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1 MILLION DKK GRANT FOR PROJECT ABOUT AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH OUTCOMES



Professor [Carsten Bøcker Pedersen](#), who is affiliated with [NCRR](#) and [CIRRAU](#), has received a grant of DKK 1 million from NordForsk for a project in cooperation with Department of Environmental Science.

As a partner in a joint Nordic collaboration headed by Jørgen Brandt and Camilla Geels, Department of Environmental Science, [CIRRAU](#) will investigate the possible association between air quality and various health outcomes including both early death, asthma as well as childhood mental disorders such as autism and ADHD.

This project was made possible through CIRRAU's national geocoding of the entire Danish population since 1978, which is available for researchers affiliated with Aarhus University.

[Read more about the research project](#) (in Danish).

INTRO MEETING ABOUT THE NEW DIGITAL COURSE EVALUATION SYSTEM?



In connection with the implementation of the new joint digital course evaluation system, [CUL](#) is offering to hold an introduction meeting at the Department about the new system.

Please contact [Margit Sommer](mailto:msommer@econ.au.dk) (msommer@econ.au.dk) before 1 October if you would be interested in participating in such an introduction meeting, then she will set up a meeting with CUL at the Department.

The courses which will be evaluated using the new joint evaluation form in the autumn of 2015 are:

- Courses at Bachelor's and Master's level (lectures, classroom lessons and seminars) where the teaching is completed by 15 November or later.
- HD (Graduate Diploma in Business Administration), Master's and MBA courses where the teaching is completed by 15 November or later.

[Read more about the new digital evaluation system here.](#)

IMPROVE INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONALS ABOUT AARHUS



The City of Aarhus is working to create better services for internationals. In this work they wish to identify how internationals meet Aarhus for the first time online.

International employees at the Department are therefore kindly asked to fill out the questionnaire below about the City of Aarhus' online information and thereby help improve the services for other internationals about Aarhus.

[Fill out the survey](#) (it takes approximately 2 minutes)

LEONIE GERHARDS IS MOVING TO HAMBURG



[Leonie Gerhards](#) has chosen to terminate her position as postdoc at the Department per 31 October and move to Hamburg for a 6-year postdoc position at University of Hamburg. Leonie's partner is living in Hamburg so it is only natural that she wants to live there too.

Leonie has been at the Department since August 2013, and she will be missed by many of her colleagues here.

We wish Leonie the best of luck in Hamburg.

TRAVEL INSURANCE WHEN GOING TO THE US



When travelling on official business you are covered by the Travel insurance for Danish government employees (*Tjenesterejseforsikringen*), provided that you have a valid insurance card ([read more about the insurance card here](#)).

However, when travelling to the US you should be aware that some states and/or universities require extra insurance and you may thus have to take out supplementary insurance to live up to their requirements. This may of course make your trip more expensive and should be taken into account when making a budget for your trip. If in doubt, ask your host institution.

[Read more about AU's travel insurance here](#)

INTERNAL OFFICE MOVE BETWEEN BUILDINGS B, C AND K



Due to office space problems in building 2621(B), the secretariat of TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research will move to offices in building 2630(K). This will happen during October.

The persons who will move to new offices have been informed.

LEARN DANISH - START IN OCTOBER



Aarhus University and Lær Dansk offer Danish language courses for all international staff and their spouses during the fall semester 2015.

- **Crash Course in Danish**
For two intensive weeks Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon starting 19 October 2015.
- **Full semester Course**
Twice a week Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 7:30 pm starting 19 October 2015
- **Netdansk**
Online tuition. Can function as a supplement to Danish tuition at the language centre or as online tuition alone.

Deadline for signing up is 7 October.

[Read more](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM EUOPSTART

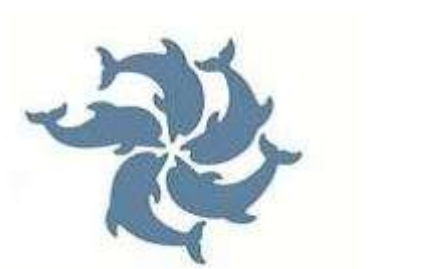


EUopSTART offers funding for the preparatory work in connection with applications under Horizon 2020, e.g. for meetings, travelling etc.

Deadline for applications in 19 October 2015 at 12 noon.

[Read more about EUopSTART here.](#)

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: MARIAS HALLDOR GESTSSON



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

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

Almost two months now. I was a PhD student here in 2005-2010 so I am not as new as the two months suggest.

What is your background?

