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LARGE GRANT FOR NEW RESEARCH IN THE WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

TRYGFONDENS
BØRNEFORSKNINGSCENTER



Researchers at [TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research](#) have started the year on a high note with new large grants to support evidence research. The grants were awarded by TrygFonden as part of a DKK 40 million grant window earmarked for research that strengthens the evidence base for social, educational and crime preventing policies in Denmark.

[Anna Piil Damm](#), associate professor in economics, received DKK 5.4 million to measure the effects of inclusive school policies that combine learners from different social and ethnic backgrounds into mixed classrooms. The study will evaluate both positive and negative effects on learners' school outcomes, wellbeing and social relations.

[Marianne Simonsen](#), professor in economics, received DKK 6.8 million to measure and compare the effects of three interventions to prepare and support expecting and new parents in Region Midt, Odense and Aarhus. The project seeks to generate more robust knowledge about the comparative effectiveness of these popular programmes on strengthening parental competences and child wellbeing.

The latest grants build on the DKK 60 million grant that Aarhus University received from TrygFonden to establish TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research in 2013.

TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research also received an additional DKK 8 million to launch a new training and executive education programme. Led by the centre's executive director, [Kamilla Gumede](#), the programme aims to make

policymakers better users of research based evidence.

BUILDING 2628(M) IS GOING GREEN



Energy management pilot project

Business and Social Sciences is about to launch a new energy management project on the basis of the University Management's wish to implement energy management at the whole of AU.

To begin with, the project will run as pilot projects at two locations at AU, with Building 2628(M) at Fuglesangs Allé as one of them.

Why Building 2628(M)

Building 2628(M) has been chosen for the pilot project because it contains all the factors necessary to test if the energy management project is carried in the best way possible; i.e. both students and employees use the building as it contains both offices and class rooms, and the building has its own meters for heat and ventilation which makes it possible to extract useful data as regards the development in the energy consumption in the building for a specific period of time.

Furthermore, the building has a suitable size for reaching clear conclusions regarding energy consumption and energy management.

Green ambassadors

Employees located in building M 3rd floor will be contacted by BSS and asked if they would like to participate in the project and become so-called green ambassadors. It is of course voluntary.

As a green ambassador you will be expected to take an active part in "greening" the campus and spreading awareness of environmental sustainability, and to act as a green role model and take part in some of the green initiatives and events that will take place on campus.

[Read more about the energy management pilot project here](#) (in Danish).

IT SUPPORT - NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER



As announced earlier BSS IT Support has got a new telephone number:

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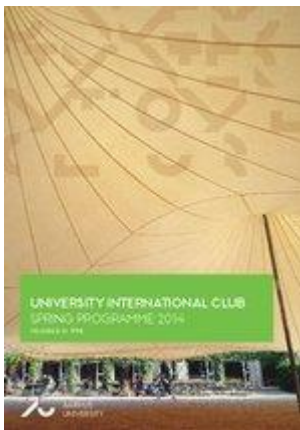
but as from 6 February their e-mail address will also change:

bss.it@au.dk

Their new contact details are part of a new case system that hopefully will ensure improved problem solving and give IT supporters more time for direct contact with the users.

[Read more.](#)

UIC SPRING PROGRAMME



The University International Club's Spring Programme 2014 is out, and the UIC invites all foreign and Danish staff and their spouses to participate in the events.

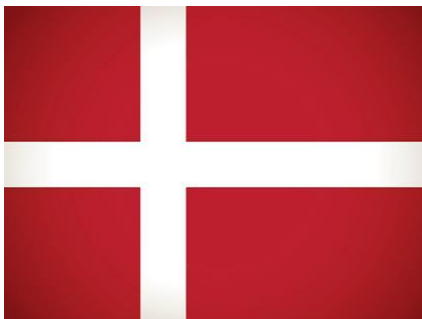
The spring programme offers weekly seminars, HR related seminars, meetings and excursions. For most of the events you can just turn up, but for some you must sign up beforehand.

See the [UIC Spring Programme](#) here or pick up a copy from Ingrid and Jeanette's office (2632(L)-103).

See also the UIC website for information about the UIC Dinner Club, the UIC Play Group, their Board Games Event and language training etc.:

<http://ias.au.dk/uic>.

GETTING STARTED IN DENMARK



The International Centre at AU invites newly arrived international researchers and PhD students and their spouses to participate in their "Getting Started in Denmark orientation and registration event".

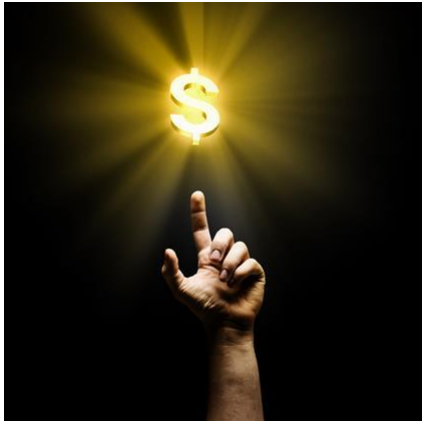
The event provides new international academic staff with important on-arrival information and helps them getting registered with the public authorities, i.e. EU residence certificate, CPR number and tax card.

