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KRISTINA RISOM JESPERSEN RECEIVES AU ANNIVERSARY FOUNDATION PRIZE OF HONOUR FOR PEDAGOGICS



[Kristina Risom Jespersen](#) has received the Aarhus University Anniversary Foundation Prize of Honour for Pedagogics for her work with virtual learning and IT-based teaching methods.

Kristina has developed a virtual learning strategy for the Department and launched a number of pilot projects on the use of IT for teaching purposes. Moreover, she has developed a series of evaluation tools to assess the suitability of the tools being used in relation to the subject matter being taught in order to support the further development and use of virtual learning tools at the Department.

The Aarhus University Anniversary Foundation Prize of Honour for Pedagogics is awarded in recognition of outstanding and groundbreaking teaching at Aarhus University and is accompanied by a DKK 100,000 monetary award.

Congratulations!

[Read more](#)

OUR NEW PRESS CONSULTANT AT BSS COMMUNICATION



Here is a presentation of our new press consultant at BSS Communication (instead of Martin Hagelskjær Damsgaard who decided to leave AU). [Peter Harmsen](#) is the one you should contact if you have a story for the media:

"My name is Peter Harmsen, and I recently started work as a press consultant for Aarhus BSS. Before that I was a journalist, and I spent 20 years in East Asia as a foreign correspondent, primarily in China and Taiwan. Returning to Denmark to work for Aarhus BSS is a homecoming in more than one sense, as I have a degree in political science and Russian from Aarhus University.

My job here will be to strengthen ties with the Danish and foreign media and further boost coverage of all the interesting activities taking place at Aarhus BSS, especially in the research field. I will do my best to proactively look for stories that might appeal to the media, but you are also more than welcome to contact me with proposals for topics that deserve to be shared with a wider public.

My email is peterharmesen@au.dk and you can also reach me at tel. 8715 2195.

For other communication tasks, feel free to contact the Department's communication partner at BSS Communication [Ingrid Fossum](#) at if@au.dk or 8716 5327".

STRATEGIC FUNDS FOR EDUCATIONAL IT - APPLY NOW



In ECON News 81 it was announced that the Department has received DKK 42,500 for implementation of educational IT in teaching. Now DKK 24,000 of these funds have been allocated and we thus have DKK 18,500 left, which must be spent during the rest of 2015.

So if you have a great idea on how to use educational IT in your teaching, then please send your reasoned suggestion and an estimated budget to [Lene Bavnbeek Enevoldsen](#) (len@econ.au.dk).

The DKK 24,000 have been allocated to the following three technically creative minds:

- [Karina Skovvang Christensen](#) has received DKK 6,000 for a license to carry out the simulation case "Leadership and Team Simulation: Everest V2" in her Organizational Behaviour course. The case will come about many of the themes that are covered in the course. The students get a chance to simulate behaviour and experience the consequences that asymmetric information, different individual goals etc. have for a team and its ability to gain success.
- [Mogens Dilling Hansen](#) has received DKK 10,000 for the development

of videos for teaching in connection with the use of JMP (statistic software used in the teaching at HA).

- [Paolo Santucci de Magistris](#) has received DKK 8,000 for recording of guided solutions in his Computational Financial Econometrics course.

VISIT BY THE CARLSBERG/TUBORG FOUNDATION TO OUR DEPARTMENT

CARLSBERGFONDET

On 15 September in the afternoon The Carlsberg/Tuborg Foundation will visit The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms

The visit is part of the Foundation's round of visits to a wide range of research and culture institutions in Aarhus which the Foundation has provided funding for; e.g. iNano and AIAS at AU will also be paid a visit by the Foundation.

The Carlsberg/Tuborg Foundation is among the largest private donors of research funding in Denmark.

MULTITRIP BUS TICKETS - IF YOU TAKE THE BUS TO THE BARNOW AUDITORIUMS



In connection with lectures held in the temporary auditoriums in the Barnow Building, some lecturers may choose to take the bus to the Barnow Building.

To pay for the bus ride you may borrow a multitrip bus ticket from [Bibiana Paluszewska](#) in the Department's information desk, office 103, building 2632(L).

THE RESEARCH COMMUNICATION AWARD 2016 - CALL FOR RECOMMENDATIONS



The Ministry of Higher Education and Science calls for recommendations for the Research Communication Award 2016.

The annual award is given to a researcher who has been particularly dedicated to communicating his/her research to the public.

The prize is accompanied by a DKK 100,000 monetary award

Deadline for recommendations is 1 December 2015 at 12 noon.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

PHD INFORMATION MEETING FOR MASTER'S STUDENTS



The Department will host an information meeting for Master's students about our PhD programme in Economics and Business Economics on Friday 25 September from 2:15 to 3 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The aim of the meeting is to inform our Master's students about our PhD programme and to encourage them to apply.

Lecturers teaching Master's students are urged to inform their students about the meeting e.g. by showing the slide below in class, and if you know of specific talented students, please talk to them in person and tell them about the meeting.

[Slide about the PhD information meeting](#)

The next deadline for applications for the PhD programme is 15 October 2015.

