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### NEW DIGITAL SYSTEM TO ALLOCATE EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

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As from 1 February 2014 a new digital allocation system regarding external examiners will be implemented for HA, cand.merc. and HD (but not econ and soc).

This means that lecturers and study supporters can no longer decide who they would like to be external examiner at a particular exam as this will be decided by the new digital system which selects an external examiner within the particular subject field for you.

The new allocation system will be implemented in order to comply with the Ministerial Order on Examinations from 2012 (BEK No. 666 of 24/06/2012, § 47- § 59) and to meet the demands of the Agency for the Modernisation of Public Administration regarding digitalisation of our processes.

Furthermore the implementation of the new allocation system shall make sure that all external examiners are used equally much.

For further information about this new external examiner allocation system please contact your [study supporter](#).

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### NEW CONTACT PERSON AT AU BSS FINANCE AND PLANNING

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As from 1 October 2013 Business Controller Stine Vindfeldt Tobiesen is our new contact person at AU Finance and Planning instead of Morten Karlsen Grunnet.

Our Project Finance Administrators Mia and Yadigar will be handling external projects as usual.

Our contact persons at AU BSS Finance and Planning are thus:

- [Stine Vindfeldt Tobiesen](mailto:syt@adm.au.dk), Business Controller: e-mail: [syt@adm.au.dk](mailto:syt@adm.au.dk), tel.: 8715 2206
- [Mia Just Pedersen](mailto:mjp@sam.au.dk), Project Finance Administrator (former SAM/IØ): e-mail: [mjp@sam.au.dk](mailto:mjp@sam.au.dk), tel.: 8715 2213, mobile 5194 5253
- [Yadigar Akbulut](mailto:yat@asb.dk), Project Finance Administrator (former ASB/BS, ASB/NAT og SAM/NCRR): e-mail: [yat@asb.dk](mailto:yat@asb.dk), tel.: 8715 2212, mobile: 2341 9025

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## THE ACTOR-REALITY PERSPECTIVE 3RD CONFERENCE: PROGRAMME

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The full programme for the [Actor-Reality Perspective 3rd Conference](#) hosted by the [Research Group for Actor-Reality Construction](#) is now available on the conference website.

The conference takes place on 23 - 25 October 2013 at Fuglesangs Allé.

[See the programme of the conference here.](#)

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## POWER CUT AT FUGLESANGS ALLÉ DURING THE WEEKEND 26-27 OCTOBER

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Due to maintenance work on the electrical installations at Fuglesangs Allé there will be no electricity in buildings 2621(B), 2622(C), 2624(E), 2625(F) and 2627(H) during the weekend 26-27 October.

For buildings 2621(B), 2622(C), 2624(E) and 2625(F) it will only be for short periods, but it is not possible to state the exact time.

Building 2628(L) will not be affected.

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## NO STAFF LUNCH THIS WEEK

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During the autumn holidays there are usually very few people at the Department, so there will be no staff lunch this week (i.e. from 14 - 18 October).

The canteen in the building 2610(S) will be open.

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## YOUR MOTHER DOESN'T WORK HERE!

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If you use one of the small kitchens that we have in the hallways of all buildings at the Department, please make sure to leave it as you would like to find it:

- Wash your own dishes, cups etc. or bring them to the dishwasher in the staff lunch room in building 2632(L)-141.

- If you use the refrigerator to store your packed lunch, please make sure to throw out old food. Make it a habit to check if you have old food in the refrigerator every Friday before you go home for the weekend.

Thank you!

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## TALK BY BESTSELLING ECONOMIST DAN ARIELY

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Dan Ariely, the New York Times bestselling author of "The Upside of Irrationality" and "Predictably Irrational" will give a talk on Tuesday 22 October from 16:00 to 17:00 at Nobelparken building 1482, room 105 under the title "(Dis)honesty".

Dan Ariely is James B. Duke Professor of Psychology and Behavioral Economics at Duke University.

He will discuss research on the contradictory forces that drive us to cheat and keep us honest, speaking about a topic that he also examines in his latest bestselling book "The (Honest) Truth About Dishonesty: How We Lie to Everyone – Especially Ourselves".

A reception will take place at the Interacting Minds Centre for the Study of Cognition, Communication and Choice at Jens Chr. Skous Vej 4, Building 1483, 3rd floor, 8000 Aarhus C.

See Dan Ariely's webpage: <http://danariely.com/>

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## AU KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY

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Researchers at AU are invited to the AU Knowledge Exchange Day on 14 November 2013 at the Lakeside Lecture Theatres (Søauditorierne). Here you will get the opportunity to exchange and develop ideas on how to exchange knowledge in practice.

As knowledge exchange activities are one of the strategic focus areas of Aarhus University, the aim of the conference is to increase awareness and interest internally at the University. At the conference you will be introduced to innovative examples of knowledge exchange between AU and external parties such as authorities, companies and organisations, as well as to examples of cutting edge knowledge exchange in an international context.

