

# ECON News –

For Employees at the Department of Economics and Business

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**REMEMBER** to let me ([len@asb.dk](mailto:len@asb.dk)) know if you have relevant input to the forthcoming ECON News .

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## NEWS and EVENTS

### An important (perhaps THE most important) event this year: The Christmas Party



Don't forget to sign up for the X-mas Party to be held on December 16, 04,30 pm.  
Register and pay in the webshop: <https://webshop.dpu.dk/x-mas-2011>  
Deadline: **28 November (sharp)**

### New grant received



PhD student Lukas Bach [http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/id\(429c20b9-11f1-42f8-875b-77610368d450\).html](http://pure.au.dk/portal/en/persons/id(429c20b9-11f1-42f8-875b-77610368d450).html) has received 100,000 DKK as a travelling scholarship from Aage og Ylva Nimbs Fond.

Congratulations to Lukas.

### Do you know your new telephone number?



Any employee should by now have received a direct e-mail about the new phone number scheduled for implementation as per Monday, November 28.. However, it seems that something has gone wrong. Not all employees have received this e-mail. Therefore you have received an e-mail from Ingrid Lautrup to keep track of this and to ensure that you get the information necessary.

Read more here and visit for updates: <http://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/main-academic-areas/business-and-social-sciences/news/news-article/artikel/business-and-social-sciences-faar-nye-telefonnumre/>

**Calls 2012 - The Danish Council for Independent Research (Det Frie Forskningsråd)**

REMINDER and an addition:

Information meeting at Aarhus University:

**Tuesday, 13 December, 2-4 pm**

Studenternes Hus  
Fredrik Nielsens Vej  
Richard Mortensen stuen

The meeting is relevant for potential applicants as well as administrators.

**Please note that this information meeting will provide information on the new instrument Sapere Aude: Advanced Grants, to be launched in 2012.**

Registration is not necessary.

Read more (in Danish): <http://www.fi.dk/nyheder/arrangementer/2011/informationsmoeder-om-det-frie-forskningsraads-opslag-2012>

FAQ about Sapere Aude: <http://en.fi.dk/councils-commissions/the-danish-council-for-independent-research/sapere-aude/faq?searchterm=sapere%20aude>

## The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' essay competition – The EU towards 2020

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs initiates an essay competition with the title: "The EU towards 2020. How to ensure Danish interests?"

Papers can be handed in by students and PhDs under the age of 30. The authors of the three best papers will have the opportunity to discuss their papers with the Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs and the winner will also receive the prize of 30,000 DKK.

Submission deadline is **1 February 2012**.

Read more about the competition:

In Danish: <http://um.dk/da/politik-og-diplomati/eu/danmarks-eu-formandskab-i-2012/seneste-nyt/newsdisplaypage/?newsID=59EF52C4-E5AD-438F-B6D4-B811397EB1BA>

In English:

[http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/fileadmin/Employees/Economics\\_Business/ECON\\_News/Essay\\_competition\\_2011-12.pdf](http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/fileadmin/Employees/Economics_Business/ECON_News/Essay_competition_2011-12.pdf)

## HR contact person regarding foreign colleagues

Sanne Strunk Mikkelsen, 8942 1572, [ssm@adm.au.dk](mailto:ssm@adm.au.dk) is still our HR contact person.

However, Charlotte Zingenberg (previously called Thomsen) is our contact person regarding international employees, including tax matters. Ph.: 8942 8195, [charlotte@sam.au.dk](mailto:charlotte@sam.au.dk).

## University International Club (UIC) – selected upcoming events

Wednesday 23 November

'Immigration to Denmark from an International Perspective- Causes and Consequences of Immigration and Immigration Policy' by Assistant

Professor Mariola Pytlikova, BSS/AU.

Time: 10 am - 12 noon.

Place: DTM building, Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 4. Conference Room 1.

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

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

## Group Meetings with Allan, Head of Department

### Assistant Professors and Postdocs

Monday, 21 November at 13:15 - 15:00, Hermodsvej (canteen)

### Associate Professors

Friday, 25 november at 10:15 - 12:00, Fuglesangs Allé, M207

### Full Professors

Tuesday, 22 november at 10:15 - 12:00, University Park, building 1325, room 224

The following will be items on the agenda (different focus depending on the group):

- Promotion and reward system
- Hiring
- Organisation of research
- Talent development
- Organisation of study programmes
- Information flow
- Future development of the Department
- Other input to management

## Seminars

### Finance seminars at Fuglesangs Allé, room M323, 13:00-14:00:

#### Friday 25 November

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)

### Finance seminars at Universitetsparken, Building 1325, room 224, 12:30-13:45:

#### Thursday, 24 November

Kuno Huisman, Tilburg University. Strategic Capacity Investment Under Uncertainty

#### Monday, 28 November

Bjørn Eraker, Wisconsin Business School. Dynamic Present Values and the Intertemporal CAPM.

#### Thursday, 8 December

Johan Walden, UC Berkeley

#### Monday, 19 December

Kasper Larsen, Carnegie Mellon University

#### Thursday, 24 May 2012

Mark Schroder, Michigan State University.