The meeting will be held in English and hosted by Head of PhD Unit [Bo Sandemann Rasmussen](#).

[Read more about the meeting here](#)

PHD GUESTS



The Department often has PhD students visiting from abroad for longer or shorter periods. These guest PhD students are welcomed by PhD Supporter [Susanne Christensen](#) (CREATES guests by [Solveig Nygaard Sørensen](#)), and the Department provides an office space for them.

In order for the Department to provide the best service possible for these PhD guests, it is important that the relevant administrative staff are notified well in advance before the PhD guest arrives.

So if you are expecting a PhD guest, then please notify Susanne (CREATES – Solveig) or your administrative assistant well in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made and an office space can be set up in due course.

[Susanne Christensen](#): sch@econ.au.dk / 8716 5121

[Solveig Nygaard Sørensen](#) (CREATES): sns@econ.au.dk / 8716 5503

THE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL CLUB - AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2015



The University International Club (UIC) has sent out its Autumn 2015 Programme with seminars, workshops and informal events for all foreign as well as Danish staff and their spouses and families.

This season the programme revolves around getting a good start in Aarhus as they offer seminars on how to navigate through the sometimes unclear paths of the Danish authorities. The seminars come about the following topics: self-employment, digital post, getting work/residence permits and visas, interpreting the Danes, understanding your payslip and finally, intercultural training programs.

The UIC offers a place to meet, network, make friends, explore AU and Aarhus city, and to gain insight into the Danish culture and society. Every 2nd Friday they organize Playgroup for foreign and Danish staff with children.

[See the UIC Autumn programme here](#)

[You can also sign up for the UIC newsletter](#)

CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE

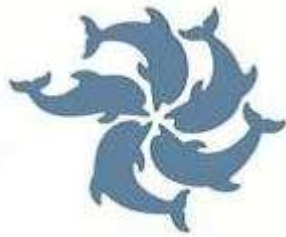


Before everyone's calendars for December fill up, it is now time to set a date for and to start planning this year's Christmas Party at the Department. So we need people to volunteer for the Christmas Party Committee to set a date, and to help organize and brain storm some exciting and fun ideas for the party.

Please contact [Christel B. Mortensen](mailto:chbm@asb.dk): chbm@asb.dk if you would like to be in the committee.

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

AUFF GRANTS



[The Aarhus University Research Foundation](#) is offering Starting Grants for assistant and associate professors.

In 2015 there is up to DKK 28 million for Assistant Professor Starting Grants and up to DKK 30 million for Associate Professor Starting Grants.

Application deadlines for the rest of 2015 are:

- 1 October at 12.00 (noon)
- 1 November at 12.00 (noon)
- 1 December at 12.00 (noon)

[Read more about the starting grants](#)

AUFF also offers publication support, support for PhD courses, research group meetings, workshops and summer camps at Sandbjerg manor, as well as research stays at Møllehuset and guest researcher grants, see <http://auff.au.dk/en/>.

AUTUMN 2015 CALL - THE DANISH COUNCIL FOR INDEPENDENT RESEARCH, SOCIAL SCIENCES



The Danish Council for Independent Research, Social Sciences, has announced its Autumn 2015 call for proposals with deadline on 30 October 2015 at 7:00pm.

The most important changes are:

1. latest submission time is 7:00 pm
2. reduction in length of the project description for most instruments
3. the discontinuation of the DFF-Research Project 3
4. addition of two new instruments: International Research Stays (min. 3 months, max 300,000 DKK) and the supplementary GROW programme which is only applicable for Sapere Aude (Starting & Advanced grant) recipients.

Note that the discontinuation of DFF-Research Project 3 means that the maximum that can be applied for via the research project grants is 4.5 million DKK excluding overhead.

- The instruments available in the Autumn are:
- DFF-Individual Postdoctoral grant
- DFF-Research Project 1
- DFF-Research Project 2
- Sapere Aude DFF-Starting Grant
- Sapere Aude DFF-Advanced Grant
- International Research Stays

[Read more about the call](#)

[Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), [Kim Allan Andersen](#) and [Niels Haldrup](#) will again be offering review of your application. The period for receiving applications for review is between Monday 28 September – Sunday 25 October 2015. No applications will be reviewed after this date. Please send pdf files of your project description and other supplements (budget, CVs etc.) to Nabanita at ndg@econ.au.dk.

ERC HORIZON 2020 PROGRAMME 2016



ERC has announced its Horizon 2020 programme for 2016 with calls for proposals for

- ERC Starting Grant (deadline 17 November 2015)
- ERC Consolidator Grant (deadline 2 February 2016)
- ERC Advanced Grant (deadline 1 September 2016)

[Read more about the programmes](#)

Please contact either [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#) or [Kim Allan Andersen](#) if you are thinking about applying for any of the ERC grants and need help preparing your application.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

Previously announced calls etc. regarding funding that are still valid can be found on the staff portal, see: econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/calls-for-applications/.

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

STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: TORBEN M. ANDERSEN



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

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

Since 1984, occasionally interrupted by various external engagements.

What is your background?

