



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
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Dear all

This week ECON News brings news about the following (click on the link to go directly to the news):

- AUFF grants to ECON researchers
- Philipp Schröder in the Scientific Advisory Council of IfW Kiel
- Confidentiality agreements
- Stay up-to-date with the new studies administration systems
- Register your publications in PURE before the deadline
- The Department's Christmas Party - deadline today!
- 17th CEPR/JIE School on Applied Industrial Organisation
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## NEWS AND EVENTS

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### AUFF GRANTS TO ECON RESEARCHERS

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[Jesper Wulff](#) and [Shin Kanaya](#) have both received AUFF Nova grants from the Aarhus University Research Foundation:

Associate Professor [Jesper Wulff](#) has received DKK 2 million for his project entitled "Opening the black box: Making Machine Learning Interpretable for Organizational Research". Associate Professor [Allan Würtz](#) is also part of this project.



Associate Professor [Shin Kanaya](#) has received DKK 360,000 for his project entitled "Estimating a meat demand system and prices of economic interventions to achieve environmental targets". Associate Professor [Marija Banovic](#) from MGMT is also part of the project.

The AUFF Nova aims to stimulate courageous and innovative research projects of high quality, which are pioneering in their fields and show clear potential for scientific breakthroughs.



[Christoph Merkle](#) who will be employed as associate professor at the Department as from 1 January 2020 has received an AUFF Starting Grant of DKK 2.6 million from the Aarhus University Research Foundation.

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### PHILIPP SCHRÖDER IS NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL OF IFW KIEL

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Professor [Philipp Schröder](#) has become chairman for The Scientific Advisory Council of the [Kiel Institute for The World Economy](#) (IfW) – appointed by the new IfW President Gabriel Felbermayr.

The Scientific Advisory Council provides advice in scientific and economic issues to the Board of Governors and the Presidential Department of the Kiel Institute for The World Economy.

The IfW Kiel is a widely recognized and certainly the oldest (since 1914) research institution within global economic affairs. Apart from its research activity, the Institute advises national and international decision-makers in policy, business, and society.

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## CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS

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A description of the procedure for confidentiality agreements in connection with students' cooperation with private companies or organisations when writing their theses and reports is now available on the Study Portal.

The webpage describes the obligations of AU and the student and provides a link to a standard confidentiality agreement.

The webpage is available in Danish and English (note that the link to the standard confidentiality agreement is not yet available in the English version).

[The Study Portal: Procedure for confidentiality agreements](#)

The internal procedure at ECON as regards the supervisor's role in relation to confidentiality agreements is described in the document below:

[Internal procedure – The role of the supervisor in connection with confidentiality agreements](#)

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## NEW STUDIES ADMINISTRATION SYSTEMS - STAY UP-TO-DATE

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In the coming years until 2025, AU will implement 5 new studies administration systems:

- A new timetabling system for classes and exams
- A new learning management system
- A new system for digital exams
- A replacement for STADS
- A new system for international mobility

A new communication platform – "[Den digitale studierejse på AU](#)" – will help you get an overview of the changes and will serve as a unified entry point for the coordinated initiatives across the new systems. The goal is to give employees the opportunity to get an overview of and stay updated on the changes.

[Read more](#)

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## REGISTER YOUR PUBLICATIONS IN PURE - THE DEADLINE IS APPROACHING

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Wednesday 15 January 2020 is the deadline for reporting publications published in 2019. This is also the deadline for making your publications accessible in Open Access.

[Find deadlines and practical information about reporting publications in Pure](#)

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## THE DEPARTMENT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2019

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Don't forget to sign up for this year's Christmas Party at the ECON Department.

The party takes place on Friday 13 December at 16:00 in our lunch room 2632(L)-141.

Come and enjoy a great Christmassy evening in the company of your colleagues with entertainment, a quiz, traditional Danish Christmas food, sing-along around the piano, and the traditional Danish *Pakkeleg* ([What is Pakkeleg?](#))

The price is DKK 150 per person.

[Register via this link](#)

The deadline for registration Tuesday 3 December.

