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DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY



Don't forget to sign up for this year's Christmas Party at the Department, which will be held on Friday 11 December at 4 pm.

There will be a quiz with numbers, great music, and as usual we will play the traditional Danish "Pakkeleg", so please bring a small gift (approx. DKK 20).

The party will take place in our lunch room (2632(L)-141).

The menu will be traditional Danish Christmas style, and there will be wine, beer and snaps.

- The price is DKK 150 per person.
- Please sign up via this link: <https://auws.au.dk/ChristmasParty2015>
- Deadline for registration is 20 November.

NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY FORCES TO TRYGFONDEN'S CENTRE FOR CHILD RESEARCH



[Center for Child Language](#) at University of Southern Denmark with Professor Dorthe Bleses and Associate Professor Anders Højen will be moving to [TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research](#) where a new research programme for child language will be established.

The incorporation of Center for Child Language into TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research will no doubt strengthen the interdisciplinary cooperation between the researchers and open new opportunities for sharing data and exploiting each other's networks. This will create better opportunities for the researchers to advise decision-makers and professionals who are working with children.

Dorthe Bleses and Anders Højen will be affiliated with School of Communication and Culture at ARTS, but they will be located physically at TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research at Fuglesangs Allé.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

VISIT FROM THE WORKING ENVIRONMENT AUTHORITY



Two representatives from the Working Environment Authority (*Arbejdstilsynet*) visited Campus Fuglesangs Allé last week to inspect the physical and psychological working environment at campus.

First they had a meeting with our [local working environment organisation](#), which consists of staff representative [Niels Relsted](#) and management representative [Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen](#), and after that they went for a round of inspection on campus and interviewed some randomly chosen employees about the psychological working environment.

We passed!

THESIS PRIZE 2016 - DANISH LABOUR MARKET ECONOMICS



The Ministry of Employment has sent out a call for applications for a prize for the best bachelor's or master's thesis in 2016 within the topic of Danish Labour Market Economics.

Bachelor's and master's thesis advisors are urged to send recommendations, and students may also apply themselves.

The thesis must be handed in and assessed during next year, 2016, and it must have received grade 10 or 12. Deadline is 31 January 2017.

The award is accompanied by a DKK 25,000 prize.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

GRADUATION AWARDS FROM THE DANISH EXPORT ASSOCIATION



Do you know a talented graduate with a bachelor project or a master thesis focusing on exports/internationalization/globalization?

Then recommend him/her to apply for the Graduate Awards of the Danish Export Association!

Every year, the Danish Export Association rewards the best graduates from Business and Social Sciences with DKK 8,000 to a bachelor graduate and DKK 12,000 to a master graduate.

Only graduates with grade of 10 or more for the bachelor project/master thesis will be considered for the award. Graduates from September 2014 can apply for this year's awards.

Application deadline is 31 December 2015.

Applicants must be recommended by their academic supervisor.

[Read more](#)

AU ELECTION



On 23 - 26 November employees and students at AU will elect representatives to the university's various councils, boards and committees.

Academic and technical-administrative employees are eligible to vote for representatives to the board and the academic councils.

You can cast your vote electronically at au.dk/valg during the period 23 November at 9 am till 26 November at 4 pm.

[Read more](#)

A SOFA FOR YOUR OFFICE?



The Department has a sofa with dark green woollen upholstery that needs a new home.

[See photo](#) (with a couple of pillows, it could become quite cosy).

Send an e-mail to [Christel B. Mortensen \(chbm@econ.au.dk\)](mailto:chbm@econ.au.dk) if you would like to have the sofa in your office.

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT



All employees at Aarhus University can apply for funding for specific competence development activities.

The fund is intended to encourage employees and managers to prioritise competence development in order to meet AU's needs as well as promoting employees' individual and professional development.

The next application deadline is 15 December 2015.

[Read more](#)

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/.

