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NIELS HALDRUP APPOINTED ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT



On Thursday last week Dean Thomas Pallesen announced that Professor [Niels Haldrup](#) is going to be the new acting head of our department.

Niels will take over the position on 1 September, and he will apply for the position as head of department when it is posted later this year.

Section meetings are being held at the moment (the first meeting was last week) where Niels informs about his decision and his plans for the department.

[Read more](#)

THE MAIL ROOM IS MOVING TODAY



The Department's mail room is moving to its new location in 2620(A)-03 - next to our new Faculty Lounge and the reception – today (Monday 28 August) at 14:00.

Outside the reception's opening hours, you must use your access card to get into the mail room.

The newspapers of the day will also move and will thus be available in the Faculty Lounge 2620(A)-02 from now on.

For the time being, old newspapers will still be in 2632(L)-243.

If you have any questions regarding mail or newspapers, please contact [Bodil Krog](mailto:Bodil.Krog@econ.au.dk): bkrog@econ.au.dk.

EDUCATION NEWS FROM THE DEAN'S OFFICE



Vice-Dean for Education Per Andersen has sent out a newsletter with the latest news within the area of education. Below are some points that may be of interest to you.

- **New principles for the scheduling of exams on the full-time degree programmes at Aarhus BSS**

At a meeting on 6 June 2017 the faculty management team at Aarhus BSS approved a number of new principles for the scheduling of exams.

The principles have been developed on the basis of discussions among the directors of studies, heads of department, staff and student representatives as well as on the basis of input from relevant staff members in the studies administration.

Read more:

- English version: [New principles for the scheduling of exams](#)
- Danish version: [Nye principper for eksamensplanlægning](#)

- **Students' right to individual exams**

Minister for Higher Education and Science Søren Pind has initiated a process to give students the right to take their final examinations individually.

If the student makes a final assignment in a group, the student should have the possibility of choosing to take the oral exam individually.

- **A better system in relation to external co-examiners to strengthen the quality of the study programmes**

Based on the recommendations of the external co-examiners committee (Censurudvalget) from January 2017, Minister for Higher

Education and Science Søren Pind wants to improve the system in relation to external co-examiners at the universities.

In future, the external co-examiners must be more actively involved in the universities' initiatives to improve the quality of the study programmes, and the universities must raise their demands as regards the competencies of the external co-examiners.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

IT MAINTENANCE WORK DURING THE WEEKEND 9-10 SEPTEMBER



IT maintenance work will be carried out during the weekend 9-10 September in order to ensure a high level of operational stability and IT security for AU staff and students. This will affect AU's IT systems and services and cause interruptions.

Throughout the weekend, it will be possible to use AV equipment locally in auditoriums and classrooms and work locally on computers – i.e. without being connected to central IT systems, shared drives, the video centre, AU's network or the internet.

If you have any questions, please contact: driftstatus.it@au.dk.

[Read more](#)

REMOVE YOUR VALUABLES BEFORE THE THIEF DOES IT!



Do not leave valuables visible in your car when parking in one of AU's car parks or garages. A car was broken into at the car park in front of building 2640(R) earlier this month.

So keep your valuables out of sight - Never leave valuable things lying on your seats, dashboard or floor.

COURSE IN INFORMATION RETRIEVAL AND INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



AU Library is organising a course on information retrieval and information management with the goal of providing participants with the skills to enhance the efficiency of the search process in the beginning of a research project.

The course is especially relevant for PhD students who are doing a literature review, but also for researchers in general who are in the process of developing their research design.

The course will be held twice:

- 28 September 2017: [Read more and sign up](#)
- 4 October 2017: [Read more and sign up](#)

LEARN DANISH



Full semester course:

A full semester course for beginners in Danish will start on 18 September 2017.

The course takes place twice a week either Mondays & Wednesdays 18:00-19:30 or Tuesdays & Thursdays 16:15-17:45 at Nobelparken.

Sign up before 10 September 2017.

[Read more](#)

Crash course:

The next crash course in Danish will be held from 2 to 13 October 2017, Monday to Friday 8:30 to 11:30 at the International Centre, Høegh-Guldbergs Gade 4, 8000 Aarhus C.

The crash course is for international staff members and their partners who would like to have a fast start-up in Danish.

Sign up before 24 September 2017.

[Read more](#)

New rules: Deposit

Please note that the rules regarding free Danish courses have been changed so you now have to pay a deposit of DKK 1,250 before you can start a course.

[Read more](#)

EVENTS

INAUGURAL LECTURE: SØREN DALSGAARD (NCRR)



The National Centre for Register-based Research (NCRR) invites you to [Søren Dalsgaard's](#) inaugural lecture entitled "Ro på nu – fra barn til voksen med ADHD" on Friday 8 September 2017 at 13:00 in the Jeppe Vontilius Auditorium (one of the Lakeside Lecture Theatres), Vennelyst Boulevard 8, 8000 Aarhus C.

The lecture will be followed by a reception.

