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TORBEN M. ANDERSEN CHAIRMAN OF THE PENSION COMMISSION



Professor [Torben M. Andersen](#) has been appointed chairman of the new pension commission, which over the next two years will inspect the Danish pension system including state pension and occupational pension schemes.

Torben M. Andersen says that he finds the task "incredibly exciting" - because there are so many aspects involved and in light of the great societal impact that a well-functioning pension system has on all groups in society.

[Read more.](#)

CUL COURSES - AUTUMN 2014



The [Centre for Teaching and Learning](#) (CUL) has sent out their course catalogue for the next three semesters starting in autumn 2014.

They offer in-service training courses in teaching and learning for lecturers at all career levels at School of Business and Social Sciences.

The courses are offered in both Danish and English.

[See the course programme here.](#)

TALER DU DANSK? (DO YOU SPEAK DANISH?)



Two-week intensive Danish course

IAS (AU International Academic Staff) and Lærdansk offer a two-week intensive Danish course for beginners from 2 to 17 June 2014. The course will introduce you to the basics of the Danish language and enable you to communicate about daily situations.

The course is free for international staff members and their spouses. It will take place in the Dale Mortensen Building from 8:30 am to 12:00 noon on specific dates – see link below. Deadline for registering for the course is 26 May 2014. [Read more.](#)

Danish course at Campus Fuglesangs Allé

Lærdansk offers Danish courses at all AU campuses. To set up a course at Fuglesangs Allé, we must have at least 10 participants. Send an e-mail to Birgitte Højklint Nielsen: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk if you are interested and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

WORKSHOPS AT THE RESEARCH SUPPORT OFFICE



The Research Support Office will hold two courses in June:

Workshop: Writing successful grant applications

If you are new in grant writing, you will find advice on how to attack the grant writing process and how to write in a way that meets the expectations of the reviewer.

Time: Thursday 12 June 2014 at 09:00 am – 12:00 noon

Venue: Richard Mortensen Stuen, building 1422, room 122

Registration deadline: 10 June 2014

The workshop will be held in English.

[Read more.](#)

Workshop: How to write an application for a Marie S. Curie Individual Fellowship

Are you planning to expand your individual competences in terms of skill acquisition through advanced training, international and inter-sectorial mobility? Then you should learn more about Marie S. Curie Individual

Fellowship at this workshop held by the Research Support Office.

Time: Monday 30 June 2014 at 09:00 am – 3:00 pm

Place: Richard Mortensen Stuen, building 1422, room 122

Registration deadline: 16 June 2014

The workshop will be held in English.

[Read more.](#)

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/>.

EVENTS

ZEUTHEN LECTURES AND WORKSHOP: CALL FOR PAPERS



This year's Zeuthen Lecturer at the University of Copenhagen is Professor Orazio Attanasio, UCL, who will give three lectures on "The Life Cycle Model of Individual Choices: A Unifying Framework". The Zeuthen Lectures take place on 7-9 October 2014.

In connection with the lectures, the Department of Economics, KU, is organizing a workshop on applied micro economics and econometrics. Papers for presentation at the workshop must be submitted no later than 15 June.

[Read more.](#)

7TH INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT



The 7th International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development will be held on 24 October 2014 in New York.

Topics are focused on recent challenges to modern national economies and business enterprises: Globalization and Challenges of the Modern World; Enterprise in Turbulent Environment and Entrepreneurship Caught between Creativity and Bureaucracy.

Deadline for submitting abstracts for review is 25 June 2014.

[Read more.](#)

RETIREMENT RECEPTION - POVL ERIK ROSTGAARD ANDERSEN, BADM



Associate Professor [Povl Erik Rostgaard Andersen](#), BADM, who many of you know from the previous ASB, has chosen to retire after 29 years of employment at ASB/AU.

[Department of Business Administration](#) invites you to a reception on Friday 27 June 2014 from 2 to 4 pm at Bartholins Allé 10 in "Riddersalen", building 1323, to celebrate Povl Erik and thank him for many years of dedicated work at ASB/AU.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- [Workshop on Methods of Constructing Reality](#)
Dates: 29-30 May 2014
Submission deadline: -
Venue: Aarhus, Fuglesangs Allé 4
- [Workshop: Getting to know the cascades inside our data: A workshop on multifractality and dimensionality](#)
Dates: 3-5 June 2014
Submission deadline: -
Venue: Aarhus, Nobelparken
- [Symposium on Recent Developments on the Links between Financial Markets and the Real Economy - CREATES](#)
Dates: 4-5 June 2014
Submission deadline: -
Venue: Aarhus, Fuglesangs Allé 4
- [The Rimini Conference in Economics and Finance](#)

