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MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS KRISTIAN JENSEN'S VISIT AT THE DEPARTMENT



On Monday 9 May, Denmark's Minister for Foreign Affairs Kristian Jensen paid a visit to the Department and Aarhus BSS.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss the future of Denmark's foreign policies and the Government's new foreign policy strategy with a select group of researchers from Aarhus BSS, students, alumni and representatives from the business community.

[Read more about the visit](#)

MANY AU CREDIT CARDS WILL EXPIRE ON 30 JUNE 2016



On 30 June 2016, a large number of AU credit cards will expire. Due to the large number of cards that need to be replaced at once, the procedure for replacing the cards will not be as usual.

If your AU credit card expires on 30 June 2016, you will receive a new credit card directly from SEB by post to your home address during the period 20 May to 20 June 2016, and on Monday 23 May you will receive an email from AU Finance with information about the replacement of your AU credit card.

The new credit card will have the same card number and PIN code as your old card, but the expiry date and the security code on the back will be different. You should not activate the new card before use.

AU Finance will make sure that your travel profile at Carlson Wagonlit is updated with the new credit card information, but you must change your credit

card information for other regular credit card payments (e.g. Brobizz, subscriptions) yourself, and don't forget to destroy the old card.

[Read more about the AU credit card here](#)

NEW AV-EQUIPMENT AT AU - HAVE A SAY!



In connection with a call for tender concerning new AV-equipment for meeting rooms, lecture halls and auditoriums at AU, AU IT and AU's purchasing department would like to involve you as lecturers in the requirements analysis which will precede the tender process.

BSS IT Support therefore invites interested faculty to join the requirements part of the tender process to help ensure the right design, capacity and functionality of future AV-equipment.

Please contact [Andreas Heuwinkel](#) if you would like to be consulted regarding this matter or if you have any questions: ah@au.dk.

LUNCH FOR EXAMINERS AND EXTERNAL EXAMINERS



In connection with exams, lunch for the examiner and external examiner will be ordered by the study supporter. The examiner and external examiner must pick up their lunch in CafInn (the canteen in building 2610(S)).

The Multi Hall in building 2610(S) will be used for written exams for a large part of the exam period, so the "glass room" on the 2nd floor of building 2628(M) has been reserved for lunch-eating examiners and external examiners during the entire exam period.

IS YOUR CV IN PURE UP TO DATE?



This is just a friendly reminder to all faculty that you should make sure that your CV on your personal website at AU.dk is updated.

Log on to PURE: <http://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/pure/> to update the CV-information on your website.

If you need help updating your CV in PURE, you should contact your administrative assistant ([Who is my assistant?](#)).

THE STUDY PROGRESS REFORM IS READY TO BE IMPLEMENTED



The Study Progress Reform II is now ready to be implemented at AU. The aim of the reform is to provide increased flexibility for the students. Two of the key elements of the reform are that compulsory registration for exams will be abolished and that a maximum time to degree will be introduced.

However, it is still a general set of rules. During the coming months, the faculties will decide how to handle the new rules, and the academic regulations will be adjusted. How this will affect the individual degree programmes will be decided at the faculty in the near future.

The students have received the following information about the reform:
[Information for students about the reform](#)

[Read more about the study progress reform here](#)

An information meeting about the Study Progress Reform will be held at the Department within the coming weeks. You will receive a separate invitation to the meeting by e-mail once the date has been set.

RESEARCH AND PRACTICE WORKING HAND IN HAND



[Sanne Wøhlk's](#) project on waste management is a great example of research and practice working hand in hand. In cooperation with a number of waste disposal companies, Sanne Wøhlk is working on finding the most efficient ways of collecting and transporting waste.

The Danish Magazine Teknik & Miljø, which is published by Kommunalteknisk Chefforening (KTC), brings an article about the project in their issue from April 2016.