[See the invitation](#)

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## 17TH CEPR/JIE SCHOOL ON APPLIED INDUSTRIAL ORGANISATION

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The CEPR/JIE School on Applied Industrial Organisation will be held in Rome as part of the CEPR Conference on Applied IO on 8-10 June 2020. The goal of the school is to provide a forum for young European researchers in Applied IO to get exposure for and receive feedback on their work.

Young researchers pursuing or having recently (within four years) received a PhD from a European economics programme are eligible to apply.

The deadline for submissions is Friday 17 January 2020 at 18:00. The submission must include a research paper, a CV, and (for pre-doctoral researchers only) a short letter of support from their main advisor (max 1 page).

[Read more](#)

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## FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & ACCOUNTING RESEARCH CONFERENCE

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The Financial Management & Accounting Research Conference will be held in Paphos, Cyprus on 14-16 June 2020. The organisers have sent out a call for papers within all fields of finance and accounting. The deadline for submitting a paper is 23 December 2019.

The keynote speakers at the conference will be Douglas Cumming, Florida Atlantic University, and Theodore Sougiannis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and there will be a special session on "Household Finance and Financial Literacy" with Michael Haliassos, Goethe University Frankfurt, and Alexander Michaelides, Imperial College Business School.

[Read more](#)

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## THE DANISH COUNCIL OF ETHICS INVITES YOU TO SUGGEST TOPICS

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[The Danish Council of Ethics](#) invites researchers to suggest topics that the council should address.

At the moment, the Council is working on a number of large projects: One of their projects is concerned with ethical problems in relation to forensic psychiatry, another is about the importance of the provision of care in health services, and another is about artificial intelligence. Furthermore, the Council has just finished a project about health wearables and big data.

The deadline for suggestions is 6 December 2019. Please use the form via the link below when submitting your suggestion.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

[Form for your suggestion](#) (in Danish)

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## ASSOCIATE PROFESSORSHIPS IN ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS

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The Department invites applications for a number of associate professor positions in all fields of Economics and Business Economics.

The starting date is 1 May 2020 or as soon as possible subject to mutual agreement.

The deadline for applications is 8 December 2019.

[Read more](#)

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## EMPLOYEE NEWS

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### NEW EMPLOYEES

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- Christoph Merkle will be employed as associate professor at the Department as from 1 January 2020. He will be a member of the Accounting and Finance section. Christoph comes from a position at Kühne Logistics University in Hamburg.
  - Shohre Zehtabian will be research assistant at the Department as from 1 January 2020. She will be a member of the Econometrics and Business Analytics section.
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### NEW TITLES

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[Jonas Nygaard Eriksen](#) will be associate professor as from 1 December 2019. He is a member of the Accounting and Finance section.

[Jonas Bødker](#) and [Carsten Berthram Haahr Andersen](#) will be assistant professors as from 1 January 2020. They are both members of the Labour and Public Policy section.

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## RESIGNATIONS

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- [Jonas Fluchtmann](#) will resign from his position as research assistant (LPP) as from 15 December 2019.
- [Shin Kanaya](#) will resign from his position as associate professor (EBA) as from 31 December 2019.
- [Bjarne Taulo Sørensen](#) will resign from his position as teaching associate professor (EBA) as from 31 December 2019. He will continue as part-time lecturer at the Department.
- [Christian Rix-Nielsen](#) will resign from his position as assistant professor (ACFI) as from 31 December 2019. He will continue as part-time lecturer at the Department.
- [Erla Thorsteinsson](#) will resign from her position as research assistant (NCRR) as from 31 December 2019.
- [Mohammed Hussen Alemu](#) will resign from his position as postdoc (LPP) as from 31 January 2020.

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### CALL: AIAS FELLOWSHIPS

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[The Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies \(AIAS\)](#) calls for applications for the following fellowships:

- **Jens Christian Skou fellowships**  
AIAS has up to four Jens Christian Skou fellowships available for talented junior and senior researchers from all academic disciplines.

AU employees with a distinguished track record in research, who intend to explore innovative, high-risk topics in their scientific research areas, are encouraged to apply.

Applicants must have a PhD and a minimum of two years of postdoctoral research experience, at the time of the application deadline. Furthermore, applicants must hold a tenured position or be in a tenure track position at AU at the time of the application deadline and at the time of commencement of the fellowship.

