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### WEI WEI RECEIVES FSE POSTDOC GRANT

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Postdoc [Wei Wei](#), who is affiliated with CREATES, has been awarded a DKK 1,168,083 grant from the Danish Council for Independent Research for her project entitled "A New Method for Estimating Stochastic Processes for Energy Prices". Congratulations!

In this round the Danish Council for Independent Research (Social Sciences) awarded 10 postdoc grants to research talents in Denmark to the sum of approximately DKK 17 million with the aim of providing younger researchers the best possible conditions for producing outstanding research results at a high international level.

[Read more.](#)

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### NEW RESEARCH GROUP: BUSINESS INNOVATION ECONOMICS

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We have a new research group at the Department. It is called Business Innovation Economics and it focuses on innovation management and economic performance through the application of economic and management theories.

#### **Research topics**

At the organizational level the various research topics addressed by the research group include open innovation strategy, co-creation, innovative behaviour, innovation performance, business development, learning capabilities and creativity. At the industry level the group investigates the performance of mergers and acquisitions, R&D performance, differences of private and public organizations, spill-overs between industries and performance of the creative

industry.

#### **Members**

The head of the research group is [Kristina Risom Jespersen](#), and so far the members of the group are [Rune Bysted](#), [Morten Berg Jensen](#) and [Damiana Rigamonti](#).

#### **Would you like to join?**

The group invites all colleagues who are interested in business innovation economics to join them – please contact Kristina if you would like to be a member of the group

[Read more.](#)

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## CONFERENCE ON GLOBAL ASPECTS OF PERSONNEL ECONOMICS - CALL FOR PAPERS

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The Conference on Global Aspects of Personnel Economics, which is hosted by Aarhus University, will be held on 27-28 August 2014 at Sandbjerg Manor.

The purpose of the conference is to bring together researchers in the field of Personnel Economics who are interested in the organisation of firms and human resource management in a global context.

To attend the conference it is necessary to present a paper. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Personnel policies in multinational companies
- Cross-country differences in incentive systems usage
- Differences in the management of foreign and native employees
- The roles of culture for determining how workplaces and jobs are designed
- Are some personnel management practices universally good, while others are not?
- Outsourcing, offshoring and Human Resource Management

Deadline for submission of abstract and paper is 10 April 2014.

The keynote speaker at the conference is the founding father of Personnel Economics, Professor Edward P. Lazear, Stanford University.

[Read more.](#)

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

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- [5th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Summer Seminar](#)  
Dates: 13 - 21 June 2014  
Submission deadline: 1 March 2014  
Venue: New York
- [Pacific Rim Conference 3: Financial and Economic Links and Institutions for Prosperity](#)  
Dates: 14 - 17 May 2014  
Submission deadline: 20 April 2014  
Venue: Hawaii
- [20th International Panel Data Conference](#)  
Dates: 9 - 10 July 2014  
Submission deadline: 1 March 2014  
Venue: Tokyo
- [2014 Summer Global Business Conference](#)  
Dates: 1 - 4 October 2014  
Submission deadline: 23 June 2014.  
Venue: Croatia

Do you know of a conference that you think should be announced here, please let me know: [bhoeklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoeklint@econ.au.dk).

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## NEW ISSUE OF CULTIVATE IS OUT

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The fourth issue of the online magazine CULTivate is now out. CULTivate is published by the [Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) (CUL), the educational research and development unit at the School of Business and Social Sciences, AU.

In this issue you can read about how supervision, mentoring and feedback can help improve the teaching quality. It also deals with the subject of how it is possible to alleviate the feeling of inadequacy that some PhD students struggle with, how new methods and technologies can help revitalise the classic teacher-controlled feedback, how experienced teachers can help teachers with little experience, and how the discipline of supervision can be improved.

[Read CULTivate 04 here.](#)

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## THE MAIL ROOM - STUDENTS NO ACCESS

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Please note that students and student assistants are not allowed to enter our mail room (2632(L)-152).

This is due to the fact that we often have, for example, letters etc. regarding sensitive matters such as complaints and transfer of credits and exam protocols lying around in the mail room.

So instead of asking students to place assignments etc. in your pigeon hole, you should ask them to give it to [Ingrid Laurrup](#) in our reception (room 2632(L)-103), then she will make sure to put it in your pigeon hole.

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## JOIN THE BSS STAFF ASSOCIATION

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The Staff Association at Business and Social Sciences is for all employees at Business and Social Sciences. The association has approximately 350 members and would like to have more.

