



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
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NEW MEMBERS OF DEPARTMENTAL FORUM



The new members of Departmental Forum are now in place. See them below:

- [Martin Møller Andreasen](#) (Econometrics)
- [Jan Bentzen](#) (Industrial Trade)
- [Karina Skovvang Christensen](#) (Accounting)
- [Tine Louise Mundbjerg Eriksen](#) (Labour and Public Policy)
- [Stefan Hirth](#) (Finance)
- [Trine Munk-Olesen](#) (NCRR)
- [Lars Relund Nielsen](#) (Logistics)
- [Annia Hoffmeyer](#) (ECON Administration)
- [Karin Vinding](#) (ECON Administration)
- [Eva Rye Johansen](#) (PhD)
- [Lone Kiilerich](#) (PhD)
- [Søren Kærgaard Slipsager](#) (PhD)

Members are elected for one year. A new deputy chairman will be found at the new forum's first meeting.

[Read more about Departmental Forum](#)

CHANGES TO THE ECON ADMINISTRATION



The ECON Administration has made some adjustments to the allocation of the administrative tasks:

[See the new allocation of administrative tasks via this link](#)

The most important changes are in relation to the administration of the study programmes. Here the aim has been to have the same administrative employee for both the BSc and the MSc part of most of the study programmes; i.e. HA Finance will thus be taken over by [Berit Hansen](#) so that she will be in charge of both HA Finance and Cand.merc. FIN and FIB, and [Annia Hoffmeyer](#) will be taking over HA Statistics and Quantitative Methods and Cand.merc. Business Intelligence. Charlotte Sparrevohn will still be in charge of HA LOG/SMC and Cand.merc. LOG, and she will become more involved in the planning of conferences and workshops. The new member of the ECON Administration, [Anne Charlotte Dornonville de la Cour](#) will be in charge of the BSc oecon, math-econ and public policy programmes, including bachelor projects and master theses.

The changes will come into effect as from 1 December 2016, except the changes in relation to HR – they will become effective as from 1 January 2017.

STUDY ENVIRONMENT SURVEY - REMINDER



In the last issue of ECON News, all lecturers were asked to encourage their students to participate in the AU study environment survey, which is AU's version of the statutory assessment of the educational environment, which must be conducted every three years.

So far, the response rate for students at Aarhus BSS is 31%, which is not much, and in order to raise the response rate, all lecturers are therefore once again kindly asked to encourage their students to participate in the survey by showing the PowerPoint slides below during a lecture:

PowerPoint slides (please wait for it to download):

- [English version](#)
- [Danish version](#)

The deadline for the students' responses is 25 November. The results will be published in the spring of 2017.

[Read more about the survey](#)

[Respons rates at Aarhus BSS so far](#)

GRADUATE AWARDS OF THE DANISH EXPORT ASSOCIATION



Do you know a talented graduate with a bachelor project or a master thesis focusing on internationalization/globalization/exports? Then please recommend him/her to apply for the Graduate Awards of the Danish Export Association!

Every year, the Danish Export Association rewards the best new graduates from Aarhus BSS with DKK 8,000 to a bachelor graduate and DKK 12,000 to a master graduate.

Only graduates with a received grade of 10 or more for the bachelor project/master thesis will be considered for the awards.

Application deadline is 31 December 2016.

Applying graduates have to be recommended by their academic supervisor and must include the name and contact information of the supervisor in their application. You might be contacted by the Danish Export Association in order to confirm your recommendation.

[Read more](#)

CAND.SOC. CELEBRATION AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Business Administration Students and alumni of the cand.soc. programme celebrated the 15th anniversary of the cand.soc. programme on 28 October at a well-attended and grandiose party with dinner, balloons, confetti and everything.

The ladies wore long, beautiful dresses and the guys were dressed in true gentleman manner.



The title as Business Administration Student of the Year 2016 was awarded to Tor Toftgaard Madsen. As one of the founding members of the student association SAF, Tor receives the award for his outstanding work towards creating a living and productive study environment for the students enrolled in the Business Administration programme. Along with the award follows a check of DKK 7,000 sponsored by Rambøll.

