working on three projects right now. The first one is a social interaction experiment in

collaboration with colleagues from MINDLab and ICOA, where I am using a method called recurrence quantification analysis to characterize how physiological markers of emotion evolve over time in individuals and groups. The second is a theoretical project with Dorthe Døjbak Håkonsen where we are developing a new theoretical framework to understand group emotions in a way that goes beyond averages of members in a group. The third is a project with colleagues from Interacting Minds Centre where we are further developing and testing a new method for detecting causal relations in data from coupled nonlinear dynamical systems.

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

I am teaching the organization part of Principles of Organizations and Management together with Robert Ormrod who is teaching the marketing part of the course.

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

I just came back from Chicago where I attended the Fifth International Symposium on Recurrence Plots, and with the Lab starting up and teaching in the fall semester, I don't have any travel plans in the near future.

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

In the MINDLab group we are collaborating with Rich Burton from Duke University, who has been a frequent visitor and will visit us again in late August.

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

Yes I am collaborating with people from the Interdisciplinary Center for Organizational Architecture and people from Interacting Minds Centre, who are affiliated with various different departments such as AU Herning, Department for Culture and Society, Department of Aesthetics and Communication, and I also cooperate with Jacob Sherson from Department of Physics and Astronomy.

What do you do when you are not at work?

I spend time with my family. I have three children and a bonus daughter, so there is usually a lot of activity in our home. On the occasions where the children are in their other homes my wife and I work longer hours, but also get more time to socialize and participate in cultural activities. I try to exercise regularly, but unfortunately this is an activity that has been declining over the past couple of years, but when I do it I like running, mountain biking, kayaking and playing squash.

Supplementary question from Julia Nafziger: "How did you come from Physics to Economics/Business?"

It was my MBA studies (which by the way I didn't finish) that brought me back into academia. I discovered that I could apply my physics background to the research in the MINDlab project that I got affiliated with during my MBA. Both my late father and my brother are chartered accountants educated from Aarhus School of Business, so my move has also given me an understanding of their professional background that I didn't have before.

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

[Damiana Rigamonti](#)

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

What has puzzled you the most about Danish culture?

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages and abstracts of 1 new publication. Thank you for that. See it 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.

- Per Nikolaj Bukh and [Karina Skovvang Christensen](#): [Succes med balanced scorecard](#), Gyldendal Business
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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](#)

[CIRRAU Lunch Seminar Series](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

[CREATES weekly seminars](#)

[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)

[Economics Seminar Series](#)

COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

Next issue: Monday 2 September

Deadline for input: Thursday 29 August at 12. E-mail: bhojklint@econ.au.dk.

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