The event will be held every first and third Friday of the month. The next events will be on 21 February, 7 March and 21 March.

[Read more.](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

POSTDOC WORKSHOP FOR APPLICANTS TO THE DANISH COUNCIL FOR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH (DFF)



The Research Support Office organizes a postdoc workshop for researchers planning to apply for a postdoc grant and/or Mobilex grant at the Danish Council for Independent Research (DFF) this spring.

The workshop targets applicants for the FKK and FSE councils. The workshop will be held 26 February 2014. The number of participants will be limited to 25 – first comes, first served.

[Read more.](#)

ERASMUS GRANTS FOR EMPLOYEES



All employees at Aarhus University have the opportunity to apply for an Erasmus grant for a stay abroad. It is possible to apply for a grant for two types of stays: a teaching stay and/or a training stay.

The grant is approx. 800 Euro per stay, but it may vary from year to year.

Application

The application deadline is 1 March, and is valid throughout the following academic year. Example: the deadline 1 March 2014 is valid for a stay within the period 1 June 2014 – 30 September 2015.

Applications are accepted after the deadline. There is a possibility to be signed up on the waiting list.

[Read more.](#)

THE YDUN PROGRAMME



The YDUN (Younger women Devoted to a UNiversity career) will be giving out DKK 110 million to female and male research grant applicants at the associate professor level.

The programme is open to all disciplines. Males may apply but preference will be given to the female candidate if a female and a male candidate possess identical qualifications.

The YDUN programme is only offered once, and the application deadline is 1 May.

[Read more.](#)

PUBLICATION GRANTS



Aarhus University Research Foundation invites researchers to apply for grants to be awarded in the first half of 2014.

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 21 February 2014 at noon.

[Read more about the publication grant.](#)

At [Aarhus University Research Foundation's website](#) you may also find calls for applications for:

- Stays by visiting scholars
- PhD courses, research group meetings and AIAS workshops at Sandbjerg Estate
- Research stays in Møllehuset

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/>.

EVENTS

DIIS SEMINAR: IS CHINA FACING A FINANCIAL CRISIS?



[The Danish Institute for International Studies](#) (DIIS) invites you to a seminar and book launch on Thursday 13 February 2014, 15.00-17.00 at DIIS in Copenhagen.

The title of the seminar is: "Is China Facing a Financial Crisis?", and the book that will be launched at the seminar is entitled "China's Policymaking for Regional Economic Cooperation," written by Yang Jiang, Senior Researcher, DIIS.

The speakers at the seminar are:

[Yang Jiang](#), Senior Researcher, DIIS

[Shaun Breslin](#), Professor, University of Warwick

Participation is free of charge, but registration is required no later than 12 February at 12.00 noon.

[Read more.](#)

ALL 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.

THE PHD CORNER

GOING TO THE US?



The Denmark-America Foundation and the Fulbright Commission offer grants for PhD students spending a year or more in the US. The grants that you can apply for are between DKK 85,000 – 100,000.

Deadline for applications for the academic year 2014-15 is 5 March at 12 noon.

Read more: www.wemakeithappen.dk.

INTRODUCTION TO PHD PLANNER



The Graduate School of Business and Social Sciences will give a short introduction to the PhD Planner system for new PhD Students and supervisors on

Tuesday 11 March 2014 at 1 pm at Bartholins Allé building 1330, the lunch room.

There will be a short presentation of the Planner and you will learn how to make and evaluate a PhD plan.

If you have any questions regarding the introduction meeting, please contact Pia Schytz, PhD administrator: 87152516/pias@asb.dk.

PHD COURSE: INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



[AU Library](#) offers a course on information retrieval and information management especially relevant for PhD students who are doing a literature review, but it is also relevant for all other researchers who are in the process of developing their research design.

The course will be followed by a workshop where the participants can get individualised guidance and feedback on performing searches, using Reference software etc.

The course will be held twice on:

- 20 February 9.30-12.30 and workshop 13.15-15.00

- 27 February 9.30-12.30 and workshop 13.15-15.00

Course language: English

The course and workshop will be held at the AU Library at Bartholins Allé.

[Read more.](#)

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: MIKAEL SØNDERGAARD



This time [Mikael Søndergaard](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Mikael. Mikael is associate professor at the Department.

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

I have been with this department for 11 years, more precisely since January 2003.

What is your background?

Before I came to Aarhus University, I was at Odense University/University of Southern Denmark for more than 10 years where I further developed a background in international business and organization studies. Ever since, I have maintained an interest in the international dimensions of business organizations.

My PhD is from Aarhus School of Business in the early 1990s. My way to a PhD was not a straight line as I did several uneven stops on the way. I was a research fellow at the European University Institute in Florence. Before then I concluded a Cand. Scient. Pol. degree from Aarhus University and a Master's Degree from University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Before that I spent the

first year of preparing for access to Ecole Normale Supérieure in a high school called Lycee Pilote de Sèvres. Here I got an indebt knowledge of French civilization, history and language which was a great asset when I interviewed French bankers for my PhD project.