[Read more about the award here](#)

TWO "LECTURER OF YEAR" NOMINEES FROM THE DEPARTMENT AT DEN GYLDNE FUGL 2016



At this year's "Den Gyldne Fugl" (The Golden Bird) award show hosted by Studenterlauget at Aarhus BSS, two of the three nominees for "Lecturer of the Year" are from the Department of Economics and Business Economics, namely Professor [Valdemar Smith](#) and Assistant Professor [Rune Vammen Lesner](#) (the third is Dennis Ramsdahl Jensen from Department of Law). We wish Valdemar and Rune the best of luck at the award show on 19 November.

"Den Gyldne Fugl" has been held once every year since 2013 and is created to celebrate students, lecturers and initiatives, who all excel and contribute to enhance the academic and social environment at Aarhus BSS.

[Read more](#)

THE DEPARTMENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016



Registration for this year's Christmas party at the department is now open. The party takes place on 16 December at 4 pm in Fuglesangssalen (the Aula).

Sign up via this link: https://auws.au.dk/Christmas_Party_2016

Deadline for registration is 1 December.

[Read more](#)

EVENTS

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **[AU Conference: Challenges in International Recruitment](#)**
Date: 22 November 12:00-16:30
Venue: Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 6B, 1632-201, 8000 Aarhus C
Deadline: 20 November at 15:22
- **[Inspiration day: Student supervision and the study progress reform \(CUL\)](#)**
Date: 29 November 2016
Venue: Studenternes Hus, Fredrik Nielsensvej 2-4
- **[Australasian Public Choice Conference](#)**
Dates: 8-9 December 2016
Venue: Canberra, Australia
- **[Malinvaud Conference](#)**
Dates: 8-10 December 2016
Deadline for abstracts: 15 June 2016
Venue: Paris
- **[CEMENT Mentoring Workshop for Female Faculty](#)**
Dates: 8-10 January 2017
Venue: Chicago, IL
- **[The 39th Symposium in Applied Statistics](#)**
Dates: 23-24 January 2017
Venue: SDU, Odense
- **[The 54th Annual Meeting of the Public Choice Society](#)**
Dates: 2-4 March 2017
Venue: New Orleans, Louisiana
- **[1st Annual ÍZA Workshop on Gender and Family Economics](#)**
Dates: 31 March-1 April 2017
Venue: Bonn

EVENTS AND COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STAFF



The [University International Club](#) (UIC) hosts a number of events and courses for international staff and their families during the coming month:

- **[UIC Tax Seminar](#)**
Learn the ins and outs of the Danish tax system (for international PhD students and researchers)
16 November 15:00-17:00
- **[UIC Coffee/Tea Morning Club](#)**
First time 23 November
- **[Crash Course in Danish for beginners](#)**
Weeks 49 and 50 from Monday to Friday 8:30 to 11:30
- **[PlayGroup](#)**
For internationals and Danes with kids
18 & 25 November & 2 December 10:00-12:00 at Dokk1
- **[Make your own Christmas Decorations](#)**
Warm up for the soon to come month of Christmas (bring the kids)
30 November 10:30-12:30
- **[UIC Christmas Party](#)**
7 December 15:00-17:30
In Stakladen

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](#)

[Experimental Research in Social Science](#)

[Finance Seminar Series](#)

[Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)

[MOB Seminar Series](#)

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

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

EMPLOYEE NEWS

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE



On November 15 [Anne Charlotte Dornonville de la Cour](#) will start as full-time administrative employee at the Department. She will be working with administration of the bachelor programmes within oecon together with mathematics-economics and public policy (OPØ). This also includes administration of bachelor projects and master theses within the same programmes.

Anne is 34 years old and holds an MA in English and Social Science.

She will be in office 2632(L)-234.

NEW PROFESSOR



[Thomas Munk Laursen](#) has been awarded a professorship at the National Centre for Register-based Research (NCCR).

His research is mainly concentrated around examining why people with severe mental disorders have such a high excess mortality.

[Read more](#)

NEW RESEARCH ASSISTANTS



- Sanne Stræde Dalgaard will be employed as research assistant at TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research from 15 November 2016.
- [Trine Høj Fiendbo](#) has been employed as research assistant at TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research from 1 November 2016

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

HORIZON 2020 - HOW TO WRITE PROFESSIONAL AND COMPETITIVE PROPOSALS



Are you considering a Horizon 2020 project and want advice on writing professional and competitive proposals?

