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OR DAY 2013



Everybody who is interested in Operations Research and Optimization is invited to the one-day conference OR Day 2013 organized by DORS (Dansk Selskab for Operationsanalyse) and AU.

The conference will be held on 13 November 2013 from 9:45 to 17:00 at Fuglesangs Allé in the Aula in Building 2625(F) and includes breakfast, lunch, coffee and cake (free of charge).

Guest speakers from Trapeze Group, DONG Energy, Danske Commodities, Sulum Optimization and TDC will give presentations on how Operations Research and Optimization can be used as a tool in real life problem solving.

To sign up for the conference send an e-mail to [Maria Elbek Andersen](mailto:meandersen@econ.au.dk): meandersen@econ.au.dk stating your name, e-mail address and affiliation. Please note that there is limited seating, so it is on a first-come, first-served basis. Deadline is 4 November.

[See the conference poster here.](#)

AU KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE DAY



This is just to remind you of the AU Knowledge Exchange Day that was announced in the last issue of ECON News. It will be held on 14 November 2013 at the Lakeside Lecture Theatres (Søauditorierne).

At the conference you will be introduced to innovative examples of knowledge exchange between AU and external parties such as authorities, companies and organisations, as well as to examples of cutting edge knowledge exchange in an international context.

The day will start with presentations by Professor Mick Wallis, University of Leeds, and Executive

Director Heideh Fattaey, Stanford University on their experiences with knowledge exchange. Eight case stories of knowledge exchange at AU will follow. The afternoon will offer two sessions where the participants will get the opportunity to discuss in depth the practical and scientific aspects of knowledge exchange.

The event is free and includes a free networking dinner at Turbinehallen.

The registration deadline is 31 October 2013.

[Read more and sign up at the conference website.](#)

LECTURE AT ROSKILDE UNIVERSITY: "CHINESE BUSINESS AND AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT"



The Global Dynamics research initiative invites you to a lecture by Professor of Development and Comparative Politics at John Hopkins University, Deborah Brautigam, entitled "Chinese business and African development: the 'flying geese' model at work in Ethiopia's leather sector."

The lecture will be held on 26 November from 13:15 to 15 at Roskilde University, Auditorium 25.2.

The talk discusses how a decade ago, Ethiopian leather shoe producers were hit by a "China shock": a sharp rise in competition from cheap, imported shoes. Against conventional wisdom, the Ethiopian government opted for industrial policies, setting an export tariff on raw skins and hides, and building institutions to support leather sector investors. In 2008/09, export-oriented investment from China, as well as Europe and India, began to flow into Ethiopia's leather sector. Is Ethiopia catching the first "geese" to fly to Africa from Asia? Or is the promise of industrial policy headed for another disappointment?

[Read more.](#)

DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY: 13 DECEMBER



This is just to remind you to put a big X in your calendar on

Friday 13 December 2013

as this is the date of this year's Christmas party at the Department.

If you would like to help organize and brain storm some exciting and fun ideas for the party, please contact [Christel B. Mortensen](mailto:chbm@asb.dk): chbm@asb.dk.

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

COURSE: HOW TO WRITE A COMPETITIVE PROPOSAL FOR HORIZON 2020



The AU Research Support Office is organizing a half day workshop on how to write a competitive proposal for the Horizon 2020 programme on 15 November from 9:00 to 11:15 at the AIAS Auditorium, Building 1632.

The course presenter will be [Sean McCarthy](#). The course will be held in English.

The course is open to all post-PhD researchers, research managers and research support staff.

Please use this [link](#) to register (first-come first-served).

Deadline for signing up is Tuesday 12 November.

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

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS



Previously announced calls etc. regarding funding that are still valid can be found on the staff portal, see: <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: <http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/>.

STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: ANDREA BARLETTA



This time [Andrea Barletta](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Andrea. Andrea is PhD student at the Department.

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

6 months

What is your background?

Mathematics

What are your main areas of research?

Quantitative Finance

What do you expect will be the biggest difference between being a PhD student and being a regular student?

Even though you have some duties in both cases, when you are a PhD student you basically decide how to split your work. On the other hand, when you are a regular student you have less responsibility since you are not asked to bring any results.

What was your first impression of the department and your new colleagues?

My first impression of this department was amazing: I literally could not believe what I was seeing, concerning the structure and more generally concerning study/work conditions. Moreover, people here are really open and always available for a chat, and what really impressed me the most is the fact that everyone here is placed at the same level - so maybe you could even end up talking with a Nobel prize laureate. My first impression is being confirmed again and again.

