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### SASHKA DIMOVA AWARDED ELITEFORSK TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

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PhD student [Sashka Dimova](#) is one among 20 young research talents who have received an EliteForsk travel scholarship of DKK 300,000. The scholarship is intended to help young research talents to go on long-term research stays at universities offering world-class research environments within their fields.

Sashka is hoping to spend six months at the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) – a research centre at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), which is spearheading some of the most innovative labour market research initiatives. She hopes to use her research to answer questions such as how labour market policies impact pay formation and unemployment, to which extent case workers contribute to creating jobs, and whether the increase in the number of people finding jobs by participating in meetings prevents others from finding a job.

[Read the portrait of Sashka Dimova that the Ministry of Science, Technology and Higher Education brought on their website in connection with the award](#) (in Danish).

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### PREBEN BO MORTENSEN HONOURED BY CODAN AND SEB

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Codan and SEB Pension has awarded Professor [Preben Bo Mortensen](#) the 2013 price of honour followed by 100,000 DKK for his research within the fields of mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, mania, depression and autism, focusing on how a persons' genetic disposition and the environment affect the development of these types of illnesses.

Preben Bo Mortensen has used extensive population based data from the national Danish registers combined with biological samples taken from the heels of all Danish infants since 1970 to study the correlation between genetics, environment and the development of mental illness. The research is aimed at finding better ways to prevent, avoid and treat mental illnesses in the future.

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## ERIC HILLEBRAND AWARDED MARIE CURIE CAREER INTEGRATION GRANT

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[Eric Hillebrand](#), CREATES, has been awarded a [Marie Curie Career Integration Grant](#) of DKK 750,000 for his research that takes its point of departure in the fact that decision makers at central banks, government and financial institutions, and academia are inundated by economic data nowadays. Time series from different sources, at different levels of accuracy and aggregation are available. His research aims at a class of models that extracts a small number of driving factors out of large data sets in order to enable decision makers to compute forecasts from a small tractable set of factors. These dynamic factor models usually extract the factors out of the right-hand side predictors in a regression equation, but are blind to what determines the variation in the forecast target on the left-hand side. The research aims at pursuing a strategy that has been proposed in earlier work ([Hillebrand, Lee, Li, and Huang 2012, CREATES working paper RP2012-17](#)) to “supervise” the selection of the factors with regard to the forecast target. An important application of the method is forecast models for output growth and inflation using information in the yield curve, an issue at the forefront of the current Euro crisis.

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## RECEPTION TO MARK THE OPENING OF THE TUBORG RESEARCH CENTRE - AND FRIDAY BEER FOR EVERYBODY

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Don't forget to come to the reception to mark the opening of [The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms](#). The reception will be held in building 2632(L) on Friday 22 February from 2.30 - 4pm.

The programme for the reception will be:

- Welcome by Dean Svend Hylleberg
- Speech by Director Peter Moe Rasmussen, The Tuborg Foundation
- Signing of contractual documents
- Speech by Centre Director, Professor Philipp Schröder
- Reception

The reception will be combined with Friday beer for all employees at the Department so please feel free to come for the reception even if you are not affiliated with the Tuborg Research Centre.

Please sign up here: <https://auws.au.dk/Opening-reception>.

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## THE 27TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR POPULATION ECONOMICS

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[Helena Skyt Nielsen](#) and [Nina Smith](#) are the local organizers of the 27th Annual Conference of the European Society for Population Economics (ESPE) which will be held at AU on 12 to 15 June 2013.

The aim of the conference is to facilitate the exchange of research ideas and results across a range of fields, including the economics of the household, labour economics, public economics, demography, and health economics. Examples of research topics are: human capital investment, gender issues, intra-household distribution, aging and social security, taxation, population and economic growth, domestic and international migration, income distribution and redistribution within and between generations, technological change and the environment.

The keynote speakers will be Bill Evans (University of Notre Dame) and Armin Falk (University of Bonn). The presidential address will be given by Deborah Cobb-Clark (University of Melbourne).

For more information see: [www.especonferences.org](http://www.especonferences.org).

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## NEWSLETTER FROM THE RESEARCH SUPPORT OFFICE

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This year's first newsletter from The Research Support Office for ARTS and BSS is out. Read about upcoming funding opportunities and get an overview of deadlines in the spring.