[Read the article here](#) (in Danish) (Teknik & Miljø, No 04, April 2016, pp. 28-29, Kommunalteknisk Chefforening (KTC))

[Read more about Sanne Wøhlk's project in English here](#)

INTENSIVE DANISH COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

Lærdansk

Lærdansk Aarhus will start a new "crash course" in Danish for beginners next week which will run in weeks 22 and 23 (i.e. from 30 May) - every weekday from 8:30 to 12

The "Crash Course in Danish" is a good beginner's course if you want a quick introduction to the Danish language.

[Read more and sign up](#)

Deadline for applying is 25 May.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH LANGUAGE SKILLS



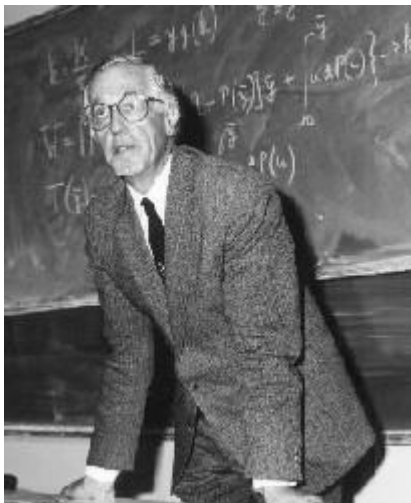
AU offers a number of English courses to employees who would like to improve their English language skills – written as well as oral:

There are English Brush-up courses at three different levels, a more thorough course that includes a trip to the UK and workshops in academic writing.

[Read more](#)

EVENTS

MALINVAUD CONFERENCE - CALL FOR PAPERS



The organizers of the Malinvaud Conference call for papers for the conference which will be held on 8-10 December 2016 in Paris.

The full title of the conference is "Theory, measurement and expertise: Edmond Malinvaud and the reconfigurations of economic theory, 1950-2000", and it aims to bring together a diverse range of specialists reflecting the diversity of Malinvaud's work: microeconomists, macroeconomists, econometricians and statisticians, historians of statistics and econometrics and alumni of Edmond Malinvaud.

Deadline for submitting abstracts is 15 June 2016.

[Read more](#)

CONFERENCE ON AMBIT FIELDS AND RELATED TOPICS



[The Thiele Centre for Applied Mathematics in Natural Science](#) invites to a conference on "Ambit fields: Probabilistic properties and statistical inference" on 15-18 August 2016.

The scientific topics include stochastic analysis, limit theorems and statistical inference for stochastic processes.

The organizers are [Ole E. Barndorff-Nielsen](#) and [Mark Podolskij](#) - both research fellows at [CREATES](#).

Deadline for registration and submission of abstracts is 1 July 2016

The conference will take place at Department of Mathematics, Ny Munkegade 118, Auditorium G2 (1532-122).

The list of invited speakers includes quite a few of [CREATES](#)' international research fellows.

[Read more](#)

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SEMINARS THIS MONTH



We have two Distinguished Speaker Seminars at the Department this month:

James G. Mackinnon

Professor James G. MacKinnon will visit the Department on 19 May 2016 to give a distinguished speaker seminar about "Big Data and Clusters". The seminar is organised by [CREATES](#).

[Read more](#)



Simeon Djankov

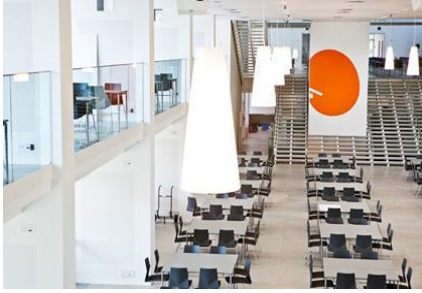
On 27 May Professor Simeon Djankov will give a distinguished speaker seminar entitled "Two decades of research on the core of the market economy". The seminar is organised by [The Tuborg Research Center for Globalization and Firms](#).

