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## ECON NEWS 168



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Dear all

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Dear colleagues,

As you may have become aware, Aarhus University has recently been exposed to an extremely unfortunate and regrettable case concerning a DCA report that fails to...

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## NEWS AND EVENTS

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### ORDER YOUR CALENDAR FOR 2020

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Time flies and it is now time to order your calendar for 2020.

There are several calendars to choose from - [see them here](#). If in doubt, you can have a look at them in the reception

To order a calendar, you must fill in the Doodle below. Please state your full name and which style you would like.

<https://doodle.com/poll/95fvpm894xme754z>

Deadline is Monday 4 October 2019.

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## HIGH-PERFORMANCE COMPUTING IN RESEARCH PROJECTS

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In connection with applications for funding of research projects that require the use of High-Performance Computing (HPC) through the ECONHPC research cluster, it is important that you apply specifically for funding of HPC costs and that you include the costs of HPC in your budget.

Please use the template "[HPC through the ECONHPC research cluster - template](#)" at the ECON staff portal when applying for funding for research projects that require the use of HPC:

<http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/>

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## FIND RESEARCH CENTRE WORKSHOP WITH RAYMOND RIEZMAN

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On 22 October 2019 the [FIND Research Centre](#) hosts a workshop with FIND Senior Fellow [Raymond Riezman](#).

The workshop aims to facilitate the research of junior faculty (assistant professors, postdocs and PhD-students) and other interested faculty to discuss and present their research in fields related to the FIND centre's focus.

Papers of junior faculty are preferred for presentation, but anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Deadline for signing up is 6 October.

[Read more](#)

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## OR DAY 2019

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OR Day is an annual event organized by the Cluster for Operations Research, Analytics, and Logistics ([CORAL](#)) in collaboration with the Danish Operations Research Society (DORS). Speakers from various industries will give the participants an insight into how companies apply operations research in their operations/business.

This year's OR Day will be held on 3 October 2019 9:30-15:30 in Fuglesangssalen with the following speakers:

- Trine Hetebrügge Kjærsgaard Hansen, Aarhus Kommune: "Improving Decision Making with Business Analytics"
- René Nilsson, AGCO: "Logistics and Route Optimization in Agricultural Field Operations"
- Morten Lind Vidkjær, Bestseller: "Creating Growth in Retail through Stock Optimization"
- Morten Koberg Christiansen and Melanie Spile, LEGO: "Linking Strategy and Execution through Performance Management"

Deadline for signing up is 1 October at 12:00.

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## WORKSHOP: RAMOO 2019

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The workshop RAMOO 2019 "Recent Advances in Multi-Objective Optimization" is organised by the Cluster for Operations Research, Analytics and Logistics ([CORAL](#)) and takes place on 26 September at Fuglesangs Allé.

The workshop focuses on the latest advances in exact methods in multi-objective (mixed) integer optimization, and the keynote speakers are Andreas Hamel, University of Bozen-Bolzano, and Kaisa Miettinen, University of Jyväskylä.

[Read more](#)

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## CALL FOR PAPERS - SYMPOSIUM IN APPLIED STATISTICS

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The 42nd Symposium in Applied Statistics will be held in Aarhus on 27-28 January 2020.

Deadline for submitting title and abstract of your paper is 9 October 2019.

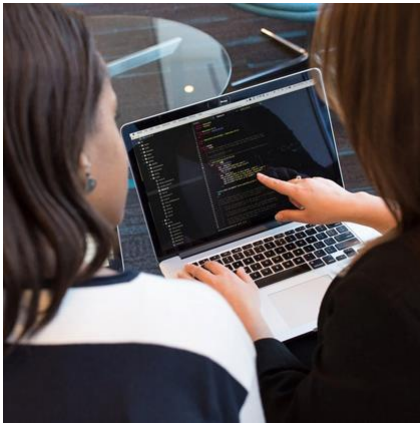
[Mogens Dilling-Hansen](#) is in the organizing committee of the symposium and would be happy to answer any questions that you might have about the symposium.

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## SOFTWARE CARPENTRY WORKSHOP WITH R

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[The Cognition and Behavior Lab](#) (COBE) hosts a two-day workshop on "Software Carpentry with R" that aims to help researchers get their work done in less time and with less pain by teaching them basic research computing skills.

