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TWO LARGE FSE GRANTS TO CREATES MEMBERS

Two CREATES Fellows have received large grants from The Danish Council for Independent Research, Social Sciences (FSE) at the recent call:



[Martin Møller Andreasen](#) has received DKK 2,589,961 for his project entitled: Explaining the macro-economic foundation behind long-term nominal interest rates and their effects on the real economy.



[Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#) has received DKK 3,856,032 for his project entitled: The International Housing Market: What Drives Prices and their Comovement?

Congratulations to both of you!

[Read more.](#)

THE MURMUR - NEWSPAPER IN ENGLISH FOR INTERNATIONALS IN DENMARK



The Murmur is a new free monthly newspaper in English that will provide internationals in Denmark with knowledge about politics, culture and business in Denmark. The paper provides alternative journalism about Danish issues as well as international trends and developments that affect Denmark.

There has been a general lack of English language publications about what is going on in Denmark, which have made some internationals feel cut off from the Danes' way of life. It is the hope that this new newspaper will help internationals in Denmark become more aware of what is going on around them.

Pick up a copy of The Murmur at the International Centre, Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 4, 8000 Aarhus C, or you may simply download it from murmur.dk.

[Read more.](#)

WORKSHOP FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



On 17 June the administrative staff at the Department were "out of office" most of the day to attend a workshop with the theme: "Strengthen yourself and the group by focusing on the advantages of the diversity in the TAP group".

Two very competent psychologists from AU HR Back Office had arranged the workshop for us, and they introduced us to the theory and guided us through a number of exercises, among others, a game called "Personality Poker".

We were also to discuss cases from our own everyday working lives on the basis of the theory, which lead to some very interesting discussions about different personalities and temper.

A very cosy and rewarding day with lots of laughs and fruitful comments and discussions, rounded off with a nice lunch.

[See photos from the TAP Workshop here.](#)

AU COURSES FOR EMPLOYEES 2014



The AU course catalogue for the Autumn of 2014 with courses for employees is out now. There are courses for technical and administrative staff as well as academic staff within the following categories: IT, Language, Communication, Working Environment, Process and Project Management.

[Read more about the courses](#) (switch to English if you would like to see which courses are offered in English).

EVENTS

8TH ANNUAL SOFIE CONFERENCE HOSTED BY CREATES



[The 8th Annual SoFiE Conference](#) is going to be hosted by [CREATES](#). The conference will take place on 24-25 June 2015 in the Lakeside Lecture Theatres at AU 8000C.

A new feature in the annual conference is that there is going to be a pre-conference for doctoral students this year.

The call for papers will be sent out in September 2014.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- [Workshop: Bioøkonomisk Forskningsplatform på AU](#) (in Danish)
Date: 26 June 2014
Sign-up deadline: 23 June 2014
Venue: Aarhus
- [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

- [**MAER-Net Colloquium: Meta-Analysis of Economics Research Network**](#)
 Dates: 11-13 September 2014
 Submission deadline: mid-June 2014
 Venue: Athens
- [**2014 Summer Global Business Conference**](#)
 Dates: 1-4 October 2014
 Submission deadline: 23 June 2014.
 Venue: Croatia
- [**Zeuthen Workshop on: The Life Cycle Model of Individual Choices**](#)
 Dates: 9-10 October 2014
 Submission deadline: 15 June 2014
 Venue: Copenhagen
- [**7th International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development**](#)
 Date: 24 October 2014
 Submission deadline: 25 June 2014
 Venue: New York
- [**Nordic Accounting Conference 2014**](#)
 Dates: 13-14 November 2014
 Submission deadline: 15 October 2014
 Venue: Copenhagen Business School
- [**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
- [**3rd B.S.Lab. International Symposium**](#)
 Dates: 21-23 January 2015
 Submission deadline: 10 September 2014
 Venue: Perugia, Italy
- [**2015 Winter Global Business Conference**](#)
 Dates: 2-6 February 2015
 Submission deadline: 19 October 2014
 Venue: Tignes, France
- [**The 8th Annual SoFiE Conference**](#)
 Dates: 24-25 June 2015
 Submission deadline: TBA

Venue: Lakeside Lecture Theatres at AU 8000C.

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

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.

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/>.