EVENTS

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SEMINAR: JAMES HAMILTON



Professor of Economics James Hamilton from University of California at San Diego will visit the Department as a distinguished speaker at a seminar hosted by [CREATES](#) on 10 November 2015.

The title of the seminar is "Sign Restrictions, Structural Vector Autoregressions, and Useful Prior Information".

The seminar will be held in Auditorium 2628(M)-2 at 2:30 pm.

[Read more.](#)

COURSE ON REGISTER-BASED RESEARCH



The Coordinating Body for Register-based Research (KOR) will host a course on the use of register-based research.

The course aims to give researchers who are interested in using register-based research the competencies to exploit register-based research in a safe, thought through and ethically correct manner.

The course is free and will be held twice: In Copenhagen on 19 January 2016, and in Aarhus on 20 January 2016 – both times from 9 am to 4 pm.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- **[Distinguished Speaker Seminar: James Hamilton](#)**
Date: 10 November 2015 at 2:30 pm
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, Aud. 2628(M)-2
- **[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
- **[Symposium in Applied Statistics](#)**
Dates: 25-27 January 2016
Deadline: 30 October 2015 (title and abstract)

Venue: Copenhagen Business School

- **Danish Public Choice Workshop** (link TBA)
Date: 29 January 2016
Deadline: 30 November 2015
Venue: CEPOS, Copenhagen
- **[2016 Winter Global Business Conference](#)**
Dates: 1-5 February 2016
Submission deadline: 26 Oct. 2015
Venue: Tignes, France
- **[4th Business Systems Laboratory International Symposium: "Governing Business Systems: Theories and Challenges for Systems Thinking in Practice"](#)**
Dates: 24-26 August 2016
Deadline: 15 March 2016
Venue: Vilnius, Lithuania

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

THE PHD CORNER

PHD DEFENCE: LENE GILJE JUSTESEN



[Lene Gilje Justesen](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Empirical Banking" on Tuesday 10 November at 1:15 pm in Auditorium 2624-E1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Ken L. Bechmann, Copenhagen Business School
- Professor Charlotte Østergaard, BI Norwegian Business School
- Professor [Anders Grosen](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2632(L)-242.

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: JONAS MAIBOM



[Jonas Maibom](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Structural and Empirical Analysis of the Labour Market" on Wednesday 11 November at 1:15 pm in Auditorium 2624-E1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Jeremy Lise, University College London
- Professor Mette Ejrnæs, University of Copenhagen
- Associate Professor [Rune Vejlin](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in the Tuborg Atrium (2632(L)-162).

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: SYLVANUS KWAKU AFESORGBOR



[Sylvanus Kwaku Afesorabor](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on International Economics and Development" on Thursday 12 November at 2:15 pm in Auditorium 2624-E2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Martin Gassebner, University of Hannover
- Professor Raymond G. Riezman, The University of Iowa
- Professor [Martin Paldam](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in the Tuborg Atrium (2632(L)-162).

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: KRISTINE VASILJEVA



[Kristine Vasiljeva](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Immigration in a Generous Welfare State" on Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 11:15 am (auditorium: TBA).

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Tommaso Frattini, University of Milan
- Senior Researcher Beatrice Schindler Rangvid, The Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI)
- Professor [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in room L162 (Tuborg Atrium), building 2632.

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: JONAS NYGAARD ERIKSEN



[Jonas Nygaard Eriksen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Business Cycles and Expected Returns" on Friday 18 December at 1:15 pm (auditorium: TBA).

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Jesper Rangvid, Copenhagen Business School
- Economist Andreas Schrimpf, Bank for International Settlements
- Associate Professor [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2628(M)-303.

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: SIMON JUUL HVIID



[Simon Juul Hviid](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Dynamic Models of the Housing Market" on Friday 8 January 2016 at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Mette Gørtz, University of Copenhagen
- Lecturer Esteban Aucejo, London School of Economics
- Associate Professor [Stig Vinther Møller](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception (room to be announced).