AIAS fellows are expected to be situated in AIAS' buildings on campus.

A fellowship has a duration of 6 to 12 months with commencement on 1 October 2020 or 1 February 2021.

The application deadline is 31 January 2020.

[Read more](#)

- **AIAS-COFUND Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships**

AIAS has up to 15 AIAS-COFUND Marie Skłodowska-Curie fellowships available for talented junior and senior researchers from all academic disciplines who are seeking to enhance their understanding of methodologies and approaches of their own and other scientific disciplines and to explore these approaches, thus making cross-disciplinary inspiration and initiatives possible.

The programme encompasses two types of fellowships:

- AIAS-COFUND Junior Fellowships for postdoctoral researchers with a career experience of 2-10 years. Fellowship duration: 12-36 months.
- AIAS-COFUND Senior Fellowships for researchers with a career experience of 10+ years. Fellowship duration: 6-18 months.

Applicants must have a PhD and a minimum of two years of fulltime postdoctoral research experience at the time of the application deadline. Applicants must also comply with a mobility demand.

Commencement date: 1 October 2020 or 1 February 2021.

The application deadline is 17 January 2020.

[Read more](#)

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**FULBRIGHT GRANTS**

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Fulbright Denmark calls for applications for the following grants:

- **Fulbright Danish Visiting Scholar**  
Postdocs, assistant professors, associate professors and professors who are planning a research and teaching stay in the US in 2020-2021 can apply for this grant of DKK 200,000. The stay must be for one or two semesters (4-10 months).
- **Fulbright Danish Student**  
Master's and PhD students who are planning a research stay in the US in 2020-2021 can apply for this grant. You can apply for DKK 50,000 for one semester, or DKK 85,000 for the whole academic year.

Deadline for applications for both grants is 4 March 2020 at 12 noon. Applicants must be Danish citizens.

[Read more](#)

Fulbright Denmark has organised two information meetings about the grants. The first meeting was held on 19 Nov., the next meeting will be on 13 Feb. 2020 in Copenhagen.

[Read more about the information meetings](#)

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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.

For the International Postdoctoral Grant and the Sapere Aude Starting Grant, the deadline is 26 March 2020 at 12:00 noon.

[See the call here](#)

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## SUPPORT FOR APPLICANTS

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

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## 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/).

## THE PHD CORNER

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### COURSE: TEACHING TECHNIQUE FOR PHD STUDENTS

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Centre for Teaching and Learning offers a two-day course on teaching technique for PhD students on 4 and 25 February 2020.

The purpose of the course is to introduce PhD students to tools that will help them structure their own lectures or conference presentations with a clear message and to help them prepare and carry out their teaching.

The course will be held in English.

Registration deadline is 10 January 2020.

[Read more](#)

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### PHD WELLBEING CONFERENCE

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Aarhus University PhD Association (AUPA) is hosting a one-day conference on PhD wellbeing

The conference takes place on 31 January 2020 13:00-17:00 in the Lakeside Lecture Theatres.

The conference is a reaction and response to the APV surveys that continue to show that PhD students suffer from loneliness, stress and anxiety.

The conference is free of charge, but registration is required.

[Read more](#)

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## PHD PLANNER WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO A NEW SUPPLIER

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The PhD Planner system will be transferred to a new supplier. This means that PhD Planner will be closed from 5 December until 9 December at 8:00. PhD students will not be able to access their PhD Plan, and supervisors will not be able to make evaluations in the system during this period.

The PhD Planner will look the same after the transfer.

If you experience problems with PhD Planner after the transfer, you should contact the graduate school.

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: JONAS FLUCHTMANN

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[Jonas Fluchtmann](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Essays on the Economics of Job Search" on Tuesday 3 December at 13:15 in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members.

- Professor Bas van der Klaauw, VU University Amsterdam
- Associate Professor Johannes Spinnewijn, London School of Economics
- Associate Professor [Rune Majlund Vejlin](#) (chair), Aarhus University

Professor [Michael Rosholm](#) and Professor [Alexander Koch](#) have been his supervisors.

