

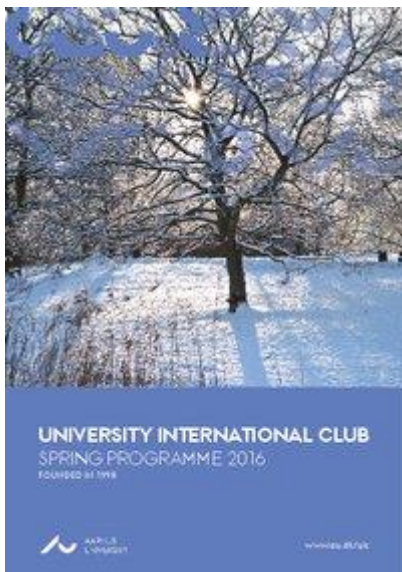


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THE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL CLUB- SPRING PROGRAMME 2016



[The University International Club \(UIC\)](#) has sent out its Spring 2016 Programme with seminars, workshops and informal events for all foreign as well as Danish staff and their spouses and families.

This time the programme contains thought-provoking seminars from AU academics, visits to ambitious local businesses, and workshops to help internationals become acquainted with the way things work in Denmark

Pick up a copy of the programme from Ingrid's office (2632(L)-103) or see it here:

[UIC Spring Programme 2016](#)

REPORT ON THE FUTURE OF THE DANISH MANUFACTURING SECTOR



A report on the Danish manufacturing sector entitled “Danish Manufacturing – Winning in the Next Decade” prepared by [The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms](#) and McKinsey & Company was presented at an event at the home of the Confederation of Danish Industries in Copenhagen earlier this month.

The report is the result of one of the most comprehensive surveys ever made of the Danish manufacturing sector, based on analyses of altogether 225 companies and input from 250 executives.

[Read more](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

INFORMATION MEETING WITH INNOVATION FUND DENMARK



Innovation Fund Denmark will hold an information meeting at Aarhus University on Friday 4 March 2016 from 12:30 am to 2 pm at Tåsingegade.

Innovation Fund Denmark is the new, big player in the Danish research and innovation landscape. The foundation has DKK 1.25 bn each year at its disposal and invests in entrepreneurs, researchers and businesses with knowledge and ideas that create growth and jobs in Denmark.

The information meeting will focus on the funding instruments offered by the foundation, and you will get a chance to ask questions concerning your own project at the meeting.

Registration is necessary (seats are limited).

Deadline is 29 February.

The meeting will be held in English.

[Read more](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



The following funding opportunities may be relevant to you:

FACE: Fund for Academic Cooperation and Exchange between Denmark and the Arab World

Established as a new Danish-Arab Partnership Programme (DAPP) engagement to support academic cooperation between Denmark and the MENA region.

Danish institutions that have entered into collaboration with partners from the MENA region can apply for funding for academic partnership projects.

FACE supports two types of grants:

- Large grants (between DKK 50,000 and 2,000,000 per year).
Deadline is 30 March 2016.
- Small grants (up to DKK 50,000 DKKK) for e.g. academic exchange visits, organizing of conferences, seminars and meetings, etc.
Deadline is 1 March 2017.

Read more: <http://face-programme.dk/index.html>

NORFACE: Dynamics of Inequality Across the Lifecourse: structures and processes (DIAL)

New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe (NORFACE) is a collaborative partnership of national research funding agencies from 18 European countries in the area of social and behavioral sciences.

The DIAL call for proposals has four themes:

1. early life influences and outcomes
2. early adult transitions into tertiary education, vocational training and economic activity
3. labour market and family trajectories and the growth of inequality
4. labour market participation in later life and retirement.

The deadline for phase one applications is 30 March 2016.

A project requires minimum 3 partners from the participating countries.

The budget limit is € 1,500,000 across all participating partners.

Read more: <http://www.norface.net/>

NOS-HS Workshops 2016

The Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (NOS-HS) invites proposals for funding covering series of Nordic workshops.

The aim of the grant is to promote research collaboration and development of new research areas and programmes within the humanities and the social sciences in the Nordic countries.

Deadline is 23 February 2016.

Budget frame: SEK 300,000-450,000.

Read more: <http://www.nos-hs.org/grants-for-nos-hs-workshops-2016-call-for-proposals/>

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE - DEADLINE 6 JUNE



The Danish National Research Foundation's deadline for phase one applications for New Centers of Excellence is 6 June.

[See the call for applications here.](#)

The Department's internal review board, which consists of [Kim Allan Andersen](#), [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#) and [Niels Haldrup](#), is ready to assist you by providing feedback on your application. The board will be accepting grant proposals for New Centers of Excellence for review until 8 May 2016. [Read more about our internal review board here.](#)

You may also contact the [AU Research Support Office](#). They offer support to applicants all the way through the application process, e.g. with the project description, budget, timing, CV, and general tips and tricks. Our contact person is: [Anne Marie Zwergius](#): 2845 5016, amz@au.dk.

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/.

THE PHD CORNER

THE DPGE WORKSHOP 2016



The DPGE Workshop 2016 will take place on 10 to 11 November 2016 at Severin Conference Center in Middelfart.