[Read more about the seminar here](#)

As announced in the last issue of ECON News, Simeon Djankov will also speak at a large public event in the S-building on Europe's Growth Challenge on 26 May.

[Read more about the public event here](#)

AARHUS BSS EXTERNAL RELATIONS EVENT



Aarhus BSS External Relations hosts an event for employees at Aarhus BSS, alumni, businesses and external relations about Aarhus BSS' role as one of Europe's leading business schools and how the business community can benefit from Aarhus BSS and AU. Dean Thomas Pallesen is the speaker.

The event will be held in the S-building at Fuglesangs Allé on 23 May from 5:30 to 8 pm.

Sign up before 17 May.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **[Distinguished Speaker Seminar: James G. Mackinnon](#)**
Date: 19 May 2016
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2624(E)-1
- **[Byens største arbejdsplads og vækstfremmer](#)**
Date: 23 May 2016
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2610(S)
- **[Public event: Europe's growth challenge with Simeon Djankov](#)**
Date: 26 May 2016
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2610(S)
- **[Workshop: Financial Aid and Social Mobility \(with Susan Dynarski\)](#)**
Date: 27 May 2016
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2628(M)-2
- **[Distinguished Speaker Seminar: Simeon Djankov](#)**
Date: 27 May 2016
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2632(L)-242
- **[The XIIth Danish International Economics Workshop](#)**
Dates: 16-17 June 2016
Deadline: 15 March 2016
Venue: Hotel Scandic Aarhus City, Aarhus
- **[PeRCent Annual Conference: Pension Systems in an Era of Uncertainty](#)**
Date: 21 June 2016
Deadline: 7 June 2016
Venue: CBS, Copenhagen
- **[Conference: Ambit fields: Probabilistic properties and statistical inference](#)**

Date: 15-18 August 2016

Venue: Department of Mathematics, Ny Munkegade 118, Auditorium G2 (1532-122).

- **[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

- **[Conference: "Research into Europeanization: European Encounters, Politics, and Higher Education"](#)**

Dates: 28-29 October 2016

Venue: The Europa-University Flensburg

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

Dates: 10-11 November 2016

Deadline: -

Venue: Severin Conference Center, Middelfart

- **[Malinvaud Conference](#)**

Dates: 8-10 December 2016

Deadline for abstracts: 15 June 2016

Venue: Paris

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](#)

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

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

CALL: THE NORDIC GREEN GROWTH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROGRAMME



The main research and innovation funders in the Nordic countries are launching a joint Nordic Green Growth Research and Innovation Programme in cooperation with NordForsk, Nordic Innovation and Nordic Energy Research.

The programme will cover innovation, research and energy, as well as science and technology and aims to generate Nordic added value and create synergies with relevant initiatives nationally and at the Nordic level.

The total budget amounts to NOK 73 million.

The call consists of two separate modules. Proposals for projects led by research institutions should be submitted under [Module I](#).

You can apply for funding ranging from NOK 10 to 20 million.

Application deadline is 16 August 2016 at 10:00 am.

[Read more](#)

CALL - THE NOVO NORDISK FOUNDATION'S SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH PROGRAMME



The [Novo Nordisk Foundation](#) calls for applications for its social science research programme that focuses on the socioeconomic impact of research in Denmark. The aim of the programme is to contribute towards developing knowledge on the socioeconomic impact of private and public sector research especially within health science, natural science and/or biotechnology but also other areas.

The research programme covers a broad spectrum and may include theoretical and empirical research on microeconomics and macroeconomics within several themes ([see the call](#)).

Applicants may apply for up to DKK 10 million over a 4-year project period.

The deadline for applications is 15 June 2016.

[Read more](#)

WORKSHOP-COURSE FOR ERC APPLICANTS

The Research Support Office arranges a workshop-course for applicants to the upcoming [ERC](#) Starting and Consolidator Grants. This allows applicants to begin their application in due time and receive thorough feedback on the application.