The workshop will cover basic concepts and tools, including program design, version control, data management, and task automation - The Unix Shell, Version Control with Git, and Programming with R.

The workshop takes place on 22-23 October 2019 at Finlandsgade 27, 5361-144, 8200 Aarhus N.

[Read more](#)

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## THE ROYAL DANISH LIBRARY IS LAUNCHING A NEW LIBRARY SYSTEM

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On the 19 November 2019, the Royal Library will launch a new library system with a new user interface and some altered, or completely new, functionalities.

Note that during the implementation of the new system, certain library services will be shut down:

- The old system will be closed for loans, reservations, renewals and returns on Friday 15 November at 18:00.
- Via AU Library's website, it will still be possible to search for material and access electronic resources.
- Inter-library loans (loans from external libraries) will not be possible for a period – at least 5 weeks from the changeover date. So remember to make any reservations in due time, ideally prior to 1 October.

- Users are encouraged to store any items currently on their personal 'To do list' elsewhere (e.g. in a reference management tool), as this facility will not be transferred to the new system
- In the new system, all users will need to be created anew - with a new PIN code.

Status updates and other information about the new library system will be published via the link below:

[New library system](#)

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## JOHN MCGRATH AWARDED THE LIEBER PRIZE FOR RESEARCH IN SCHIZOPHRENIA

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Niels Bohr Professor [John McGrath](#), NCRR, has been awarded The Lieber prize for his achievements in Schizophrenia Research.

The prize is awarded by The Brain & Behavior Research Foundation to bring public recognition to the outstanding discoveries being made in schizophrenia research.

This prize carries an award of \$50,000, and the winners are honored at the annual International Awards Dinner in New York City on 1 November.

Congratulations!

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## INGRID MARIE FOSSUM IS BACK AT BSS COMMUNICATION

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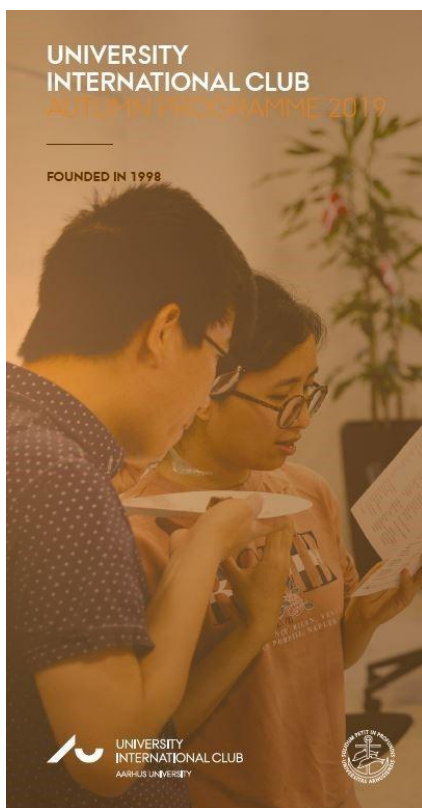
Our usual contact person at Aarhus BSS Communication, [Ingrid Marie Fossum](#), will return from maternity leave on 10 October 2019.

Mia Ulvgraven Nielsen has been our temporary contact person during Ingrid's leave, but her employment at BSS now expires.

So from 10 October, please contact Ingrid Marie Fossum (or our press officer [Michael Schröder](#)) in matters concerning press releases, contact to the media or if you have a research result or story that you think might be interesting for the media.

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## UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL CLUB: AUTUMN PROGRAMME



[The University International Club](#) (UIC) offers some useful meetings this autumn for new international employees. The meetings aim to give newcomers a quick and smooth adaptation into Aarhus and the Danish society; for example:

- **Banking in Denmark**  
19 September 2019 17.00-19.00
- **Schools system in Denmark**  
25 September 2019 17.00-19.00
- **Family Science Show**  
9 October 2019 17.00-19.00
- **Buying property in Denmark**  
24 October 2019 17.00-19.00
- **Pension and investment in Denmark**  
14 November 2019 17:00-19:00
- **Healthcare in Denmark**  
20 November 17:00-19:00
- **Tax seminar for researchers at AU**  
27 November 16:00-18:00
- **Raising multilingual children**  
11 December 17:00-19:00

[See the entire autumn programme of UIC](#)

You may also pick up a copy of the UIC folder in our reception!