The day will start with presentations by Professor Mick Wallis, University of Leeds, and Executive Director Heideh Fattaey, Stanford University on their experiences with knowledge exchange. Eight case stories of knowledge exchange at AU will follow. The afternoon will offer two sessions where the participants will get the opportunity to discuss in depth the practical and scientific aspects of knowledge exchange.

The event is free and includes a free networking dinner at Turbinehallen.

The registration deadline is 31 October 2013.

[Read more and sign up at the conference website.](#)

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## INTRODUCTION DAY - FOR NEW EMPLOYEES AT AU

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An introduction day for all new employees at AU (VIPs and TAPs) is held once every other month. Here new employees will meet the senior management at AU and be introduced to the University's overall strategies and values. They will gain insight into the organisational structure, liaison committees, the union representatives, and rules and guidelines for employees at AU.

Programme:

- Welcome by the senior management
- Introduction to AU
- Liaison committee and union representatives at AU
- Information from the International Centre
- Lunch and guided tour of the University Park
- Practical AU information

The introduction day will start at 9.00 a.m. for the international staff and at 10.00 a.m. for the remaining new employees. The programme concludes at 2 p.m. From 9 to 10 the international staff will learn about specific topics related to having recently arrived in Denmark.

The next introduction day will be held on 11 December.

[Read more.](#)

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## INSPIRATION SEMINAR ON SMART CITIES

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An information and networking event for AU employees with focus on Horizon 2020, INNO+, Smart Aarhus, Internet Week Aarhus and other national and international partnership and funding opportunities will be held on Wednesday 13 November 2013 from 11:00 to 13:00.

[AU Smart Cities](#) (AUSC) is an effort to strengthen smart city activities involving AU employees by helping and coordinating initiatives within research, education and knowledge partnerships.

At the seminar you will hear briefly about what's already going on and how AUSC may be of help. Examples include ways to obtain funding for creating proposals; existing strategic partnerships locally, nationally and internationally; partnership instruments to strengthen proposals and to focus dissemination activities; and much more.

You will meet colleagues from all four main areas at AU, either actively involved or just looking to see what's going on. You will also hear about initiatives such as [Smart Aarhus](#), [Internet Week Aarhus](#), [Open Data Aarhus](#), [the Danish Smart City Network](#), upcoming workshops and guest lectures.

Registration is free but mandatory, and includes a lunch and coffee.

[Read more and sign up here](#) (location of the event and the link for signing up will be available via this link later this week).

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS WITH MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION CHRISTIAN FRIIS BACH

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A strategic framework for Danish support to Development Research 2014-2018 has been drafted for public consultations during the period of 25 September 2013 to 29 November 2013. The consultation process includes two public meetings with Christian Friis Bach, Minister for Development Cooperation.

The first meeting took place on 7 October 2013 at Aalborg University.

The second meeting will take place on Monday 11 November 2013 at 14:00-15:30 at University of Copenhagen, Bülowsvej 17 (Festauditoriet), 1870 Frederiksberg C.

You are invited to join the meeting ([see invitation](#)).

[Read the draft strategic framework here.](#)

Read more at the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: <http://um.dk/en/danida-en/partners/research>.

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## IRBM GLOBAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2014 ON MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS AND FINANCE

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The Institute of Research in Business and Management (IRBM) hosts the Global Research Conference 2014 on Management, Business and Finance on 14-16 January 2014 in Goa, India, and now calls for abstracts or full papers for the conference (deadline is 5 December).

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

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## ESD CONFERENCE IN VIENNA 2014

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ESD calls for papers for the 6th International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development and the 3rd Eastern European esd-Conference: Business Continuity, which will be held in Vienna on 24-25 April 2014. The topics of the conference are focused on recent challenges to modern national economies and business enterprises as well as on business continuity and crisis management:

The deadline for submission of abstracts for review is 15 November 2013.

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

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## TEACH AT INTERNATIONAL SUMMER UNIVERSITY, GURGAON, INDIA

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The Management Development Institute, Gurgaon, India, is seeking faculty for their forthcoming edition of the International Summer University 2014 to teach the following courses:

- International Financial Management
- International Management
- International Business

[Read more about the MDI International Summer University here.](#)

For further information, please contact J. N. Godinho: [Chairperson-IR@mdi.ac.in](mailto:Chairperson-IR@mdi.ac.in).

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### NEW FOLDER ABOUT HORIZON 2020

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The Research Support Office at AU has prepared a new folder for researchers at the Department of Economics and Business about Horizon 2020, which is EU's next Framework Programme for Research and Innovation with a total budget of €70 billion.

[See the folder here.](#)

For further information about Horizon 2020 please contact Anne Marie Zwergius who is the Department's contact person at the Research Support Office: e-mail: [annezwer@rm.dk/](mailto:annezwer@rm.dk/), tel.: 28 45 50 16.

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### MAX WEBER PROGRAMME FOR POSTDOCTORAL STUDIES

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The Max Weber Programme is the largest postdoctoral training programme within Social and Human Sciences in the world. Its overall aim is to support the fellows in the development of a successful academic career. They now call for applications for the programme.