**Operations Research Applications in Logistics (CORAL), Fuglesangs Alle, Room R221, 09:00-17:00:**

**Monday 28 November**

*Workshop*

1st Young Danish OR conference (YDOR)

Organizer: Sanne Wøhlk, Department of Economics and Business

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

**Economics seminars at Universitetsparken, Building 1325, room 224, 12:45-14:00:**

**Tuesday, November 22 - cancelled**

Lucas Maestri, Toulouse University. Homepage: <https://sites.google.com/site/lucasiovermaestri/cv>

**Wednesday, 23 November - cancelled**

Priscilla Souza, Toulouse University. Homepage: [https://sites.google.com/site/priscilazsouza/cv\\_1](https://sites.google.com/site/priscilazsouza/cv_1)

**Tuesday, 29 November**

Daniel Schunk, University of Mainz. Homepage: <http://www.daniel-schunk.de/>

**Economics seminars at Frichshuset, Hermodsvej, Room 105 (ground floor), 15:00:**

Miriam Wüst, AU: The effects of C-Section for mother and child health

Abstract:

During the last two decades, the use of Caesarean section (CS) for child birth increased for patient groups where the trade-off between the risks and benefits of the procedure is unknown. Given that a CS costs more than a vaginal delivery and that primary CS often leads to CS also in consecutive births, extended CS use increases cost for the health care system. However, as improved health outcomes for CS babies may be of economic relevance in the longer run, we have to consider health risks and benefits of CS to evaluate the costs of the procedure. As the selection problem complicates the evaluation of the effect of CS on health outcomes, we exploit unique variation in the Danish CS rate for babies in breech position to identify the health effects of CS. Using high-quality Danish administrative records, we exploit a discontinuity of CS usage around publication of an influential study in the Lancet in 2000 and estimate a regression discontinuity model. We find that the probability of experiencing a CS increased sharply and significantly for breech babies of higher parity than one. Nevertheless, we do not find strong effects for children's health.

**Brownbag Lunch Seminar, Universitetsparken, "Øjet", Building 1326, room 319, 12:15-13:00:**

**Friday, 25 November**

Barbara Pertold-Gebicka, AU

Above list will soon be replaced by a constantly updated overview of department seminar series. There are lots of adjustments to be made on our new website, but this issue has been given high priority.

**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/>

## Minutes from Departmental Forum Meeting

You may read the minutes from the first Departmental Forum Meeting on October 14, 2011, here:

[http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/fileadmin/Employees/Economics\\_Business/ECON\\_News/minutes\\_DFmeeting\\_14\\_10\\_2011.pdf](http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/fileadmin/Employees/Economics_Business/ECON_News/minutes_DFmeeting_14_10_2011.pdf)

## Extension of deadline for CALL FOR PAPERS, Annual Meeting, National-økonomisk Forening – sorry, only relevant for Danish-speaking Faculty

Grundet få tilmeldinger med fremlæggelse af papirer fra økonomiske institutter har Nationaløkonomisk Forening bedt os reklamere lidt for, at man overvejer sin evt. manglende tilmelding.

Hermed lidt fakta om arrangementet:

Nationaløkonomisk Forening afholder deres årsmøde på Koldingfjord den 13.-14. januar 2012, hvor gæstetaleren vil være Poul Mathias Thomsen fra Den Internationale Valutafond (IMF). Festtalen til middagen fredag aften vil blive holdt af Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, tidligere udenrigsminister mm.

Prisen for konferencedeltagelse er 3.000 kr. inkl. overnatning på Koldingfjord på enkelt- eller dobbeltværelse, fortæring og festmiddag. Uden overnatning er prisen 2.200 kr. Koldingfjord råder over 134 værelser. Disse vil blive fordelt i den rækkefølge, tilmeldingerne indløber, så hurtig tilmelding tilrådes. 50 af værelserne vil blive forbeholdt deltagere, der er villige til at bo to på værelset. Der er således større mulighed for at komme til at bo på Koldingfjord, hvis man er villig til at dele værelset med en anden person. Prisen for konferencedeltagelse er 3.000 kr. inkl. overnatning på Koldingfjord på enkelt- eller dobbeltværelse, fortæring og festmiddag. Uden overnatning er prisen 2.200 kr. Koldingfjord råder over 134 værelser. Disse vil blive fordelt i den rækkefølge, tilmeldingerne indløber, så hurtig tilmelding tilrådes. 50 af værelserne vil blive forbeholdt deltagere, der er villige til at bo to på værelset. Der er således større mulighed for at komme til at bo på Koldingfjord, hvis man er villig til at dele værelset med en anden person. Herudover har foreningen reserveret et antal værelser på Saxildhus Hotel lige over for Kolding station.

Tilmelding sker ved at udfylde tilmeldingsblanketten på Nationaløkonomisk Forenings hjemmeside:  
<http://www.econ.ku.dk/nf/>

**Ny tilmeldingsfrist: 22. november 2011.**

Derefter vil de, som har ønsket overnatning, modtage besked om, hvorvidt det bliver på Hotel Koldingfjord eller Saxildhus Hotel, og samtlige tilmeldte vil modtage opkrævning af det relevante beløb.

Deltagelse forudsætter medlemskab af Nationaløkonomisk Forening på tilmeldingstidspunktet. Eventuelle ikke-medlemmer vil modtage girokort til foreningen for året 2011.

Evt. henvendelser vedr. tilmelding stiles til NØFs sekretær: Christian Helbo Andersen, c/o Danmarks Nationalbank, Havnegade 5, 1093 København K., tlf.: 3363 6562, e-mail: [cha@nationalbanken.dk](mailto:cha@nationalbanken.dk).

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## COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

*Next issue: December 5, 2011*

*Deadline for input: December 1, at 12,00 hrs.*

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

Please send ideas, input or criticism (negative and/or positive) to the present editor: Lene Bavnbe Enevoldsen, [len@asb.dk](mailto:len@asb.dk), phone: 8948 6797 or 8948 6420

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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.