## CLOSE YOUR WINDOW BEFORE YOU GO HOME



The caretakers and the security company G4S have caught us forgetting to close the windows in our offices and hallways after closing time quite a few times recently.

Thieves may take this as an invitation to break in, and since we have had problems with thieves before, you are strongly encouraged to make sure to close any windows that you have opened during the day – in your office and in the hallways, meeting rooms etc. – before you go home.

Note also that it is a good idea to close the blinds before you go home - especially those of you who have offices on the ground floor.

## CULTURAL AWARENESS - LIVING AND WORKING IN DENMARK



The International Academic Staff Services hosts a workshop about Danish culture that aims to equip international employees with practical tools that are useful not only in your collaboration with Danish colleagues and business partners but in many cross-cultural situations.

The workshop will be held twice, and each workshop is divided into two sessions: Workshop #1 takes place on 24 October and 7 November, and workshop #2 will be held on 19 November and 3 December.

[Read more](#)

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### IRFD'S AUTUMN 2019 AND SPRING 2020

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The Independent Research Fund Denmark (IRFD) has published its call for proposals of independent research funds for the autumn 2019/spring 2020-round – see the call via the link below.

The autumn deadline for applications to IRFD|Social Sciences is 4 October 2019 at 12:00 noon for the following instruments:

- DFF Research Project 1 (up to DKK 2,000,000 excluding overheads),
- DFF Research Project 2 (up to DKK 4,300,000 excluding overheads)
- International Research Stay (DKK 300,000 excluding overheads)

For the International Postdoctoral Grant, the deadlines are 5 November 2019 at 12:00 noon and 26 March 2020 at 12:00 noon. And for the Sapere Aude Starting Grant, the deadline is 26 March 2020 at 12:00 noon.

[See the call here](#)

See below for information about support for IRFD applicants from the AU Research Support Office and the Department's internal review board.

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### APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE AU EDUCATIONAL-IT POOL

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Do you have an idea as to how EDU-IT can contribute to your teaching? - then you might be eligible for financial support from AU's EDU-IT fund.

Deadline is 11 October 2019.

[Read more about what you can apply for and see examples of projects that have already been funded.](#)

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## NORDFORSK CALL - INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROJECTS

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NordForsk has sent out a call for proposals for their new Nordic programme for interdisciplinary research, which has a budget of NOK 120 million.

The call is specifically aimed at interdisciplinary projects that combine disciplines which rarely collaborate or that pursue an original research question requiring the exact combination of competencies from different disciplines. Projects awarded funding must include at least two of the following three areas: Life Science, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Social Sciences and Humanities.

The maximum funding per project is NOK 15 million, and NordForsk hopes to fund 8 - 12 research projects under this call. Funding will be granted for up to four years, and successful proposals must include partners from at least three Nordic countries.

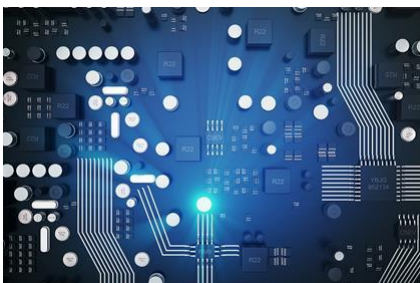
The deadline for submitting proposals is 13 November 2019.

[Read more](#)

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## THE VILLUM SYNERGY PROGRAMME

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VILLUM FONDEN wishes to strengthen new collaborations that combine expertise within computer science with other research areas and thus calls for applications for its Villum Synergy Programme, for which an amount of DKK 50 million is allocated.

Project grants of DKK 2-3 million for up to two years are available for new collaborations. Established collaborations mature enough to benefit from a large grant can apply for a full project grant of DKK 10-20 million for three to five years.

Projects should involve two PIs that are both affiliated with a Danish research institution - One should be a methodological expert from computer science,

statistics or applied mathematics and the other a domain expert from a field of application that may be broadly chosen, e.g. social science.

Deadline is 10 October 2019 at 14:00.

[Read more](#)

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## AUFF NOVA GRANTS

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The Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) calls for applications for the Nova 2019 funding programme.