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

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: ANDREA PARAMO FLORENCIO

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[Andrea Paramo Florencio](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "Gender Equality and Economic Development" on Friday 13 December at 9:00 in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Krisztina Kis-Katos, University of Göttingen
- Professor Arjun Bedi, Erasmus University, Rotterdam
- Associate Professor [Allan Sørensen](#) (chair), Aarhus University

Professor [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#) and Professor [Christian Bjørnskov](#) have been Andrea's supervisors.

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

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: ERIK LINDÉN

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[Erik Lindén](#) will defend his PhD dissertation entitled "Competition Economics and Damage Estimation - Empirical Theory and Practice" on Thursday 19 December 2019 at 13:15 in The Harvard Auditorium in building 2626(G).

The assessment committee has the following members:

- Professor Magnus Söderberg, University of Southern Denmark
- Associate Professor Rickard Sandberg, Stockholm School of Economics
- Professor Emeritus [Svend Hylleberg](#) (chair), Aarhus University

Professor [Asger Lunde](#) and Managing Director Claus Kastberg Nielsen have been Erik's supervisors.

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2631(K)-115.

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: RUBY ELORM AGBENYEGA

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[Ruby Elorm Agbenyega](#) will defend her PhD dissertation entitled "The Impact of Globalisation on Child and Gender Outcomes" on Friday 20 December at 13:15 in The Harvard Auditorium in building 2626(G).

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Peter Sandholt Jensen, University of Southern Denmark
- Associate Professor Therese Nilsson, Lund University
- Professor [Nabanitta Datta Gupta](#) (chair), Aarhus University

Ruby's supervisors have been Professor [Christian Bjørnskov](#) and Professor Niels-Hugo Blunch (Washington and Lee University).

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

[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 none-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:birgitte.hojklint@econ.au.dk): [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

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I have received the front pages and abstracts of three new working papers - but no publications - this time. 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:birgitte.hojklint@econ.au.dk), [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk)

#### Working papers:

- [Malene Kallestrup-Lamb](#), Søren Kjærgaard and Carsten P. T. Rosenskjold: [Insight into Stagnating Life Expectancy: Analysing Cause of Death Patterns across Socio-economic Groups](#), CREATES Research Paper 2019-20.
- [Mikkel Bennedsen](#), [Eric Hillebrand](#) and [Siem Jan Koopman](#): [Modeling, Forecasting, and Nowcasting U.S. CO2 Emissions Using Many Macroeconomic Predictors](#), CREATES Research Paper 2019-21.
- Anne G. Balter, [Malene Kallestrup-Lamb](#) and Jesper Rangvid: [The move towards riskier pensions: The importance of mortality](#), CREATES Research Paper 2019-22.

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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



[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](#)
- [FIND Seminars](#)
- [Joint Econometrics-Finance Lunch Seminars](#)
- [Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)
- [Macro Seminar Series](#)
- [MOB Seminar Series](#)
- [TrygFonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)

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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 Højklint Nielsen](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk): [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk)

## CALENDAR

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## UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.

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- [\*\*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
- **Financial Regulation and Macroeconomic Stability - Nordic Economic Policy Review 2020 Peer-Review Seminar**  
 Date: 12 December 2019  
 Place: Helsinki
- **The 30th (EC)<sup>2</sup> Conference on Identification in Macroeconomics**  
 Dates: 13-14 December 2019  
 Place: Oxford, UK
- **PeRCent event: Hvordan investeres 1000 mia.? Forventninger til 2020**  
 Date: 17 December 2019  
 Place: Copenhagen Business School
- **PhD Course in Monetary Economics**  
 Dates: January 13 to January 17 2020  
 Place: Norges Bank, Oslo  
 Deadline: 10 January 2020
- **Symposium i Anvendt Statistik**  
 Dates: 27-28 January 2020  
 Place: Aarhus University
- **10th Annual Search and Matching Conference**  
 Dates: 13-15 May 2020  
 Place: Copenhagen Business School
- **Annual Meeting of the Society of Economics of the Household, SEHO 2020**  
 Dates: 20-21 May 2020  
 Place: Venice
- **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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