Dates: 9-10 June 2014
Submission deadline: 1 May 2014
Venue: Rimini

- [**10th Danish International Economics Workshop**](#)
Dates: 12-13 June 2014
Submission deadline: 25 March 2014
Venue: Aarhus
- [**5th Annual Hyman P. Minsky Summer Seminar**](#)
Dates: 13-21 June 2014
Submission deadline: 1 March 2014
Venue: New York
- [**20th International Panel Data Conference**](#)
Dates: 9-10 July 2014
Submission deadline: 1 March 2014
Venue: Tokyo
- [**Conference on Global Aspects of Personnel Economics**](#)
Dates: 27-28 August 2014
Submission deadline: 10 April 2014
Venue: Sandbjerg Manor
- [**Conference on Evidence on Schooling and Wellbeing**](#)
Dates: 28-29 August 2014
Submission deadline: 14 March 2014
Venue: Aarhus
- [**Irish Society of New Economists \(ISNE\) 11th Annual Conference**](#)
Dates: 4-5 September 2014
Submission deadline: 30 May 2014
Venue: J.E. Cairnes School of Business and Economics, National University of Ireland, Galway
- [**2014 Summer Global Business Conference**](#)
Dates: 1-4 October 2014
Submission deadline: 23 June 2014.
Venue: Croatia
- [**7th International Scientific Conference on Economic and Social Development**](#)
Date: 24 October 2014
Submission deadline: 25 June 2014
Venue: New York

- [**Nordic Accounting Conference 2014**](#)
Dates: 13-14 November 2014
Submission deadline: 15 October 2014
Venue: Copenhagen Business School
- [**Second International Conference on Social Security: "Social Dimensions of Economic Development and Productivity"**](#)
Dates: 3-5 December 2014
Submission deadline (abstracts): 20 March 2014
Venue: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- [**3rd B.S.Lab. International Symposium**](#)
Dates: 21-23 January 2015
Submission deadline: 10 September 2014
Venue: Perugia, Italy
- [**2015 Winter Global Business Conference**](#)
Dates: 2-6 February 2015
Submission deadline: 19 October 2014
Venue: Tignes, France

Do you know of a conference or a workshop that you think should be announced here, please let me know: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

ALL 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: bhoejklint@econ.au.dk.

THE PHD CORNER

PHD DEFENCE: TANJA GROTH



PhD student [Tanja Groth](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled

"Regulatory impacts in relation to a renewable fuel CHP technology: A financial and socioeconomic analysis"

on Friday 27 June 2014 from 1:15 to 4 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Tanja Groth's staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, schristensen@econ.au.dk.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Dr Sonja Peterson, Kiel Institute of the World Economy
- Professor Henrik Lund, Aalborg University
- Professor [Kim Allan Andersen](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence will be chaired by [Kim Allan Andersen](#).

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium).

PHD DEFENCE: NIELS STRANGE HANSEN



PhD student [Niels Strange Hansen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled

"Forecasting based on unobserved variables"

on Friday 15 August 2014 from 1:15 to 4 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The thesis can be downloaded from [Niels Strange Hansen's staff profile](#). For a paper copy, please contact Susanne Christensen, schristensen@econ.au.dk.

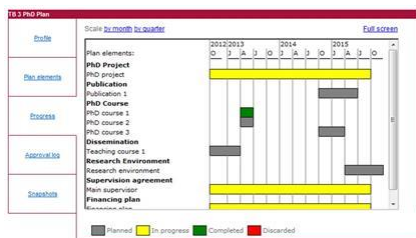
The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Jesper Rangvid, Copenhagen Business School
- Assistant Professor Bradley Paye, University of Georgia
- Associate Professor [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#), Aarhus University (chairman)

The defence will be chaired by [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#).

The defence is public and open to all. It will be followed by a reception in room 2632(L)-162 (The Tuborg Atrium).

READY TO HAND IN YOUR PHD THESIS? - REMEMBER PHD PLANNER



Just before handing in your thesis, please make sure that all courses, publications, research stays and dissemination are marked as completed or other in PhD Planner. Conferences should go under the heading "other activity".

The PhD school will issue your PhD diploma on the basis of the information you have registered in PhD Planner, so be as accurate as possible as the individual elements will appear on your diploma supplement the way you write them. Therefore, remember correct title, ECTS points and start and end dates.

In addition, please upload certificates of attendance (and grade certificates, if any) from courses. The grades will not appear on your PhD diploma.