The aim of AUFF Nova is to stimulate courageous and innovative research projects of high quality – projects which may have difficulties obtaining alternative funding. The project must be pioneering in its field and show clear potential for scientific breakthroughs. The hypothesis or problem behind the project may require development of new methods and it may challenge existing paradigms. If relevant, multi-disciplinary elements and synergies within the research team(s) should be clearly identified.

The programme includes two types of grants:

- Small projects (up to DKK 600,000) with a duration of 1-2 years
- Large projects (up to DKK 3 million) with a duration of 3-4 years

The deadline for applications is 4 October at 12 noon.

[Read more](#)

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## SUPPORT FOR APPLICANTS

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The following documents on funding opportunities and support for applicants are available at the Department's staff portal (<http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/>) under "Employee forum".

- BSS and ECON internal review process for applicants
- Ways in which the Research Support Office can help employees and opportunities for Post Doc funding
- Current funding opportunities by the Danish Council for Independent Research
- Funding opportunities within the Horizon2020 programme
- Calendar of calls for funding
- Common mistakes in writing grant applications
- Check list for applicants

## PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

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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/](http://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/](http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/).

## EMPLOYEE NEWS

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### NEW EMPLOYEES

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Simon Emde will be associate professor at the Department as from 1 October 2019. He will be a member of the Econometrics, Logistics and Business Analytics section.



Florian Privée will start in a postdoc position at the National Centre for Register-based Research (NCRR) as from 1 October 2019.

## THE PHD CORNER

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### PHD DEFENCE: STINE MUNK POULSEN

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[Stine Munk Poulsen](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "Essays on Mixed Service Delivery - Concurrent Sourcing in the Public Sector" on Tuesday 8 October at 14:15 in the Harvard Auditorium, building 2626.

The assessment committee consists of the following members.

- Professor Aoife McDermott, Cardiff Business School
- Professor Ole Helby Petersen, Roskilde University
- Professor [Anders Ryom Villadsen](#) (chair), Aarhus University

Professor [Niels Peter Mols](#) and Professor [Jesper Rosenberg Hansen](#) (MGMT) have been her supervisors.

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

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: DANIEL BORUP

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[Daniel Borup](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Econometric Modeling and Forecasting in Financial Markets" on Wednesday 23 October at 15:15 in 2610(S)-514+515B.

The assessment committee consists of the following members.

- Professor Peter Reinhard Hansen, University of North Carolina
- Professor Joakim Westerlund, Lund University and Deakin University
- Professor [Stig Vinther Møller](#) (chair), Aarhus University

Professor [Bent Jesper Christensen](#) and Assistant Professor [Yunus Emre Ergemen](#) have been his supervisors.

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2630(K)-115.

[Read more](#)

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## PHD RELATED EVENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT

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[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](#).

## PARTNER DATABASE

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Partner relationships with companies and organizations (private and public) are an important part of research projects and research sharing at the Department. To strengthen our research-partner collaboration profile and management, the department initiates the building of a Partner Database.

You are therefore kindly asked to notify the department administration when you are collaborating with external partners or participate in external events. Examples of partner engagements could be (but not limited to):

- Attending and/or speaking at public or business conferences, seminars or networks.
- Organizing a workshop, seminar, or conference for non-researchers.
- Meeting with public or private companies to talk research collaboration.
- Engaging in projects with public or private companies.
- Having guest lectures in your courses presenting a relevant case from their organization/company.

Please send partner name, date of the event or meeting, contact information, and (if available) a link to the event or partner to [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk): [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk)

## PUBLICATIONS

### NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages and abstracts of two new working papers this time. 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 a link or the front page and abstract of your publication - then I will announce it in the next issue of ECON News: [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk), [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk)

#### Working papers:

- [Kim Christensen](#), [Charlotte Christiansen](#) and [Anders M. Posselt](#): [The Economic Value of VIX ETPs](#), CREATES research Paper 2019-14.
- Vanessa Berenguer-Rico, [Søren Johansen](#) and Bent Nielsen: [Models where the Least Trimmed Squares and Least Median of Squares estimators](#)

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## ALL PUBLICATIONS

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[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.