The Committee for Research and External Cooperation is organizing two Horizon 2020 events instructed by the international expert [Dr. Seán McCarthy](#), who has been involved in all aspects of European Research.

- **How to write a competitive proposal for Horizon 2020**
8 December 2016 9:00-12:30
Nobel Auditorium, Building 1482, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 4
- **How to write the impact of a Horizon 2020 proposal**
9 December 2016 9:00-12:30
Nobel Auditorium, Building 1482, Jens Chr. Skous Vej 4

Both events are free. Register before 30 November 2016 via the link below.

[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: EDUARDO VERA-VALDÉS



[Eduardo Vera-Valdés](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Essays in Long Memory" on Tuesday 15 November at 13:15 in auditorium 2640(R)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Javier Hualde, Universidad Pública de Navarra
- Associate Professor Michel van der Wel, Erasmus University Rotterdam
- Associate Professor [Paolo Santucci de Magistris](#) (chair), AU

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: MAGNUS SANDER



[Magnus Sander](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Returns, Dividends, and Optimal Portfolios" on Wednesday 23 November 2016 at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Hans Dewachter, KU Leuven
- Associate Professor Lasse Bork, Aalborg University
- Associate Professor [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#) (chair), AU

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

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PHD DEFENCE: IOANA DANIELA NEAMTU



[Ioana Daniela Neamtu](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "Wind Power Effects and Price Elasticity of Demand for the Nordic Electricity Markets" on Friday 25 November 2016 at 13:15 in auditorium 2628(M)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Rafal Weron, Wroclaw University of Technology
- Professor Frits Møller Andersen, Technical University of Denmark
- Professor [Svend Hylleberg](#) (chair), AU

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: ANNE BRINK NANDRUP



[Anne Brink Nandrup](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "Determinants of Student Achievement and Education Choice" on Tuesday 29 November at 12:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Marc Gurgand, Paris School of Economics
- Professor Peter Fredriksson, Stockholm University
- Professor [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#) (chair), AU

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: JAKOB GULDBÆK MIKKELSEN



[Jakob Guldbæk Mikkelsen](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Time-Varying Loadings in Factor Models: Theory and Applications" Friday 2 December at 9:15 in auditorium 2628(M)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Catherine Doz, Paris School of Economics and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
- Senior Professor Marco Lippi, Einaudi Institute of Economics and Finance
- Professor [Martin Møller Andreasen](#) (chair), AU

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: MARTIN PETRI BAGGER



[Martin Petri Bagger](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Attention and Decision-Making: Separating Top-Down from Bottom-Up Components" on Monday 5 December at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Andreas Glöckner, Fernuniversität Hagen
- Professor Martin Meissner, University of Southern Denmark
- Professor [Julia Nafziger](#) (chair), AU

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

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PHD DEFENCE: MAX WEISS DOHRN



[Max Weiss Dohrn](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Business Cycle Costs for Finitely Living Individuals" on Thursday 2 February 2017 at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Martin Flodén, Stockholm University
- Professor Svend Erik Hougaard Jensen, Copenhagen Business School
- Professor [Martin Møller Andreasen](#) (chair), Aarhus University

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

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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 three new working papers. Thank you. 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:

- [Valerie Smeets](#): [Can firms oversee more workers with fewer managers?](#), forthcoming in IZA World of Labor.
- Andrew Bernard, [Valerie Smeets](#) and [Frederic Warzynski](#): [Rethinking De-Industrialization](#), forthcoming in Economic Policy.

Working papers:

- [Morten Ørregaard Nielsen](#) and Sergei S. Shibaev: [Forecasting daily political opinion polls using the fractionally cointegrated VAR model](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-30.
- [Carlos Vladimir Rodríguez-Caballero](#): [Panel Data with Cross-Sectional Dependence Characterized by a Multi-Level Factor Structure](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-31.
- Lasse Bork, [Stig V. Møller](#) and [Thomas Q. Pedersen](#): [A New Index of Housing Sentiment](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-32.

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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