What are your main areas of research?

The international and the comparative perspectives of empirical dimensions have stayed with me since my PhD work. I have continued a lot of the research themes that grew out of my PhD project. Most of these themes have a behavioural component and an empirical component. I have also continued an interest in methods.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

At the moment I am finishing a project as a focused issue editor for Management International Review (MIR) with Professor Mark F. Peterson where a collection of contributions challenge one of the conventional units of analysis of international business research.

With Professor Marilyn L. Taylor, University of Missouri, I am also finishing a book project for Sage Publication called Adventures in Case Study Research: A Guide for Business and Management Students.

With Professor Niels Noorderhaven and Professor emeritus Ole Ø. Madsen, I am working on a project with the working title Stakeholder Context Complexity and Cross-Border M&As. Lessons from Air France – KLM and MD Foods – Arla.

Furthermore, I work on some book chapters and invited reviews. And I have a still number of projects in the pipeline.

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

I am involved with four different courses. First, Internationalisation of the Firm at the FIB programme. Second, I also teach International Management. It is a master level course with focus on the business skills related to organizational performance of internationalized firms. Third, I teach a course on international business of multinational enterprises called Transnational Management. Using the perspective of "Transnational Solutions" the course deals with the interrelationships between organizational capabilities and global business environments. Fourth, as organizer and contributor I am involved with a week-long PhD Course that started in 2005 and was nicknamed the Aarhus Master Class in Global and Cross Cultural Management Research. The master class travelled to the University of Maastricht and lately to Istanbul where it was held as part of the PhD summer school at Koç University. In 2014 we plan the 9th workshop to be held at the University of Maastricht.

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

Hopefully I will be able to go to the annual meeting of the Academy of

Management this year. I have put a proposal to organize a Professional Development Workshop on case research based theory development and have submitted a paper.

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

Given the economic situation at the Department in 2014 I have decided to go Dutch regarding my visitors in two ways.

First, Professor Niels Noorderhaven from Tilburg University spent some time in late January developing a paper with me. Noorderhaven will come twice or more for short visits in 2014.

Another Dutch visitor is Professor Huub Ruel, who will be working with me on a project on business diplomacy - a research field that I and others started more than 15 years ago.

Professor Sjoerd Beugelsdijk from University of Groningen also plans to pay us a visit as well as professor Güenter Stahl from University of Vienna/INSEAD.

Second, all of my visitors will go Dutch on the expenses of these visits as the Department's budget will not be affected.

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

I have been working with Professor Jørn Flohr Nielsen on a project of remote control of Danish subsidiaries aboard.

What do you do when you are not at work?

I have fun "playing" with food and tastes when I am not at work. I love to cook and spend time exploring ways of cooking.

Lately, I have been trying to learn slow cooking techniques at low temperatures. For instance, I put the food into plastic bags "sous vide" and place them in warm water. The vegetables are tasty and juicy and so are the breasts of pheasants that until now always have been too dry.

Supplementary question from Preben Bo Mortensen: Which unusual pieces of kitchen equipment would you recommend more people should get (you may limit the list to 10 items:-))

My favourite kitchen tool is a very small knife with a 5 cm long firm steel component that ends in a sharp point. It is specially designed to cut herbs and bought at E. Dehillerin during a family visit to Paris.

To end Preben Bo's request for a list of my kitchen machinery, it all began with a coffee gainer and a coffee roaster.

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

[Betina Sørensen](#)

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

She said that she was not at home enough to care of Mr. Pipsen (the budgie that Betina rescued). What keeps her busy in her spare time?

SEMINARS



[Get an overview of forthcoming seminars at the Department here.](#)

We have the following seminar series:

[Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)

[CIRRAU Lunch Seminar Series](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

[CREATES weekly seminars](#)

[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)

[Economics Seminar Series](#)

[Finance Seminar Series](#)

[Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)

[Public Sector Research Seminar Series](#)

[Trygfonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE



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: bhojklint@econ.au.dk.

- [Cristina Amado](#) and [Timo Teräsvirta](#): [Conditional Correlation Models of Autoregressive Conditional Heteroscedasticity with Nonstationary GARCH Equations](#), Journal of Business & Economic Statistics, January 2014, Vol. 32, No. 1.

- Barbara Annicchiarico, Anna Rita Bennato and Emilio Zanetti Chini: [150 Years of Italian CO2 Emissions and Economic Growth](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-2.
- Paul Catani, [Timo Teräsvirta](#) and Meiqun Yin: [A Lagrange Multiplier Test for Testing the Adequacy of the Constant Conditional Correlation GARCH Model](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-3.
- Hristos Doucouliagos and [Martin Paldam](#): [Finally a breakthrough? - The recent rise in the size of the estimates of aid effectiveness](#), Economics Working Papers 2014-07.
- [Martin Paldam](#): [The public choice of university organization - A stylized story with some explanation](#), Economics Working Papers 2014-08

ALL PUBLICATIONS



[All ECON publications and working papers may be seen here](#). Please note that some publications may be missing – the list will be updated on a regular basis.

COLOPHON

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Deadline for input: Thursday 20 February at 12.

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