The course consists of:

- Intro meeting: 19 May with subsequent screening of eligibility
- Workshop 1: 7 June
- Workshop 2: 31 August
- From Workshop 2 until deadline: Individual guidance.

Expected deadline for Starting Grant is 18 October 2016 and for Consolidator Grant 9 February 2017.

Deadline for workshop registration: 27 May 2016.

[Read more](#)

Please note that the Research Support Office still provides assistance for applicants who do not sign up for this course.

CALL - APPLICATIONS FOR EUOPSTART





The Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation calls for applications for [EUopstart](#).

The purpose of EUopSTART is to intensify the participation of Danish research institutions and enterprises in European research and innovation. EUopSTART therefore offers grants to fund Danish enterprises' and research institutions' preparatory activities in drawing up applications for a number of selected European research programmes under Horizon 2020.

Up to DKK 19.7 million is available for the whole of 2016.

Applications may be submitted from 4 April until 31 October 2016 with the following cut-off dates:

- 13 May at 12 noon
- 29 August at 12 noon
- 31 October at 12 noon

[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/.

THE PHD CORNER

PHD DEFENCE: KAI REHWALD

[Kai Rehwald](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Essays in Public Policy Evaluation" on Friday 27 May at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Jakob Roland Munch, University of Copenhagen
- Associate Professor Johan Wikström, IFAU
- Associate Professor [Lars Skipper](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: REZA POURMOAYED



[Reza Pourmoayed](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Optimization Methods in a Stochastic Production Environment" on Tuesday 14 June 2016 at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Thomas Archibald, University of Edinburgh
- Dr Lan Ge, LEI Wageningen UR
- Professor [Anders Thorstenson](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: LISBETH PALMHØJ NIELSEN



[Lisbeth Palmhøj Nielsen](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "Empirical Essays on Child Achievement, Maternal Employment, Parental Leave, and Geographical Mobility" on Monday 20 June at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Senior Researcher Jane Greve, KORA
- Associate Professor Anders Stenberg, Stockholm University
- Professor [Tor Eriksson](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: LOUISE VOLDBY BEUCHERT-PEDERSEN



[Louise Voldby Beuchert-Pedersen](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "School Resources and Student Achievement: Evidence From Social and Natural Experiments" on Tuesday 21 June at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Paul Devereux, University College Dublin
- Senior Researcher Simen Markussen, University of Oslo
- Professor [Marianne Simonsen](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[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](#).

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of two new publications and five 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, bhojklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhojklint@econ.au.dk).

Publications:

- [Tom Aabo](#), Christos Pantzalis, and Jung Chul
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Park: [Political Interference and Stock-Price Consequences of Local Bias](#), The Financial Review, Vol. 51, No. 2, pp. 151-190.

Park: [Multinationality as Real Option Facilitator – Illusion or Reality](#), Journal of Corporate Finance, Vol. 38, pp. 1-17.

Working papers:

- Andrew J.G. Cairns, [Malene Kallestrup-Lamb](#), [Carsten P.T. Rosenskiold](#), David Blake and Kevin Dowd: [Modelling Socio-Economic Differences in the Mortality of Danish Males Using a New Affluence Index](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-14.
- [Rune V. Lesner](#): [Testing for Statistical Discrimination based on Gender](#), Economics Working Papers 2016-7.
- [Martin M. Andreasen](#) and [Kasper Jørgensen](#): [Explaining Asset Prices with Low Risk Aversion and Low Intertemporal Substitution](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-16.
- [Mikkel Bennedsen](#), [Ulrich Hounyo](#), [Asger Lunde](#) and [Mikko S. Pakkanen](#): [The Local Fractional Bootstrap](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-15.
- [Rune V. Lesner](#): [The Long-Term Effect of Childhood Poverty](#), Economics Working Papers 2016-8.

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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Deadline for input: Thursday 26 May at 12 noon

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