When you have made sure that your plan is ready to be closed, you click the "close plan" button. It will then be passed on to the PhD school.

[Read more at the BSS Graduate School's website.](#)

PHD WORKSHOP: COMPETENCY MAPPING



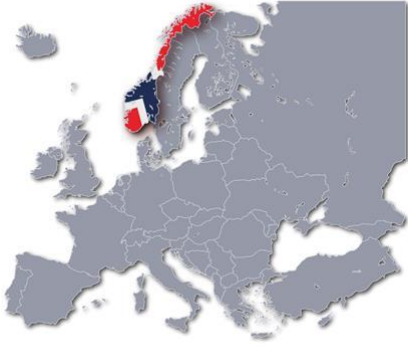
AU Career hosts a PhD workshop on competency mapping on 18 June 2014 that will help you identify and understand your own competencies and attributes, and explore the competencies most valued by employers outside of academia.

The workshop will consist of a brief introduction and several exercises.

The workshop will be held from 1.30 to 4 pm at the Conference Centre, Frederik Nielsens Vej, 8000 Aarhus C.

[Read more.](#)

INTENSIVE PHD COURSE AT NHH ABOUT EMPIRICAL STRATEGIES



Norwegian School of Economics (NHH), Department of Economics, has arranged an intensive PhD course about Empirical Strategies (5 ECTS) with lecturer Professor [Joshua Angrist](#), MIT.

The course will take place on 18-21 August 2014 at NHH.

[Read more.](#)

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 PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: SUNE LAUTH GADEGAARD



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

How long have you been a PhD student at the Department of Economics and Business?

I started 1 February 2013, so it must be little more than a year.

What is your background?

I have a bachelor's degree in pure mathematics and master's degree in mathematical economics where I specialized in operations research. Both degrees are from the Department of Mathematics here at Aarhus University.

What are your main areas of research?

My research area can generally be fitted into the category of logistic optimization. More specifically, I focus on algorithms solving integer programming problems with more than one objective function, which, in turn,

means that I devise algorithms that can generate a complete set of Pareto optimal solutions to hard combinatorial optimization problems.

What is in your experience the biggest difference between being a PhD student and being a regular student?

That is probably the opportunity to go into depth with an area of interest.

Are you teaching any classes this semester, or what are you going to teach next semester?

Actually I am not teaching any classes this semester. And next semester I am on "miljøskift" in Lancaster, England.

Are you planning to take part in any conferences or PhD courses in the near future?

I am going to Edinburgh in June to a PhD course about convex optimization taught by NATCOR, and in July I am presenting my current work at the IFORS 2014 conference in Barcelona.

Have you been abroad in connection with your PhD study (or where are you planning to go)?

As mentioned two questions above, I am going to Lancaster University to work with Professor Matthias Ehrgott, who is quite brilliant within the field of "multi objective optimization".

What do you do when you are not at work?

I am married and have a daughter who is about one and half years of age, so of course I spend a lot of time with them. Also, my parents recently bought an older vacation house, which takes some time restoring. Finally, I have become quite fond of the Icelandic writer Jón Kalman Stefánsson, so I am current reading his trilogy.

Please give us your suggestion for the next department staff member to be presented (you may suggest any member of staff, not just PhD students):

[Camilla Pisani](#)

SEMINARS



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

We have the following seminar series:

[Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)

[CIRRAU Lunch Seminar Series](#)

[CORAL Seminars](#)

[CREATES lunch seminars](#)

[CREATES weekly seminars](#)
[Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)
[Economics Seminar Series](#)
[Finance Seminar Series](#)
[Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)
[Public Sector Research Seminar Series](#)
[Trygfonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)
[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE



I have received the front pages and abstracts 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.

- Mogens Bladt, Samuel Finch and [Michael Sørensen](#): [Simulation of multivariate diffusion bridges](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-16.
- [Markku Lanne](#) and Henri Nyberg: [Generalized Forecast Error Variance Decomposition for Linear and Nonlinear Multivariate Models](#), CREATES Research Paper 2014-17.
- Andrew B. Bernard, [Valerie Smeets](#) and [Frederic Warzynski](#): [Rethinking Deindustrialization](#), Economics Working Papers 2014-14.
- Mariana Blanco, Dirk Engelmann, [Alexander K. Koch](#) and Hans-Theo Normann: [Preferences and beliefs in a sequential social dilemma: A within-subjects analysis](#), Games and Economic Behavior, forthcoming.

ALL PUBLICATIONS



[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.

COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every second week, on Mondays.

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Deadline for input: Friday 6 June at 12 noon.

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