

Summer 2011 ended late this year – in early October. Some may claim that it began and ended during the same few days in October. Now we feel that summer is long gone – if we ever had one! After a short but wonderful Indian summer, Fall finally found its way to Denmark with its palette of beautiful colours flavoured with rain and wind but also with a sun that is much clearer and brighter than ever during a hot summer. A cold day with a blue sky and a bright shining sun lightening up all the colourful trees right now is indeed worth enjoying.



Have a nice Fall semester – Don't forget to enjoy it.

Also please don't forget to let me ([len@asb.dk](mailto:len@asb.dk)) know if you have relevant input to the forthcoming ECON News .

Perhaps a new category called The Marketplace could be introduced, if you find that relevant. Here you can advertise if you have a cottage in Toscana that you would like to rent out to colleagues during the summer, if you have some tickets for a concert that you would like to sell , if you need a new dog, wife, husband etc. 😊

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## NEWS and EVENTS

### Aarhus Symposium – “Growth in Distressed Economies – the Role of Ownership Structures”

November 4, 12,00 – 18,00 hrs, at Søauditorierne, Aarhus University, Wilhelm Meyers Allé, 8000 Aarhus

This event is for a Danish speaking audience only.

Aarhus Symposium is an annual event of international class. The main objective is to connect students at Aarhus University with the corporate sector through constructive debates and dialogues



10 top executives from e.g. Nykredit, Grundfos, Saxo Bank, Vestas, Arla, McKinsey & Co., and Danmarks Radio will be present, and they will be organized into three tracks addressing the topic from different angles. It is only possible to follow one of these tracks. It is obvious that this event will be of interest to others than our students, and the Aarhus Symposium would like to invite Faculty members to this event. The event is free, but please remember to cancel your registration if you have signed up and is prevented from participating. The number of seats is limited, so the tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Read more – and sign up here: [www.aarhus-symposium.org](http://www.aarhus-symposium.org)

**Department Secretariat staff meeting:**

October 26, 11,00 hrs, at Frichshuset

**Seminars:**

Finance seminars:

**Friday 11 November 2011 at 13:00-14:00** in room M323

Svend Jacobsen, Scanrate Financial Systems

Tentative Title: Fair Pricing of Bonds--A Practitioner's View

**Friday 25 November 2011 at 13:00-14:00** in room M323

Steffi Hoese, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Tentative Title: Quantifying Model Risk

[https://statistik.ets.kit.edu/english/staff\\_dr-steffi-hoese.php](https://statistik.ets.kit.edu/english/staff_dr-steffi-hoese.php)

Operations Research Applications in Logistics (CORAL):

**Monday 28 November 2011 at 9.00-17.00** in room R221

*Workshop*

1st Young Danish OR conference (YDOR)

Organizer: Sanne Wøhlk, Department of Economics and Business

<http://www.asb.dk/forskning/forskningscentreoggrupper/forskningscentre/coral/events/>

**Other departmental seminar series:**

<http://econ.au.dk/research/seminars/economics-seminar-series/>

<http://econ.au.dk/research/seminars/>

<http://www.asb.dk/omos/institutter/departementofeconomics/research/seminars/>

Above list will soon be replaced by a constantly updated overview of department seminar series (our new and upcoming department website).

Once again, Ladies and Gentlemen – please take a look at this invitation for the X-Mas Party if you haven't checked your mailbox recently or if you need to refresh your memory:

[http://www.asb.dk/fileadmin/www.asb.dk/forskning/forskningscentreoggrupper/forskningscentre/centerforcorporateperformance/econnews/Juleinvitation\\_2011.pdf](http://www.asb.dk/fileadmin/www.asb.dk/forskning/forskningscentreoggrupper/forskningscentre/centerforcorporateperformance/econnews/Juleinvitation_2011.pdf)

**Internal news from Business and Social Sciences**

In Danish: <http://medarbejdere.au.dk/hovedomraader/bs/nyheder>

In English: <http://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/main-academic-areas/business-and-social-sciences/news/>

**A popular science magazine is looking for a writer – Only relevant for Danish speaking Faculty**

Tidsskriftet TID og tendenser søger en (lønnet) skribent, der kan præstere en 4-5 siders artikel om erhvervsstruktur, eksport, samhandel, råvarer, innovationsniveau mv. i Skandinavien. Dansksproget tidsskrift.

Deadline for aflevering af artiklen: 11 november, så evt. interesserede bedes henvende sig a.s.a.p. Den 28. oktober meddeles evt. interessetilkendegivelser ind til forlaget.

Henvendelse til Lene Bavnbe Enevoldsen, [len@asb.dk](mailto:len@asb.dk)

Læs mere:

[http://www.asb.dk/fileadmin/www.asb.dk/forskning/forskningscentreoggrupper/forskningscentre/centerforcorporateperformance/econnews/Skribent\\_til\\_tidsskrift.pdf](http://www.asb.dk/fileadmin/www.asb.dk/forskning/forskningscentreoggrupper/forskningscentre/centerforcorporateperformance/econnews/Skribent_til_tidsskrift.pdf)

Læs om tidsskriftet: <http://www.pejgruppen.com/tid-tendenser/>

## How to handle changes and stress



In the spring 2011 a publication was presented in order to facilitate assistance when employees find it difficult to handle the changes at AU (the publication is in Danish only – sorry). Please note that you may still make use of this offer for assistance if you feel the need.