I started as an Oecon student, but actually never finished (would not be possible today!) since I went to the LSE to do an MSc. After that I returned to do a Lic Oecon (an earlier reincarnation of the PhD) and then went to CORE in Belgium to do my doctorate on quantitative economics.

What are your main areas of research?

The common denominator of what I have been doing in recent years is the economics of the (Nordic) welfare state, which mainly involves aspects in the intersection between labour and public economics. I also do some macro, mainly fiscal policy.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

I have some ongoing projects on labour market issues (flexicurity, persistence etc.) and on pension issues (why have mandated pension schemes?) and pension products (annuities). Moreover, I am doing some work on intergenerational transfers and the possibilities of implementing policies with long run gains by short run costs under the Pareto-criterion that no generation is made worse off.

In addition I am involved in various policy advising activities.

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

I teach a graduate course on the "Economics of the welfare state".

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

Yes, I often go to workshops and conferences to give talks. In addition, I participate in numerous more policy oriented meetings and conferences.

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

I am working regularly with Joydeep Bhattacharya, Iowa State University.

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

Not at the moment.

What do you do when you are not at work?

Well, I work a fair deal. When not, time is spent with my family, listening to jazz, running, skiing and trying to be a keen supporter of AGF.

Supplementary question from Peter Løchte Jørgensen: Is there a limit for your patience with politicians?

Well the patience is often tested. Yet, policy advice is a risky business, and there are ups and downs. Overall I think that there is a reasonable platform for policy advice, and that it is rather influential – not necessarily instantaneously or in all matters, but overall I think the record is quite good. It should also be added that there is a clear division of labour between experts and policy makers – experts are not up for elections, policy market are, and this makes a huge difference. Experts are there to give inputs and qualify the debate, but the responsibility ultimately rests with the policy makers. I guess that economic advising is no different or worse than it is for general practitioners who continuously tell us to live more healthy lives, perfectly well aware that behaviours do not always change!

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

[Marias Halldor Gestsson](#)

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

Is Iceland on the other side of the crisis?

INTRODUCTION MEETING FOR NEW PHD STUDENTS AT AARHUS BSS



An introduction meeting for all new PhD students and their supervisor at Aarhus BSS will be held on 6 October from 9 am to 3 pm at AIAS (building 1632, room 201).

The purpose of the meeting is to give new PhD students the possibility to meet other newly started PhD students and to introduce new PhD students to the graduate school.

Besides being a social event, PhD students will also get practical information about the PhD study and hear from two PhD students what has been their experience with the PhD study so far.

To sign up, please send a mail to Stine Birk Kristensen: stinebk@au.dk.

Deadline for registrations is 18 September.

[See the programme](#)

DGPE PHD COURSE: STATE SPACE MODELS



A DGPE PhD course on State Space Models will be held at the Department from 12 to 14 October 2015. The course will be lectured by [Siem Jan Koopman](#), VU University Amsterdam, Tinbergen Institute and CREATES.

The course is free of charge for DGPE members.

More information about the course will be available at the [course webpage](#) soon. Registration is open (see the [course webpage](#)).

PRESENT CONTRIBUTION



If you would like to contribute to a present in connection with a PhD defence, please contact [Susanne Christensen](#) (2632(L)-126). A direct mail is sent to all PhD students before the defence.

PHD RELATED EVENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT

[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 contact [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#).

SEMINARS

UPCOMING 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](#)

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

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

EVENTS

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- **[2015 Summer Global Business Conference](#)**
Dates: 30 September-3 October 2015
Deadline: 15 June 2015 (for papers/abstracts)
Venue: Sibenik, Croatia
- **[DGPE Workshop 2015](#)**
Dates: 19-20 November 2015
Deadline: 1 October 2015
Venue: Sandbjerg Manor
- **[CAFE Workshop](#)**
Dates: 16-18 December 2015
Deadline: 2 October 2015
Venue: Comwell Kellers Park, Børkop
- **[2016 Winter Global Business Conference](#)**
Dates: 1-5 February 2016
Deadline: 15 December 2015
Venue: Tignes, France
- **[Conference on Labour Market Models and Their Applications](#)**
Dates: 26-29 October 2015
Deadline: 1 September 2015
Venue: Sandbjerg

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 contact [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:birgitte.hojkling@econ.au.dk) bhoejkling@econ.au.dk

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of 1 new publication and 3 new working papers. 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: [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:birgitte.hojkling@econ.au.dk), bhoejkling@econ.au.dk.

Publications:

- [Christian Bjørnskov: Social Trust Fosters an Ability to Help Those in Need: Jewish Refugees in the Nazi Era](#), Political Studies: 2015, Vol. 63, pp. 951–974.

Working Papers:

- [Yunus Emre Ergemen](#) and Abderrahim Taamouti: [Parametric Portfolio Policies with Common Volatility Dynamics](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-41.
- [Martin Paldam: The rational economist in research: A model](#), Economics Working Papers 2015-16.
- [Kenneth Lykke Sørensen: Heterogeneous Impacts on Earnings from an Early Effort in Labor Market Programs](#), Economics Working Papers 2015-17.

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

ECON News is issued every two weeks.

Next issue: Monday 28 September 2015

Deadline for input: Thursday 24 September at 12 noon

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