Application deadline is 25 October 2013

[Read more.](#)

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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/>.

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

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## STAFF PORTRAIT

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### STAFF PORTRAIT: SUSAN STILLING

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This time [Susan Stilling](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Susan. Susan is Research Supporter at the Department and is affiliated with the Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms.

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

I started at ASB, Fuglesangs Allé, in 1994. Then I moved with the ASB Economics Department first to Prismet and then to Hermodsvej. Now I am back where I started - at Fuglesangs Allé.

**What is your background?**

I have a 'korrespondenteksamen' in German and Spanish and a BA in English. I have never used my German or Spanish though. Before my present job I worked as secretary to the research director at the National Environmental Research Institute at Kalø. It was a very nice place and a very interesting job, but with a baby daughter the distance became a problem. So in 1994 I switched to ASB.

**What are your main tasks at the Department?**

I am secretary to the Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms. Besides that I give research support to a number of VIPs and PhD students: proofreading, travel planning, travel settlements, organizing workshops and conferences, project administration, updating websites and a million other things.

**Which job tasks have occupied you the most the past weeks?**

During the first 6 months this year I was spending a lot of my time organizing the 2013 ESPE Conference in June in Aarhus. So after my summer holidays I have been busy working my way through the piles on my desk. Besides - I just moved from building 2621 to building 2632.

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

I spend a lot of time with my family and friends, I walk my dog every day, and I like books and films.

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

- [Martin Paldam](#) (2013): Danmarks udvikling i de næste 50 år, in O. Høiris (ed.): Fremtiden, pp. 219-63, Aarhus Universitetsforlag.
- [Martin Paldam](#): [How do partly omitted control variables influence the averages used in meta-analysis in economics?](#), Economics Working Papers 2013-22.
- Nektarios Aslanidis, [Charlotte Christiansen](#) and Christos S. Savva: [Risk-Return Trade-Off for European Stock Markets](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-31.
- Emilio Zanetti Chini: [Generalizing smooth transition autoregressions](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-32

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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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## THE PHD CORNER

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### JOB MARKET INFORMATION MEETING FOR PHD STUDENTS

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An information meeting for the Department's PhD students going on the job market will be held on Friday 25 October from 12:00 to 13:00 in 2632(L)-242. This meeting is mainly relevant for PhD students in Accounting, Economics and Econometrics and Finance since the job market for these groups takes place in the fall/winter.

Later in the year a similar meeting will be held for Business/Management PhD students for whom the job market takes place in summer/fall.

Bring your lunch and hear about how to optimize your job market strategies!

For more information, contact [Julia Nafziger](#): [jnafziger@econ.au.dk](mailto:jnafziger@econ.au.dk).

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### GET TO KNOW THE DANES

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For the third year in a row Aarhus University along with Studentarhus Aarhus is organizing an "Internationalize with (Aarh)us-project", where international employees can experience Danish culture up close and get a social network outside of their workplace.

The project is a dinner club, where international employees are offered a Danish contact family (a



Danish employee from one of the participating companies + his/her family) that can give them a unique insight into the Danish culture outside academia, and where they will also have the opportunity to share their own culture.

Sign up by sending an e-mail to [jk@studentarhus.dk](mailto:jk@studentarhus.dk) stating that you would like to join Internationalize with Us.

[Read the full invitation](#)

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## NEWSLETTER FROM THE PHD HOUSE ACTIVITY GROUP

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The PhD House Activity Group has sent out their newsletter for October:

They advertise the following two events:

- Games Afternoon, Saturday, 19 October
- Grants and Grant Proposal Writing, 26 November

[Read the newsletter here.](#)

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.

If you have any suggestions for events that you think could be educational, fun or inspiring to participate in, contact the PhD House Activity Group: [phdhouse.au@gmail.com](mailto:phdhouse.au@gmail.com).

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## PHD DEFENCE: PETER BODNAR

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In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business [Peter Bodnar](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Warehouse Operations" on Friday 25 October 2013 at 13.15 in Auditorium M1, building 2628, Fuglesangs Allé 4.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Peter Bodnar'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 Stefan Røpke, Technical University of Denmark
- Prof. Dr. Nils Boysen, Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
- Associate Professor [Marcel Turkensteen](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence will be chaired by Professor [Jens Lysgaard](#).

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: RUNE VAMMEN LESNER

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In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business [Rune Vammen Lesner](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Determinants of Inequality" on Friday 8 November 2013 at 13.15 in Auditorium M1, building 2628, Fuglesangs Allé 4.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Rune Vammen Lesner'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:

- Associate Professor Bertel Scherning, University of Copenhagen
- Associate Professor Anders Stenberg, SOFI, Stockholm
- Professor [Michael Rosholm](#), 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 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: [bhoeklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoeklint@econ.au.dk).

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

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## 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](#)  
[Finance Seminar Series](#)  
[Public Sector Research Seminar Series](#)  
[Trygfonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)  
[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

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## COLOPHON

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ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

Next issue: Monday 28 October

Deadline for input: Thursday 24 October at 12. E-mail: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

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