I grew up in Isafjordur in the north-western part of Iceland and lived there until I was 18 when I left for the big city (Reykjavik) to learn economics. After finishing my undergraduate degree, I went to work at the Central Bank of Iceland and later at the Institute of Economic Studies at the University of Iceland where I worked until I came to Aarhus in 2005. We moved back to Iceland in 2010 and I worked at the Central Bank of Iceland until 2013. Then I decided take up a position at the University of Iceland where I hold a mixed researcher/assistant professor position, which I am currently on leave from.

What are your main areas of research?

Macroeconomics and economic policy. I am currently thinking (and living) in an overlapping generations economy and my research interests are in the fields of annuity markets, savings for retirement, retirement age, pensions etc.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

I am currently looking into reasons for the thinness of private annuity markets, i.e. why people do not use such markets to save for consumption during

retirement more than is observed.

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

I am teaching Macro 1 this semester.

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

Not planned at the moment.

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

No.

What do you do when you are not at work?

Spend time with my wife and two six-year-old boys. My boys started school last month and are learning Danish, so there is a lot going on at home. Else, my main hobby is fly fishing for salmon and trout, and I try to do as much of that during the summer when I am in Iceland. I have not explored the fly fishing possibilities in Denmark yet and would like to hear from anglers at the Department concerning that.

Supplementary question from [Torben M. Andersen](#): Is Iceland on the other side of the crisis?

The main indicators look pretty good: 3-4% growth forecasted, 4% unemployment (still higher than the pre-crisis average), inflation close to target and interest rates low (compared to Icelandic history). Though the last two are expected to rise due to the wage contracts agreed on last spring. However, the capital controls have not yet been lifted, which casts shadow over the good looking numbers. My answer to the question is therefore no. Further, this, i.e. the crisis and the capital controls, are bound to have some negative effects on the long run growth possibilities.

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

[Allan Sørensen](#)

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

How is the beer status at the Tuborg Center?

THE PHD CORNER

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](#).

EVENTS

SYMPOSIUM IN APPLIED STATISTICS



The 38th Symposium in Applied Statistics will be held at Copenhagen Business School on 25-27 January 2016.

The Symposium is organized by at Department of Finance and Department of Economics at CBS and Statistics Denmark.

The aim of the Symposium is to create a forum for the exchange of ideas and experience with the use of statistical methods and analyses across different areas of research.

Deadline for title and abstract of papers is 9 October 2015.

Participation in the symposium costs DKK 1000.

[See the call for papers here](#) (in Danish).

INTRODUCTION MEETING FOR NEW EMPLOYEES



The Department will hold an introduction meeting for all new employees who have joined the Department after the last meeting was held in 2013.

The meeting will be hosted by Head of Education [Kristina Risom Jespersen](#), who will lay out the structural build-up of our Department including research and educational programmes in a number of Bachelor, Master, PhD and executive level degrees that the Department offers at the School of Business and Social Sciences.

The introduction will also include an overview of our educational organisation and how teaching activities by VIPs and PhDs are registered at the Department.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday 20 October from 12:00 to 12:45 pm in 2632(L)-242.

Sign up for the meeting here before 15 October 2015:

<http://doodle.com/poll/h23xk9v2ai8tkh8g>

INTRODUCTION DAY FOR NEW EMPLOYEES AT AU



On Thursday 8 October from 9:30 am to 2 pm, AU will hold an introduction day for new international employees. You will meet the senior management at AU, and be introduced to the university's overall strategies and values.

There will be an opportunity to gain insight into the organisational structure, liaison committees, the union representatives, and rules and guidelines for employees at AU.

[Read more](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- **[2015 Summer Global Business Conference](#)**
Dates: 30 September-3 October 2015
Deadline: 15 June 2015 (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

- **[Symposium in Applied Statistics](#)**

Dates: 25-27 January 2016

Deadline: 9 October 2015 (title and abstract)

Venue: Copenhagen Business School

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:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk) bhoejklint@econ.au.dk

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](#)

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

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of 2 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](#), bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

Working Papers:

- [Mikkel Bennedsen](#): [Rough electricity: a new fractal multi-factor model of electricity spot prices](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-42.
- [Mikkel Bennedsen](#), [Asger Lunde](#) and [Mikko S. Pakkanen](#): [Hybrid scheme for Brownian semistationary processes](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-43.

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

Due to the autumn holidays in week 42, the next issue of ECON News will be postponed till:


Next issue: Monday 26 October 2015

Deadline for input: Thursday 22 October at 12 noon

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