## SEMINARS

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### UPCOMING SEMINARS

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

We have the following seminar series:

- [ABC Colloquium Lunch Seminar Series](#)
- [Accounting and Finance Seminar Series](#)
- [CORAL Seminars](#)
- [Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)
- [Econometrics and Business Statistics Seminar Series](#)
- [Economics Seminar Series](#)
- [Experimental Research in Social Science](#)
- [Joint Econometrics-Finance Lunch Seminars](#)
- [Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)
- [Macro Seminar Series](#)
- [MOB Seminar Series](#)
- [TrygFonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)
- [Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

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## ALL EVENTS

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[See the list of all coming events at the Department: seminars, workshops, PhD defences, PhD courses etc.](#)

Do you know of an event that is not mentioned on the list, please contact [Birgitte Høiklint Nielsen](#): [bhoeklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoeklint@econ.au.dk)

## CALENDAR

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.

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- **[RAMOO 2019](#)**  
Date: 26 September 2019  
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, The Harvard Auditorium
- **[The Oecon Conference](#)**  
Date: 28 September 2019  
Place: Fuglesangssalen, AU
- **[Workshop on Vacancies, Hiring and Matching](#)**  
Dates: 1-2 October 2019  
Place: Nuremberg, Germany
- **[The 11th Annual International Symposium on University Rankings and Quality Assurance](#)**  
Date: 2 October 2019  
Place: Brussels
- **[OR Day 2019](#)**  
Date: 3 October 2019  
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, Fuglesangssalen
- **[MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Gender and entrepreneurship" by Helle Neergaard](#)**  
Date: 10 October 2019 at 13:00  
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2628(M)-303
- **[FIND Research Centre Workshop](#)**  
Date: 22 October 2019  
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4
- **[Public Sector Economics 2019 Conference – Wealth and property taxation: Where do we stand?](#)**  
Date: 24 October 2019  
Place: Zagreb, Croatia
- **[Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance](#)**  
Dates: 24–26 October 2019  
Place: Hanoi, Vietnam
- **[3rd Conference on Financial Stability](#)**  
Dates: 30-31 October 2019  
Place: Mexico City
- **[The 3rd Dale T. Mortensen Centre Conference](#)**  
Dates: 30 Oct. - 2 Nov. 2019

Place: Molskroen, Ebeltoft, Denmark

- **MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Women's bumpy road to the board of directors"**  
by Nina Smith  
Date: 6 November 2019 at 12:00  
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2628(M)-303
- **4th Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference**  
Dates: 6-8 November 2019.  
Place: Mexico City
- **Workshop on Climate Change and Inequality**  
Dates: 7-8 November 2019  
Place: CBS, Copenhagen
- **2nd BIBB Conference on the Economics of Vocational Education and Training**  
Date: 7-8 November 2019  
Place: Siegburg, Germany
- **PeRCent conference: Pension Funds and the Macroeconomy**  
Date: 19 November 2019  
Place: Copenhagen Business School
- **Workshop: Field Experiments in Policy Evaluation**  
Dates: 21-22 November 2019  
Place: Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg, Germany
- **Aarhus-Kiel Workshop (organised by FIND)**  
Dates: 5-6 December 2019  
Place: Sandbjerg Manor
- **OFCE Workshop on Empirical Monetary Economics**  
Dates: 5-6 December 2019  
Place: Paris, France
- **The 6th International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development**  
Dates: 5-6 December 2019  
Place: Colombo, Sri Lanka
- **MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Gender, competitiveness and career choices"**  
by Thomas Buser  
Date: 6 December 2019 at 13:00  
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2627(H)-210



- **[Workshop: Health and the Labour Market](#)**  
Date: 9-10 December 2019  
Place: Nantes
  - **[The 30th \(EC\)<sup>2</sup> Conference on Identification in Macroeconomics](#)**  
Dates: 13-14 December 2019  
Place: Oxford, UK
  - **[Symposium i Anvendt Statistik](#)**  
Dates: 27-28 January 2020  
Place: Aarhus University
  - **[Arne Ryde Workshop "Heterogeneous Agent Models in Macroeconomics - Advances in Continuous Time"](#)**  
Dates: 29 - 30 May 2020  
Place: Lund University, Sweden
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## COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every two weeks.

Next issue: Monday 7 October 2019.

Deadline for input: Thursday 3 October 2019 at 12 noon

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