[See the invitation](#) (in Danish)

COBE LAB CELEBRATES ITS 4TH BIRTHDAY



The COBE Lab invites researchers associated with the Lab to celebrate its four years birthday at an informal get-together on Friday 1 September 14:00 at the Valhalla (Department of Management's lunchroom (2628(M)-212a)).

The celebratory event will include drinks and light refreshments. You will also have the opportunity to meet the new assistant lab manager, [Trine Enig](#), and bid farewell to the outgoing manager, [Joshua Brain](#).

[Read more](#)

BOOST YOUR SMALL GROUP TEACHING!



Are you looking for more variation? Do you find it difficult to get the students to engage in learning activities? Do you want to try out new teaching formats?

[Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) will host an inspiration day on small group teaching on Thursday 9 November 2017. There will be short presentations by BSS colleagues who have developed their own small group teaching as well as the opportunity to participate in workshops about specific themes.

Programme and invitation will be circulated to all BSS teaching staff in September, but don't forget to save the date already!

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- **[Workshop on Time-Varying Uncertainty in Macro](#)**
Dates: 2-3 September 2017
Deadline: 9 June 2017
Venue: University of St Andrews
- **[2nd York Workshop on Labour and Family Economics \(WOLFE\)](#)**
Dates: 4-5 September 2017
Venue: York
Deadline: 15 June 2017
- **[Inaugural Lecture: Søren Dalsgaard](#)**
Date: 8 September 2017
Venue: The Jeppe Vontilius Auditorium, Vennelyst Boulevard 8, 8000 Aarhus C
- **[Conference: "Gender Economics of Labor Markets" and Lindahl Lectures](#)**
Dates: 12-13 September 2017
Deadline 15 May 2017
Venue: Uppsala
- **[Conference: "Big data, machine learning and the macroeconomy"](#)**
Dates: 2-3 October 2017
Deadline: 31 July 2017
Venue: Norges Bank, Oslo
- **[Conference: Heterogeneity in Firms, Households and Financial intermediaries: New Developments in Business Cycle Analysis](#)**
Dates: 5-6 October 2017

Venue: Copenhagen

- **[INTERACT Symposium: Exploring the Links Between University and Industry](#)**
Date: 6 October 2017
Venue: University of Copenhagen
- **[Conference: Labor Markets and Macroeconomics](#)**
Dates: 13-14 October 2017
Venue: Nürnberg, Germany
- **[The International Conference on New Approaches in Special Needs '17 \(ICONSEN'17\)](#)**
Dates: 16-18 October 2017
Venue: Zagreb, Croatia
- **[Conference on Markets with Search Frictions](#)**
Dates: 26-28 October 2017
Venue: Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Høegh-Guldbergs Gade, 8000 Aarhus C
- **[International Symposium: Seeking and Seizing - The Nordic Way](#)**
Dates: 2-3 November 2017
Venue: Helsinki
- **[Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics \(AASLE\) Inaugural Conference](#)**
Dates: 7-9 December 2017
Venue: Canberra, Australia
- **[7th Workshop on "Financial Determinants of Foreign Exchange Rates"](#)**
Dates: 14-15 December 2017
Venue: Norges Bank, Oslo
- **[Second Dondena Workshop on Public Policy](#)**
Dates: 14-15 December 2017
Venue: Bocconi University, Milano
- **[Alp-Pop 2018 - The Alpine Population Conference](#)**
Dates: 14-17 January 2018
Venue: La Thuile, Aosta Valley, Italy
- **[The PenCon Pensions Conference 2018](#)**
Dates: 19-20 April 2018
Venue: Lodz, Poland

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



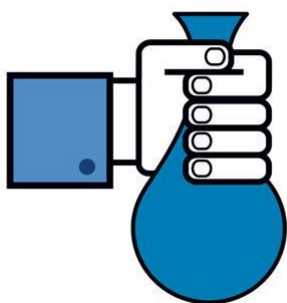
[Get an overview of forthcoming seminars at the Department here.](#)

We have the following seminar series:

- [Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)
- [CORAL Seminars](#)
- [CREATES lunch seminars](#)
- [CREATES weekly seminars](#)
- [Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)
- [Econometrics Seminar Series](#)
- [Economics Seminar Series](#)
- [Experimental Research in Social Science](#)
- [Finance Seminar Series](#)
- [Joint Econometrics-Finance Lunch Seminars](#)
- [Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)
- [MOB Seminar Series](#)
- [Trygfonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)
- [Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE FUNDING DATABASE RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL



On Wednesday 6 September 2017 from 10:00 to 11:00, Greg Clarke from Research Professional will present and demonstrate the funding database Research Professional, which Aarhus University got access to earlier this year: www.researchprofessional.com.

Research Professional is a database containing information on funding opportunities in Denmark and EU. It is simple to use and allows researchers to search out exactly the type of funding source that will be relevant for their projects.

The event takes place in meeting room 2 at Fredrik Nielsens Vej 4, building 1421.

Sign up for the event via this link before 1 September: <https://auws.au.dk/ResearchProfessional>

AUFF SUPPLEMENTARY POOL



Aarhus University Research Foundation's (AUFF) supplementary pool provides seed funding for small-scale research activities such as analyses, field work etc. of young researchers at Aarhus BSS.