What do you do when you are not at work?

Sport and extra work are my favourite activities, but here in Denmark, and especially in Aarhus, even a simple walk can be a good investment of your free time. This is partially due to the several green areas placed throughout the city, but also partially to the Danish culture which allows you to stay in a clean and comfortable environment. Apart from that I find that Aarhus has a perfect night life since it is not so small that is lifeless, but not so big that it is chaotic.

Supplementary question from time Francesco Violante: What impressed you the most and what did you hate the most about Denmark (in the sense of culture, places, weather, people, work environment...your choice) since you got here?

No doubts concerning the second point: the weather is most likely the only thing I can't get used to here in Denmark, but this would be a common issue in every country since I come from Italy. On the contrary, it is rather hard to make a choice concerning what I like most, though I believe that "girls" would definitely be the right answer, even more than "work environment". Hoping that my girlfriend won't read it...

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages and abstracts of 6 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.

- [Mark Podolskij](#) and Nakahiro Yoshida: [Edgeworth expansion for functionals of continuous diffusion processes](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-33.
- [Tommaso Proietti](#) and Alessandra Luati: [The Exponential Model for the Spectrum of a Time Series: Extensions and Applications](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-34.
- [Bent Jesper Christensen](#), [Robinson Kruse](#) and Philipp Sibbertsen: [A unified framework for testing in the linear regression model under unknown order of fractional integration](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-35.

- [Niels S. Hansen](#) and [Asger Lunde](#): [Analyzing Oil Futures with a Dynamic Nelson-Siegel Model](#), CREATES Research Paper 2013-36.
- [Ritwik Banerjee](#): [An Evaluation of the Revenue side as a source of fiscal consolidation in high debt economies](#), Economics Working Papers 2013-23.
- Albrecht, K., [von Essen, E.](#), Falk, A., Fleissbach, K.: [The influence of status on satisfaction with relative rewards](#), Forthcoming in: Frontiers in Decision Neuroscience.

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.

THE PHD CORNER

CUL COURSES FOR PHD STUDENTS



CUL (Centre for Teaching and Learning) offers a number of PhD courses in the coming months:

- [PhD course on planning and lecturing – seminars and classes](#) (in Danish)
- [PhD course on lecturing and presentation techniques](#) (in Danish)
- [PhD course: Teaching outside the lecture halls](#) (in English)
- [PhD course: Lecturing and presentation skills](#) (in English)

[See poster about the courses](#).

Read more at cul.au.dk.

7TH RGS DOCTORAL CONFERENCE IN ECONOMICS - CALL FOR PAPERS



The 7th RGS Doctoral Conference in Economics is organised by the Ruhr Graduate School in Economics and will be held on 26-28 February 2014 at the University of Dortmund, Germany.

Both empirical and theoretical papers will be considered. The range of topics covers all research areas in Economics including:

- Migration Economics
- Microeconomics
- Macroeconomics and Monetary Economics

- Financial Markets
- International Economics
- Public Economics
- Health Economics
- Labour and Demographic Economics
- Population Economics
- Industrial Organization

Papers should be submitted no later than 9 December 2013.

A prize of EUR 500 for the best paper to be submitted and presented at the Conference.

Read more at www.rgs-econ.de.

PHD DEFENCE: RUNE VAMMEN LESNER

In order to obtain the PhD degree in Economics and Business [Rune Vammen Lesner](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Determinants of Inequality" on Friday 8 November 2013 at 13.15 in Auditorium M1, building 2628, Fuglesangs Allé 4.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Rune Vammen Lesner's staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen: sla@asb.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Bertel Scherning, University of Copenhagen
- Associate Professor Anders Stenberg, SOFI, Stockholm
- Professor [Michael Rosholm](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence will be chaired by Professor [Bo Sandemann Rasmussen](#), Head of Programme.

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

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.

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](#)

[Brownbag Lunch Workshop](#)

[CIRRAU Lunch Seminar Series](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

[CREATES weekly seminars](#)

[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)

[Economics Seminar Series](#)

[Finance Seminar Series](#)

[Public Sector Research Seminar Series](#)

[Trygfonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)

[Tuborq Research Centre Seminars](#)

COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

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Deadline for input: Thursday 7 November at 12. E-mail: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

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