Every month the association arranges social and cultural events to bring together faculty and staff from across departments, and the last Friday of every month the association invites its members for a drink in Klubben at Fuglesangs Allé.

This month the Staff Association has arranged a [painting course](#) for beginners with artist Helene Kofoed on 25 February.

Join the staff association by sending an e-mail to: [personaleforeningen@asb.dk](mailto:personaleforeningen@asb.dk). Membership costs DKK 20 per month.

[Read more about the Staff Association here.](#)

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### THE YDUN PROGRAMME

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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.](#)

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## 25 AIAS-COFUND (MARIE CURIE) FELLOWSHIPS AVAILABLE

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Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS) has opened for applications for up to 25 AIAS-COFUND Fellowships for talented researchers in the first round of applications.

There are two types of AIAS-COFUND Fellowship:

- AIAS-COFUND Junior Fellowships (a duration of 12 to 36 months): postdoctoral research careers of 2-10 years.
- AIAS-COFUND Senior Fellowships (a duration of 6 to 18 months): postdoctoral research careers of +10 years.

The target group of the programme is talented researchers with at least two years of fulltime experience after completing their PhD.

Applicants can choose their research topic freely within all academic areas.

Eligible applicants must comply with the following mobility demands:

- Incoming fellowships: Open for non-residents of Denmark. At the time of the deadline, applicants shall not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies etc.) in Denmark for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline.
- Reintegration fellowships: Open for European researchers returning to Denmark from a country outside the European Union. At the time of the deadline, applicants shall not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies etc.) in Denmark for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the deadline.

A fellowship includes funds for travel, research expenses and a competitive salary.

[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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## EVENTS

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

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## THE PHD CORNER

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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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## STAFF PORTRAIT

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## STAFF PORTRAIT: BETINA SØRENSEN

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This time [Betina Sørensen](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Betina. Betina is study and research supporter at the Department.

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

I hold a bachelor's degree in English business language and a master's degree in German from Copenhagen Business School, and I've worked with conferences and study support the last 8 years.

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

I started at AU in October 2011 as a temp for Berit Jensen, who administrates the FIN+FIB programmes. When she returned from maternity leave, I was assigned to the AUD+MAC+LOG programmes and the 1st year of the Graduate Certificate in the Business Administration programme (HD 1st part).

Half a year later we realized that we needed a full time person to help out with the econ+soc programmes and so my current job function is study supporter for these programmes (and hopefully it will be for a long time:-)).

Furthermore, I handle the coordination of math-econ master defences and I'm secretary to the Head of Research.

As you can see, I have worked with a great deal of the employees at the Department already.

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

The last weeks I have been busy coordinating and proofreading reexaminations and handling the course descriptions for the fall semester. Also, enrolling students, instructors etc. on Blackboard has taken up some time. Finally, exam figures and teaching hours for DVIP had to be provided for Vipomatic.

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

I guess this will also answer Mikael Søndergaard's question from the last ECON News why I could not find the time for Pipsen (the little helpless budgie which finally found a good home at Mikael's:-). Well, I have a loud voice which I'm trying to set free in a gospel choir once a week (btw: We are in lack of tenors. Anyone interested?).

Then I love watching sports and all competitive games actually: Olympics, X Factor, Eurovision, Tour de France, the Danish football league - and now coming up the Academy Awards (Oscars), so I have spent a great amount of money on cinema tickets the past months.

Aside from this I go to the Oktoberfest in Munich every year, but I won't tell

you how many Mass I drink in a day ;-). It's a good way to practise my German too.

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

[Dan Nguyen](#)

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

When will you play the piano for us again (cf. the departmental forum in Billund)?

## 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 3 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).

- [Timo Teräsvirta](#) and Yukai Yang: [Linearity and Misspecification Tests for Vector Smooth Transition Regression Models](#), CREATES Research



Paper 2014-4.

- Cárdenas, J., C., Dreber, A., [von Essen, E.](#), and Ranehill, E.: [Gender and cooperation in children: Experiments in Colombia and Sweden](#), Forthcoming in PlosOne.
- [Frederic Warzynski](#) and Ricard Gil: [Vertical Integration, Exclusivity and Game Sales Performance in the U.S. Video Game Industry](#), forthcoming in Journal of Law, Economics and Organization (Special Issue in Honor of Olivier Williamson).

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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 – the list will be updated on a regular basis.

## COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

Next issue: Monday 10 March 2014.

Deadline for input: Thursday 6 March at 12 noon.

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