Co-funding from the relevant department is required.

The applicant must be employed at Aarhus BSS as either PhD student, post doc, assistant professor, or recently started associate professor

A grant can range between DKK 25,000 and 200,000.

The application must contain:

- A description of the planned research activities including the academic benefits/how the applied methods will contribute to the research project (max 2 pages)
- A budget for the research activities, including a description of co-funding from the department
- CV of the applicant

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Send your application to bss.hr@au.dk

DFF'S AUTUMN 2017/SPRING 2018 CALL



The Danish Council for Independent Research (DFF) has published its call for applications for the Autumn 2017/Spring 2018-round.

The deadline for Social Science applications for Project 1 and 2, and International Research Stays is 28 September 2017

Note also that it is now possible to apply for the Research Project 2 for a period of up to 4½ years.

[See the deadlines here](#)

[See the call here](#)

PUBLICATION SUPPORT



The Aarhus University Research Foundation calls for applications for publication support for distribution in the second half of 2017.

The objective of the foundation's publication support is to ensure that important scientific work and other activities at the university can obtain the necessary support for qualified high-quality publication and dissemination and thereby strengthen the university's communication of research results both within the international research landscape and to the general public.

The 2017 pool for publication support comprises a total of DKK 5 million.

Deadline for applications is 6 September 2017 at 12:00.

[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 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](#).

EMPLOYEE NEWS

NEW EMPLOYEES



- [Einar Kjenstad](#) was employed as assistant professors at the Department as from 1 August 2017.
- [Evelyn Braumann](#) was employed as assistant professor at the Department as from 1 August 2017.
- [Luca Macedoni](#) was employed as assistant professor at the Department as from 1 August 2017.
- [Wongkot Similan Rujiwattanapong](#) was employed as assistant professor at the Department as from 1 August 2017.
- [Victor Ronda](#) was employed as assistant professor at the Department as from 1 August 2017.
- [Søren Munkedal](#) was employed as deputy manager at TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research as from 1 August 2017.
- [Leopoldo Catania](#) will be employed as assistant professor as from 1 September 2017.
- [Luke Taylor](#) will be employed as assistant professor as from 1 September 2017.
- [Elena Mattana](#) will be employed as assistant professor as from 1 September 2017.

- Malene Vindfeldt Skals will be employed as center secretary at the Dale T. Mortensen Center as from 4 September 2017.

NEW PHD STUDENTS



We welcome the following new PhD students at the Department as from 1 September 2017:

- Line Lausten Bager
- Mathias Vester Barløse
- Dorethe Skovgaard Bjerre
- Anine Eg Bolko
- Simone Maria Bonin
- Simon Christiansen
- Alexander Fischer
- Andrei Gorshkov
- Erla Hrönn Harðardóttir
- Nicolaj Mühlbach
- Mikkel Krabbe Nielsen
- Ole Linnemann Nielsen
- Simon Sørup

NEW TITLES



- [Juan Carlos Parra Alvarez](#) was employed as assistant professor as from 1 August 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages and abstracts of three new publications and six 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 and abstract of your publication - 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:

- [Michael Christensen](#): [Portfolio Manager Selection – A Case Study](#), Journal Of Investment Management, Vol. 15, No. 3, (2017), pp. 71–80.
- Paul Catani, [Timo Teräsvirta](#) and Meiqun Yin: [A Lagrange multiplier test for testing the adequacy of constant conditional correlation GARCH model](#), Econometric Reviews 2017, Vol. 36, NOS. 6-9, 599-621.
- Olivier Gergaud, Florine Livat, Bradley Rickard and [Frederic Warzynski](#): [Evaluating the net benefits of collective reputation: The case of Bordeaux wine](#), Food Policy, Vol. 71, August 2017, pp. 8-16.

Working papers:

- Massimiliano Caporin, Gisle J. Natvik, Francesco Ravazzolo and [Paolo Santucci de Magistris](#): [The Bank-Sovereign Nexus: Evidence from a non-Bailout Episode](#), CREATES Research Paper 2017-25.
- [Alexander K. Koch](#) and [Julia Nafziger](#): [Motivational Goal Bracketing: An Experiment](#), Economics Working Papers 2017-6.
- Mikkel Bennedsen, [Asger Lunde](#) and [Mikko S. Pakkanen](#): [Decoupling the short- and long-term behavior of stochastic volatility](#), CREATES Research Paper 2017-26.
- [Peter Løchte Jørgensen](#): [An Analysis of the Solvency II Regulatory Framework's Smith-Wilson Model for the Term Structure of Risk-Free Interest Rates](#), SSRN Working paper.
- [Martin M. Andreasen](#), Jens H.E. Christensen and Simon Riddell: [The TIPS Liquidity Premium](#), CREATES Research Paper 2017-27.
- Emmanuel Dhyne, Amil Petrin, [Valerie Smeets](#) and [Frederic Warzynski](#): [Multi Product Firms, Import Competition, and the Evolution of Firm-product Technical Efficiencies](#), NBER Working Paper No. 23637, July 2017.

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 11 September 2017

Deadline for input: Thursday 7 September 2017 at 12 noon

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