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NEW PERSON IN CHARGE OF THE MAIL ROOM



As of today [Bibiana Paluszewska](#) will be in charge of the mail room instead of Bodil Krog. So if you have questions in relation to mail, you must contact Bibiana from now on: bibiana@econ.au.dk, tel.: 8716 5513. Bibiana is located in building 2632(L), office 104.

Bodil will act as deputy mail person when Bibiana is out of office.

DSEB CALLS



[Danish Society for Education and Business](#) (previously known as FUHU, now DSEB) has the following calls for recommendations for (in Danish):

- [DSEB's Erhvervsforskerpris 2013](#)
- [DSEB's Internationaliseringspris 2013](#)
- [DSEB's Innovations- og entreprenørskabspris 2013](#)
- [Tietgenprisen 2013](#)

Deadline for sending recommendations to DSEB is 15 February 2013.

Read more on DSEB's homepage: <http://www.dseb.dk/>.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS – THOMAS J. ALEXANDER FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME



OECD calls for proposals for their new Thomas J. Alexander Fellowship Programme, which supports individuals in conducting quantitative, evidence-based research on education, particularly in emerging economies, and in linking that research to education policy and practice.

Prospective fellows can be researchers, education practitioners or policy analysts within any field of study.

[How to apply.](#)

THE PHD CORNER

PHD DEFENCE: MARGIT MALM MOSE



[Margit Malm Mose](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "The Role of Management Accounting in New Public Management Reforms: Implications in a Socio-Political Health Care Context" on Tuesday 11 December 2012 at 12:15 in Auditorium M1, building 2628(M).

The thesis can be downloaded a week before the defence from [Margit Malm Mose's homepage](#).

For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee:

Associate Professor Liisa Kurunmäki, London School of Economics

Professor Inger Johanne Pettersen, Trondheim Business School

Associate Professor Finn Schøler, Aarhus University

The defence will be chaired by Professor Hans Frimor, Head of Talent Development, Department of Economics and Business.

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room L162 (Palmehaven), building 2632(L).

PHD DEFENCE: LAURENT CALLOT



[Laurent Callot](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Large Panels and High-dimensional VAR" on Wednesday 19 December 2012 at 3.15pm in Auditorium E1, building 2624.

The thesis can be downloaded a week before the defence from [Laurent Callot's homepage](#).

For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee:

Professor Patrick Groenen, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Professor Anders Rahbek, University of Copenhagen

Associate Professor Eric Hillebrand, Aarhus University

The defence will be chaired by Professor Bo Sandemann Rasmussen, Head of Programme, Department of Economics and Business.

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room M303, building 2628.

PHD COURSES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

[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 let me know: bhojklint@econ.au.dk.

STAFF PORTRAITS

STAFF PORTRAIT: BO SANDEMANN RASMUSSEN



This time [Bo Sandemann Rasmussen](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Bo. Bo is Professor at the Department and is located in building 2632(L) office 123.

How long have you been employed at the Department of Economics and Business?

Since 1986

What is your background?

Actually, I was born in Aarhus and studied at the Econ and Management programme at Aarhus University from 1979-1984. Then, after completing an MSc in Economics at London School of Economics in 1985, I enrolled as a PhD-student in 1986. To be honest I would not have decided to stay in academia if I had not experienced the outstanding research environment at LSE. I was so lucky to have Chris Pissarides (later Nobel laureate) as supervisor at LSE, and he is very much responsible for my decision to apply for admission to the PhD programme in Aarhus. The only surprising aspect of that is that I did not take up search theory as my main field of interest - but Chris was also an outstanding macro teacher and that opened my eyes for the possibilities to do interesting macro research.

What are your main areas of research?

Broadly speaking I am a macro economist. I started out specializing on open economy macroeconomic issues but moved gradually towards the area of public finance. Hence, my research interests today focus on incentive effects of taxation, i.e. labour income taxation, capital income taxation or more general redistributive public economic actions.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

One involves optimal taxation in a life-cycle model where households have present-biased preferences that distort their decisions both regarding savings and life-cycle labour supply. A second project involves fiscal externalities and their implications for optimal tax policies. An example is when the consumption of healthy/unhealthy food affects future productivity and hence tax revenues. Should this lead to taxes on unhealthy food/subsidies to healthy food (as the now abandoned Danish fat tax), or are there better ways to deal with the fiscal externalities (if any intervention is needed at all)?

What are you involved in teaching-wise at the moment?

This fall I am teaching Macro 1 which is an elective course at the final undergraduate year of our BSc in Economics and Management (around 60 students). In the spring I am (hopefully) going to teach the elective MSc course Public Finance.

Are you planning to take part in any conferences or the like abroad in the near future?

In January I am heading our recruitment committee for the US-job market (mostly econ and finance) and we interview job candidates in San Diego where the ASSA meeting takes place simultaneously. If I am fortunate I will be able to attend one or two sessions at the ASSA meeting.

Are you expecting any visiting researchers from abroad in the near future (or have you had any visitors from abroad recently)?

No, but the spring will be busy with a lot of job candidates passing through Aarhus, and I strongly encourage the department faculty members to show active interest in these job candidates so we can increase the likelihood of successful hirings.

Are you cooperating with researchers from other departments at AU at the moment?

No, not at the moment but maybe my research interests involving the tax treatment of healthy/unhealthy food could lead to cooperation with researchers from (public) health in the future. However, I am not a big fan of doing interdisciplinary research unless it really makes sense to both disciplines.

What do you do when you are not at work?

I have a wife, three kids and a dog - so that should keep me busy outside office hours. I do have time for the occasional round of golf (together with my two oldest boys) and I have signed up for the departmental indoor football (but have yet failed to show up even once).

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages of 4 new publications. Thank you for that. 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: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

- [Casper Worm Hansen: Causes of mortality and development: Evidence from large health shocks in 20th century America](#), Economics Working Paper 2012-29.
- Matthew T. Holt and [Timo Teräsvirta: Global Hemispheric Temperature Trends and Co-Shifting: A Shifting Mean Vector Autoregressive Analysis](#), CREATES Research Paper 2012-54.
- Daniel J. Nordman, [Helle Bunzel](#) and Soumendhra N. Lahiri: [A Non-standard Empirical Likelihood for Time Series](#), CREATES Research Paper 2012-55.
- [Robert F. Engle](#), [Martin Klint Hansen](#) and [Asger Lunde: And Now, The Rest of the News: Volatility and Firm Specific News Arrival](#), CREATES Research Paper 2012-56.

ALL PUBLICATIONS

[All ECON publications and working papers may be seen here](#). Please note that some publications may be missing – this will be corrected as soon as possible.

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 let me know:

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SEMINARS



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

We have the following seminar series:

[Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)

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[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

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