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## CALL - NOMINATIONS TO THE HOLBERG AND NILS KLIM PRIZES 2015

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The Holberg Board is inviting nominations for the Holberg Prize 2015 and the Nils Klim Prize 2015.

Scholars holding positions at universities and other research institutions are entitled to nominate candidates.

Deadline for letters of nomination is 15 June 2014.

### **The Holberg Prize 2015**

The Holberg Prize is awarded to scholars who have made outstanding contributions to research in the academic fields of the arts and humanities, social science, law or theology. The prize winner must have had a decisive influence on international research.

The prize for 2015 amounts to NOK 4.5 million (approx. EUR 538,000).

[Read more about the Holberg Prize.](#)

### **The Nils Klim Prize**

The Nils Klim Prize is awarded to a Nordic researcher under the age of 35 who has made an outstanding contribution to research in the arts and humanities, social science, law or theology.

Particular importance will be attached to the researcher's originality and innovative ability. It should also be considered whether the research contribution in question appears as particularly outstanding or promising in light of the researcher's age, the nature of the research project and the

research tradition in the academic field in question.

The prize for 2015 amounts to NOK 250,000 (approx. EUR 30,000).

[Read more about the Nils Klim Prize.](#)

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## DIIS SEMINAR ABOUT THE WORLD IN 2025

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The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) invites you to a seminar about NGO aid in 2025 – what will the world be like in 2025? DanChurchAid's report entitled "[Scenario 2025 – Rivalry in a Multi-Power World](#)" will form the basis of the discussion at the seminar.

The seminar will take place on 30 April from 1 to 4:15 pm at DIIS in Copenhagen.

Deadline for signing up is 29 April.

The seminar will be held in Danish.

[Read more](#) (in Danish).

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## THE PHD CORNER

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### NEW PHD FIELD COMMITTEE APPOINTED

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A new PhD Field Committee has been appointed at the Department with effect as from 1 April 2014. The committee consists of the following members:

- Head of programme: Professor [Bo Sandemann Rasmussen](#)
- Associate Professor [Jan Bartholdy](#)
- Professor [Christian Bjørnskov](#)
- Associate Professor [Eric Hillebrand](#)
- Professor [Claus Holm](#)
- Professor [Jens Lysgaard](#)

The new committee's first task was to make assessments of the applicants to the PhD programme in Economics and Business for the April 2014 application round.

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### PHD SEMINAR ABOUT THE TRANSITION FROM PHD STUDENT TO

## POSTDOC

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*The Young Academy* (Det Unge Akademi) has arranged a seminar about the transition from PhD student to postdoc. The seminar takes place on Thursday 15 May from 9 am to 5 pm at Aarhus University, Høegh-Guldbergs Gade.

The seminar will be held in Danish.

Sign up before 2 May.

[Read more](#) (in Danish).

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## SUMMER SCHOOL: IMPROVE YOUR ACADEMIC ENGLISH

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[The Utrecht Network](#) and The University of Hull offer a summer school in Academic English for postgraduate students (post doctoral and doctoral) and newly qualified academic staff (who have been appointed to their positions within the last 24 months).

The summer school will take place from 30 June to 11 July 2014 in Hull, northern England.

The participation fee is €450, including accommodation costs.

The deadline for applications is Thursday 1 May 2014.

[Read more](#).

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## SUMMER SCHOOL: IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN HUMAN CAPITAL

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The Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology (UNU-MERIT) at Maastricht University has arranged a summer school on impact assessment in human capital, which will take place on 14-19 July 2014.

The summer school aims to provide students with an understanding of quantitative impact assessment methods (randomized control trials and natural experiments, differences-in-differences and regression discontinuity design, instrumental variables, matching) applied to human capital.

It is targeted at postgraduate students, particularly PhD students, with a strong interest in public policy, including social, employment and education policies.

[Read more](#).

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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).

## STAFF PORTRAIT

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### STAFF PORTRAIT: LEONIE GERHARDS

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This time [Leonie Gerhards](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Leonie. Leonie is postdoc at the Department.

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

I started working here in Aarhus last August. Thus, I have been employed for more than eight months now.

**What is your background?**

From 2004 to 2008 I studied Economics (diploma) at the University of Bonn. Then I moved on to the Goethe-University Frankfurt, where I worked at Michael Kosfeld's chair from fall 2008 until last summer when I finished my PhD in Economics.

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

My research focus lies in the field of behavioral (personnel) economics. In my present laboratory and field experiments I study different forms of work motivation, be it in the field of monetary incentives – e.g. team or relative performance pay schemes – or via non-monetary incentives – e.g. providing mission incentives or symbolic awards. Furthermore, I investigate how social factors, such as norms, mutual likability and reciprocity affect individuals' effort provision.

In the near future I intend to expand my work on work motivation to projects examining academic success. The plan is to link survey and university registry data to experimentally elicited personal characteristics of Danish and German students in order to find out which factors make a student successful.

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

Currently, Christina Gravert and I conduct a lab experiment in which we study the motivational factors of peer effects in a task that requires high perseverance from the experimental subjects. We expect that positive role-models increase their followers' performance in that task. Furthermore, we want to find out whether the appropriate role-model should be slightly better in the task or rather slightly worse than the follower, similar to the idea "if even he can do it, so can I".