The publication provides information about the mechanisms during a change process – however, if you do not understand English and you need further information or help, you may contact our HR contact person, Charlotte Thomsen ([chg@asb.dk](mailto:chg@asb.dk), 8942 8195).

The publication about changes and stress:

[http://medarbejdere.au.dk/fileadmin/www.medarbejdere.au.dk/hr/Arbejdsmiljoe/AU\\_Stress\\_og\\_Forandring\\_2011.pdf](http://medarbejdere.au.dk/fileadmin/www.medarbejdere.au.dk/hr/Arbejdsmiljoe/AU_Stress_og_Forandring_2011.pdf)

## New Department Homepage

It was expected that our new ECON website would have been launched during last week. However, there have been some technical problems causing some delay. AU Communication expects it to be on the air very soon though. When you see the new department homepage (probably during this week), please be aware that this new site has just been born. We expect to feed and nurse it so that it can grow and become much more comprehensive along the line.



Once the website is public, your comments will be most welcome – but please keep in mind that the site is far from complete 😊.

The interim webmaster will be Margit Sommer ([msommer@econ.au.dk](mailto:msommer@econ.au.dk)), so please contact Margit if you have any comments or update input.

## University International Club (UIC) – Programme for the Autumn 2011

The University International Club (UIC) provides a social and cultural meeting place during the semester time for international staff members and their spouses, guest employees and visitors from abroad.

Each semester UIC arranges weekly social and cultural activities with the aim of helping our guests from abroad to adjust more easily to their new way of life in Denmark. UIC's activities take place within the environs of Aarhus University and participation is free of charge.

Danish employees are very welcome. If you have a colleague from abroad who is not a permanent member of the Faculty, please feel free to spread the message.

Study the programme: <http://www.e-pages.dk/aarhusuniversitet/269/>

Or the UIC website: <http://www.au.dk/en/facultiesdepartmentsetc/otherunits/universityinternationalclub/>



## NEW PUBLICATIONS and WORKING PAPERS

Reported new publications:

*The Effect of Learning-by-Hiring on Productivity.* Pierpaolo Parrotta and Dario Pozzoli. The RAND Journal of Economics. Abstract.

[http://www.asb.dk/fileadmin/www.asb.dk/forskning/forskningscentreoggrupper/forskningscentre/centerforcorporateperformance/econnews/Pozzoli\\_Abstract.pdf](http://www.asb.dk/fileadmin/www.asb.dk/forskning/forskningscentreoggrupper/forskningscentre/centerforcorporateperformance/econnews/Pozzoli_Abstract.pdf)

List of publications from National Center for Register-based Research (NCRR):

<http://ncrr.au.dk/en/publications/>

All CREATES Research Papers may be seen at <http://econ.au.dk/research/publications/creates-research-papers/2011/>

A list of all publications at our department may be seen here : [http://pure.au.dk/portal-asb/da/organisations/institut-for-oekonomi\(5f5a6141-1a0d-4611-a546-295caa42c2a8\)/publications.html](http://pure.au.dk/portal-asb/da/organisations/institut-for-oekonomi(5f5a6141-1a0d-4611-a546-295caa42c2a8)/publications.html)

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## COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

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General deadline for input: Thursday at 12,00 hrs before the issue day (Monday)

Please send ideas, input or criticism (negative and/or positive) to the present editor: Lene Bavnbek Enevoldsen, [len@asb.dk](mailto:len@asb.dk), phone: 8948 6797

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Departmental News are news coming directly from our Head of Department, Allan.

This media "ECON News" has the purpose of gathering overall information in order to minimize the current flow of information. Hopefully the information will be presented so that you can easily browse through the contents in order to choose the parts being of interest and relevance to you.

In future there will be a much more well-structured and comprehensive "ECON News" . There will be an employee working on this news media (and other internal communication). Therefore, this is the very beginning of this news media so please be indulgent towards hiccups.

At the start the "ECON News" will be published every second Monday. This means that urgent information will still be circulated now and then by use of e-mails.

"ECON News" will contain information related to overall news not provided by the Departmental News. Further, it will have contents covering **"News and Events"**, **"Latest Publications and Working Papers"**, **"Employee Presentation"**, **"Visiting Researchers"**, **"Administration"**, **"New Grants and Awards"**, **"Grants Available"** etc.

To attain the goal of having a comprehensive information platform, I need your ideas and input. So please provide me with info on new working papers etc.

Please also send me an e-mail ([len@asb.dk](mailto:len@asb.dk)) when you have ideas, positive and negative criticism. I will be in charge of producing this news e-mail until the departmental administration has been organized.