THE PHD CORNER

PHD DEFENCE: TANJA GROTH



PhD student [Tanja Groth](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled

"Regulatory impacts in relation to a renewable fuel CHP technology: A financial and socioeconomic analysis"

on Friday 27 June 2014 from 1:15 to 4 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Tanja Groth's staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, schristensen@econ.au.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Dr Sonja Peterson, Kiel Institute of the World Economy
- Professor Henrik Lund, Aalborg University
- Professor [Kim Allan Andersen](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence will be chaired by [Kim Allan Andersen](#).

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium).

PHD DEFENCE: NIELS STRANGE HANSEN



PhD student [Niels Strange Hansen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled

"Forecasting based on unobserved variables"

on Friday 15 August 2014 from 1:15 to 4 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Niels Strange Hansen's staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, schristensen@econ.au.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Jesper Rangvid, Copenhagen Business School
- Assistant Professor Bradley Paye, University of Georgia
- Associate Professor [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence will be chaired by [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#).

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium).

PHD DEFENCE: KARL FRITJOF KRASSEL

PhD student and MA in Economics Karl Fritjof Krassel will defend his PhD thesis entitled

Essays in Economics of Education

on Tuesday 24 June 2014 from 1 to 4 pm in in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

Karl Fritjof Krassel is enrolled at ARTS, but his supervisor, [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#), and the head of his assessment committee, [Peter Jensen](#), are from our department, which is why the defence and the reception will be held at Fuglesangs Allé.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor [Peter Jensen](#) (chairman of the committee), AU
- Associate professor Patrick Nolen, Department of Economics, University of Essex
- Associate professor Björn Öckert, The Institute for Evaluation of Labour Market and Education Policy (IFAU)

Main supervisor is Professor [Helene Skyt Nielsen](#), Aarhus University, Department of Economics and Business. Co-supervisor is Professor Niels Egelund, Aarhus University, Department of Education (DPU)

Chair of the defence will be Associate professor David Reimer, Aarhus University, Department of Education.

The dissertation is available for reading on location at Department of Education (DPU), Tuborgvej 164, building D, room 256, administration.

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: ORIMAR SAURI



This time [Orimar Sauri](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Orimar. Orimar is a PhD student at the Department and is affiliated with CREATES.

How long have you been a PhD student at the Department of Economics and Business?

I have been a PhD student for almost two years.

What is your background?

During my bachelor, I studied Mathematical Engineering (Applied Mathematics) at the Superior School of Physics and Mathematics (ESFM) at the IPN in Mexico City. Later, for my master, I studied Probability and Statistics at the Center for Research in Mathematics (CIMAT).

What are your main areas of research?

My main research interests lie in stochastic modelling of commodity prices, volatility of the underlying, and interest rates, including its calibration, with particular focus on the Ambit Stochastic framework. Also, I am interested in infinitely divisible distributions and stochastic analysis.

What is in your experience the biggest difference between being a PhD student and being a regular student?

How to get the problems! When you are a student you must solve the problems that the professors give to you, but being a PhD you must find interesting problems to solve (which is not trivial at all). That is for me the biggest difference.

Are you teaching any classes this semester, or what are you going to teach next semester?

Next semester I will be a teaching assistant for the course Mathematical Economics II.

Are you planning to take part in any conferences or PhD courses in the near future?

Not at the moment.

Have you been abroad in connection with your PhD study (or where are you planning to go)?

I will go to the Imperial College in London at the end of this year.

What do you do when you are not at work?

I love to listen to music, mainly Jamaican music from the 60's. I am always looking for new songs to listen to. Also, I like to go out and dance to almost any kind of music. When I am at home (and I have time) I like to cook - it just relaxes me. Unfortunately, I don't cook Mexican food so often because it takes a lot of time!

Supplementary question from Camilla Pisani: What happened that famous night you were in Aalborg with Lorenzo?

Well, we were just stuck!

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

[Hassan Jawaid](#)

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

Are you happy, Hassan?

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](#)

[MOB Seminar Series](#)

[Public Sector Research Seminar Series](#)

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

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE



I have received the front page and abstract 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.

- [Peder J. Pedersen](#) and Torben D. Schmidt: [Life Events and Subjective Well-being: The Case of Having Children](#), IZA Discussion Paper Series No. 8207, May 2014.

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

HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!



This is the last issue before many of us will be going on summer holidays. The next issue of ECON News will come out on 18 August. Deadline for inputs is 14 August at 12 noon.

Happy holidays!

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

Next issue: Monday 18 August 2014.

Deadline for input: Thursday 14 August at 12 noon.

E-mail: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

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