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

This semester I teach my first own lecture, which is a bachelor's course on experimental economics. Despite the fact that I have to teach Monday morning at 8 o'clock it is a highly rewarding experience. The students are very enthusiastic about the topic and continually come up with interesting ideas for new experiments.

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

I just came back from a conference on personnel economics in Cologne.

Currently, I help organizing the Nordic Conference in Behavioral and Experimental Economics that we are going to host in Aarhus this September. This puts me in the comfortable position that I do not have to travel far away to listen to stimulating presentations. On the contrary, I am very much looking forward to bringing interesting researchers to Aarhus! Besides that,

I hope to be able to attend a few additional smaller workshops in Europe in the next couple of months.

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

Next week my co-author from the University of Nottingham, Daniele Nosenzo is going to visit me for a few days. And I hope that in connection with the Nordic Conference a couple of more visitors will stay a bit longer in Aarhus.

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

Not yet. From time to time I visit seminars and workshops that are organized by the Interacting Minds Centre. Hopefully this will result in some joint projects in the near future.

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

I love to go horseback riding! At the moment I take weekly riding lessons at Årslevgårdens Rideforening on one of their school horses, but in the long run I hope to find a shared horse again. Moreover, I attend Danish classes at Lærdansk, and like to go out with friends in the weekends.

**Supplementary question from Heiner Schumacher: What things should a German econ department (like that at Goethe-University Frankfurt) copy from Aarhus? And why?**

I really appreciate the Danish non-hierarchical department structure. I believe it facilitates and enhances the generation of new ideas and the implementation of improvements. Many German universities lack this drive for innovation (fortunately the econ department in Frankfurt not so much), because they simply do not listen to the ideas of the younger faculty members.

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

Emma von Essen

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

Coming from a Scandinavian country, I would like to ask Emma what are the main differences between the Scandinavian university cultures – and, in particular, between Swedish and Danish universities?

## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

### 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

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- [\*\*Pacific Rim Conference 3: Financial and Economic Links and Institutions for Prosperity\*\*](#)  
Dates: 14-17 May 2014  
Submission deadline: 20 April 2014  
Venue: Hawaii
- [\*\*NordForsk Academic Conference\*\*](#)  
Date: 20 May 2014  
Submission deadline: -  
Venue: Aarhus
- [\*\*The Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance\*\*](#)  
Dates: 9-10 June 2014  
Submission deadline: 31 March 2014  
Venue: Rimini
- [\*\*10th Danish International Economics Workshop\*\*](#)  
Dates: 12-13 June 2014  
Submission deadline: 25 March 2014  
Venue: Aarhus
- [\*\*5th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Summer Seminar\*\*](#)  
Dates: 13-21 June 2014  
Submission deadline: 1 March 2014  
Venue: New York
- [\*\*20th International Panel Data Conference\*\*](#)  
Dates: 9-10 July 2014  
Submission deadline: 1 March 2014  
Venue: Tokyo
- [\*\*Conference on Global Aspects of Personnel Economics\*\*](#)  
Dates: 27-28 August 2014  
Submission deadline: 10 April 2014  
Venue: Sandbjerg Manor
- [\*\*Conference on Evidence on Schooling and Wellbeing\*\*](#)  
Dates: 28-29 August 2014  
Submission deadline: 14 March 2014  
Venue: Aarhus
- [\*\*Irish Society of New Economists \(ISNE\) 11th Annual Conference\*\*](#)  
Dates: 4-5 September 2014  
Submission deadline: 30 May 2014  
Venue: J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics, National University of Ireland, Galway

- [2014 Summer Global Business Conference](#)  
Dates: 1-4 October 2014  
Submission deadline: 23 June 2014.  
Venue: Croatia
- [Second International Conference on Social Security: "Social Dimensions of Economic Development and Productivity"](#)  
Dates: 3-5 December 2014  
Submission deadline (abstracts): 20 March 2014  
Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- [2015 Winter Global Business Conference](#)  
Dates: 2-6 February 2015  
Submission deadline: 19 October 2014  
Venue: Tignes, France

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

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## ALL EVENTS



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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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## SEMINARS



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[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](#)



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

- [Alexander K. Koch](#), [Julia Nafziger](#), Anton Suvorov and Jeroen van de Ven: [Self-rewards and personal motivation](#), European Economic Review, Volume 68, May 2014, pp. 151-167.
- [Yukai Yang](#): [Testing Constancy of the Error Covariance Matrix in Vector Models against Parametric Alternatives using a Spectral Decomposition](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-11.
- [Stefano Grassi](#), [Nima Nonejad](#) and [Paolo Santucci de Magistris](#): [Forecasting with the Standardized Self-Perturbed Kalman Filter](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-12.
- Hossein Asgharian, [Charlotte Christiansen](#) and Ai Jun Hou: [Macro-Finance Determinants of the Long-Run Stock-Bond Correlation: The DCC-MIDAS Specification](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-13.
- [Mikko S. Pakkanen](#) and Anthony Réveillac: [Functional limit theorems for generalized variations of the fractional Brownian sheet](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-14.

### 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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