[Read more](#)

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](#).

STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: ANDERS LAUGESSEN



This time [Anders Laugesen](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Anders. Anders is assistant professor at the Department and is affiliated with [The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms](#).

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

If years as a TA count, then since 2008. If not, then since 2010.

What is your background?

Before going to university, I spent most of my time sailing dinghies such as the optimist, the European dinghy, the olympic 49er skiff, and the Australian 18ft skiff. It was great fun and I got to see many interesting countries of the world. When I think of my youth, I also think of the good times of being bassist in both a motor cycle rock 'n' roll band and in a small jazz band.

What are your main areas of research?

I often do work on aggregation in GE models with heterogeneous firms. Specifically, I try to figure out when and how one can derive clear-cut industry-level results of shocks when the firm-level responses are heterogeneous, as is often the case. One main ambition is to feed empiricists with new theoretical industry-level predictions that hold for a long list of nested trade models. The main toolbox is supermodular optimisation and monotone comparative statics known to people from e.g. the fields of operations research and organisational economics.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

I have to finish two papers before December 15. One is a book chapter on the extensive margins of offshoring and exporting. The other paper is an extension of what I described in the last question to the important case of asymmetrical industry-level shocks and asymmetrical countries.

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

Together with [Heidi Christina Thyssen](#), I teach introductory mathematics in the ba.soc. study programme. I also provide quite a bit of supervision this present semester.

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

I have travelled extensively over the past couple of years, so I have planned not to apply to any conferences next season. Over the winter, I will give a talk in Zurich and attend a workshop at Sandbjerg Manor. I have also been invited to give a talk in Moscow in April.

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

A potential co-author, Michael Koch from Bayreuth, Germany, is visiting some colleagues and me in December.

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

To be frank, my main ambition in life is to make the cooperation with postdoc and spouse Jane Rosenstand Poulsen, Dept. of Bioscience, as smooth as possible.

What do you do when you are not at work?

I like to: ride bicycles, go running, read books, go motorbiking with my wife, throw parties, cook, play guitar, sing, go sailing, eat, drink, and be merry. I am also spending a fair amount of time trying to fix our old house.

Supplementary question from [Allan Sørensen](#): Which task is most difficult: a) to build GE-models with heterogeneous agents to analyse effects on industry compositions or b) to buy and renovate an old house?

Casual empiricism suggests that my hair has been greying over the past three years where I have worked intensively on task a. Subjectively, I would estimate that the hair-greying has come somewhat to a halt in the past half year where I have spent most nights and weekends working on our house, i.e., task b. Hence, I would say that task a is the more difficult one for me.

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

[Leif Danziger](#)

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

If anything, what can the next department chief learn from the operations of your department at Ben-Gurion University?

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 X new publications and X 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.hojklint@econ.au.dk), bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

Publications:

- Taryn Ann Galloway, Björn Gustafsson, [Peder J. Pedersen](#) and Torun Österberg: [Immigrant Child Poverty – The Achilles Heel of the Scandinavian Welfare State](#), Measurement of Poverty, Deprivation, and Economic Mobility, 2015, Volume 23, pp. 185-219.
- [Peder J. Pedersen](#): [Thomas Piketty: Teori, resultater og relevans for Danmark](#), Samfundøkonomien nr. 3, October 2015.

Working Papers:

- Annastiina Silvennoinen and [Timo Teräsvirta](#): [Testing constancy of unconditional variance in volatility models by misspecification and specification tests](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-47.
- Karl Fritjof Krassel and [Kenneth Lykke Sørensen](#): [Childhood and Adulthood Skill Acquisition – Importance for Labor Market Outcomes](#), Economics Working Papers 2015-20.
- Mona Larsen and [Peder J. Pedersen](#): [Labor Force Activity after 60: Recent Trends in the Scandinavian Countries with Germany as a Benchmark](#), IZA Discussion Paper No. 9393, September 2015.

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.

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