The DPGE Workshop is an annual event that provides an excellent opportunity for PhD students to meet with other PhD students and faculty from the DGPE network.

Also, it gives PhD students the chance to present their work and get valuable feedback.

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: SILVIA MIGALI



[Silvia Migali](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Essays on International Migration: Institutions, Skill Recognition, and the Welfare State" on Wednesday 24 February 2016 at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Per Lundborg, Stockholm University
- Senior Researcher Marie Louise Schultz-Nielsen, Rockwool Foundation
- Associate Professor [Niels Skipper](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: LORENZO BOLDRINI



[Lorenzo Boldrini](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Forecasting with Linear State-Space Systems" on Friday 26 February 2016 at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Siem Jan Koopman, VU University Amsterdam
- Professor Tommaso Proietti, Università di Roma Tor Vergata
- Professor [Asger Lunde](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: PALLE SØRENSEN



[Palle Sørensen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Financial Frictions, Price Rigidities, and the Business Cycle" on Monday 7 March at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Mikael Carlsson, Uppsala University
- Associate Professor Emiliano Santoro, University of Copenhagen
- Professor [Tom Engsted](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[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: ALEXANDER PAUL



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

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

Since September 2015.

What is your background?

I obtained my PhD in Economics from the University of Mannheim, Germany, last summer. My bachelor's and master's degrees are from the same institution, but I also spent some time abroad, namely at Bocconi University in Milan and at the University of California in Berkeley, USA.

What are your main areas of research?

My research is centered in applied econometrics. So far, I have mainly worked on health economic questions, such as the impact of patient cost-sharing on health care utilization. Recently, I have become increasingly interested in the formation of skills and intergenerational inequality.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

In one project with my former colleagues Gerard van den Berg and Steffen Reinhold, we investigate the effect of the business cycle on newborn health outcomes, in particular we ask whether recessions can actually be beneficial to babies.

I am also about to start two new projects with colleagues here in Aarhus. The first one aims at decomposing health care use in Denmark into factors attributable to demand (such as age and health of the patients) and factors attributable to the doctor (such as practice styles and available technology). It is joint with Anton Nilsson and Niels Skipper.

The second project together with Michael Rosholm will be concerned with the formation and persistence of skills during childhood and their interaction with parental characteristics.

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

In spring 2016 I am teaching the Descriptive Economics, part of the Business Economics course for HA-Bachelor students.

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

Yes, I have submitted to a few conferences and I now hope for positive replies.

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

Although I am not formally hosting him, I am happy that my co-author Anton Nilsson of Lund University is visiting the department and will be here for several months.

What do you do when you are not at work?

In an attempt to master the Danish language, I attend classes with Lærdansk twice a week - progress has been slow but steady so far.

To stay in good physical shape, I try (and usually manage to) go running twice a week.

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

[Rune Vammen Lesner](#)

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

Which team are you going to cheer for at the Euro 2016?

EVENTS

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- **[Workshop: Labor Markets, Human Capital Formation, Migration and Trade](#)**
Dates: 7-8 April 2016
Submission deadline: 14 February 2016
Venue: Hotel Scandic Aarhus City, Aarhus
- **[The XIIth Danish International Economics Workshop](#)**
Dates: 16-17 June 2016
Deadline: 15 March 2016
Venue: Hotel Scandic Aarhus City, Aarhus
- **[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
- **[7th Annual Global Business Conference 2016](#)**
Dates: 28 Sept.-1 Oct. 2016
Deadline: 15 June 2015

Venue: Croatia

- [**Workshop om Kriminalpræventive Effektevalueringer**](#)

Dates: 26-27 October 2016

Deadline: -

Venue: Hotel Vejlefjord, Stouby

- [**DGPE workshop 2016**](#)

Dates: 10-11 November 2016

Deadline: -

Venue: Severin Conference Center, Middelfart

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

INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINAR SERIES: GENDERING IN RESEARCH

[Emma von Essen](#) is arranging an interdisciplinary seminar series called Gendering in Research once a month joint with The Interacting Minds Centre at Nobelparken.

The next seminar will be held on Thursday 25 February from 11am to 1pm at Nobelparken.

The speaker is Christina Fiig, who will talk about "Blind Spots on News Sources, Gender & Minorities in Danish".

For details about the seminar see: [Gendering in Research Seminar](#).

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 two new publications and one new working paper. 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](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

Publications:

- Paul Bingley, [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), Michael Jørgensen & [Peder J. Pedersen](#): Health, Disability Insurance, and Retirement in Denmark, Ch.8, pp. 331-368, in David A. Wise (ed.): Social Security Programs and Retirement Around the World. Disability Insurance Programs and Retirement. 2016. The University of Chicago Press.
- René Kallestrup, David Lando and [Agatha Murgoci](#): [Financial sector linkages and the dynamics of bank and sovereign credit spreads](#), Journal of Empirical Finance, January 2016.

Working papers:

- [Girum D. Abate](#) and Luc Anselin: [House price fluctuations and the business cycle dynamics](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-6.

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 29 February 2016

Deadline for input: Thursday 25 February at 12 noon

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