[Read the newsletter here.](#)

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## COURSES ON HOW TO WRITE SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

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The Research Support Office will host a number of courses during the spring of 2013 on how to write successful grant applications:

[Writing Successful Grant Applications](#)

- 26 February (in Danish)
- 27 February (in Danish)
- 11 June (in Danish)
- 12 June (in Danish)
- 13 June (in English)

[Workshop for the Experienced Grant Writer](#)

- 8 March (in Danish)

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## INTENSIVE DANISH COURSES

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In collaboration with AU, Lærdansk Aarhus offers intensive Danish courses for foreign staff members and their spouses who have previously learned some Danish. Lessons take place at Aarhus University with 2 x 2 lessons per week.

[Read more about the courses here.](#)

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## NEW HR-PARTNER

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The Department has got a new HR-partner at the HR Department. Her name is [Mette Faurskov Kristiansen](#), e-mail: [mkristiansen@sam.au.dk](mailto:mkristiansen@sam.au.dk), tel.: 87 15 35 49.

Our HR-supporter is [Ulla Bjørn](#), as usual.

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## TRAVEL GRANTS TO THE MIDDLE EAST/MAGHREB

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The Danish Institute in Damascus offers a number of travel grants for studies in the Middle East and Maghreb. The grants are intended for researchers, PhD students and students writing their Master's thesis.

Application deadline is 1 March. [Read more about the application details here](#) (in Danish).

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## CALL FOR PAPERS - 4TH ESOBE ANNUAL WORKSHOP

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[The European Seminar on Bayesian Econometrics](#) holds its 4th ESOBE Annual Workshop at Norges Bank in Oslo on 22 – 23 August 2013.

The programme includes keynote speakers Christopher Sims, Princeton University, Tilmann Gneiting, University of Heidelberg and a special session on issues and challenges in structural macroeconomics with Frank Schorfheide, University of Pennsylvania.

Deadline for submissions is 7 April.

[See the call.](#)

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## CALL FOR PAPERS - WORKSHOP ON EMPIRICAL METHODS IN MACROECONOMIC POLICY ANALYSIS

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The Workshop on Empirical Methods in Macroeconomic Policy Analysis will be held on 16 - 17 May, 2013 in Bucharest with the following keynote speakers: Gianni Amisano, European Central Bank, Gary Koop, Strathclyde University and Rodney Strachan, Australian National University.

Deadline for submissions is 1 March.

For more details see <http://emmpa2013.rimir.ro/>.

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## THE PHD CORNER

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### PHD COURSE: THE DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH IN CHILDHOOD

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The course is concerned with health in childhood and will discuss theoretical bases and empirical research case studies such as:

- health at birth, education and the labor market,
- the relationship between youth health and education,
- the growing issue of mental health,
- public policy: combating low SES in childhood.

The course is lectured by [Mark Stabile, University of Toronto](#).

[More information](#).

### CALL FOR PAPERS - EUROPEAN WORKSHOP IN MACROECONOMICS

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The Centre for Macroeconomics and the London School of Economics host the 2013 edition of the European Workshop in Macroeconomics on June 20 and 21 in London.

The conference is primarily intended for advanced graduate students who would like to benefit from presenting in front of an international audience before entering the job market. Young post-docs are also encouraged to apply.

Theoretical and empirical papers from all areas of macroeconomics are welcome. Examples of topics of interest include economic growth and business cycles; asset pricing within a general equilibrium context; dynamics of the income distribution; labor market dynamics; international macroeconomics; monetary and fiscal theory and policy. Submission of papers in other related areas are encouraged as well.

Deadline for submission is 31 March.

[See call](#).

### PHD COURSES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

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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 let me know: [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 3 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](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

- [Cédric Gorinas](#): [Ethnic Identity, Majority Norms, and the Natives-Immigrants Employment Gap](#), Forthcoming in Journal of Population Economics.
- [Valerie Smeets](#), Michael Waldman and [Frédéric Warzynski](#): [Performance, Career Dynamics, and Span of Control](#), Economics Working Papers 2013-02.
- [Hartanto Wijaya Wong](#) and Dharma Lesmono: [On the evaluation of product customization strategies in a vertically differentiated market](#), International Journal of Production Economics.

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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 – this will be corrected as soon as possible.

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## EVENTS

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

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## SEMINARS

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

We have the following seminar series:

[Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)

[Brownbag Lunch Workshop](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)  
[CREATES weekly seminars](#)  
[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)  
[Economics Seminar Series](#)  
[Finance Seminar Series](#)  
[Management Seminar Series](#)

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## COLOPHON

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ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

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