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ANNUAL CORAL ACTIVITY DAY



The members of the research group [CORAL](#) (Cluster for Operations Research And Logistics) have held their annual activity day away from the daily routines at the office. As usual, the day contained both work related and social aspects.

The day started with short introductions of the group's new PhD students and their research projects.

The main focus of the day was to broaden the group's horizon for future research. With this aim, the [AU Research Support Office](#) was invited to give an overview of good funding opportunities within CORAL's field of research. Following this, the group expects an increased number of CORAL applications in the future.

Two other research groups working within fields similar to CORAL's were invited to give a better understanding about their research areas and approaches: The [QUANTS](#) group talked about data mining, and the Operations Management unit from the [Department of Engineering](#) was invited as they are interested in some areas similar to CORAL, but from a more applied point of view.

After enjoying a nice lunch together, it was time for some team building! Everyone got a laser gun and fought a heroic battle in crossfire. [The photo speaks for itself](#) – luckily they are all still alive, and they had great fun. And, as pointed out by one of the fighters: "it somehow feels more natural to approach each other with work related matters after we have covered each other's backs in crossfire".

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT POSITION READVERTISED



The position as head of department was readvertised last week with application deadline on 16 November 2015 and commencement in the position on 1 January 2016 or as soon as possible.

[Read the job announcement here](#) (in Danish)

THE OECON CONFERENCE 2016



80 alumni and employees from the Department were gathered at the annual Oecon Conference on Saturday 26 September. The theme of this year's conference was "Entrepreneurship 360° Denmark's entrepreneurial conditions - good or bad?"

The day offered a series of speakers who shared their expert knowledge with the audience, the Oecon Conference also announced the winner of the Oecon Award. Both employees and students at the Department of Economics and Business Economics had nominated candidates for the award, and the committee had chosen Christoffer Strandby Christensen as a worthy winner of the DKK 20,000.

[Read more](#)

PHILIPP SCHRÖDER IN THE DANISH COMPETITION COUNCIL AND NEW ADVISORY GROUP



[Philipp Schröder](#) has become member of the Danish Competition Council. The Competition Council makes decisions within the scope of the Danish Competition Act in cases of fundamental or major importance e.g. in connection with major mergers, anti-competitive agreements or when companies abuse their dominant position. [Read more.](#)

Furthermore, Philipp Schröder has been appointed to a new advisory group which will help undertake a comprehensive checkup of Danish foreign policy. The group's 20 members are to provide input to Ambassador Peter Toksøe-Jensen, who is to summarise the work with a detailed report to be handed over to the Danish government in May next year. [Read more.](#)

BACKUP



We all know that it is a good idea to take backup of our files so that they do not get lost in case of a virus attack, hardware failures, your computer gets stolen or other unpleasant incidents. But do you remember to take backup often enough?

To be on the safe side, you should save your data on the M-drive, which is backed up automatically. So the data cannot be lost. USB-sticks, external hard drives etc. should not be considered safe backup methods.

Some of you may have so-called "Redirected Folders" installed on your PC. "Redirected Folders" is a system for Windows which takes backup of the files saved on your computer. This system is on the way out, and when the accounts in the old domains are shut down and moved to the new UNI-domain, the redirected folders will not work anymore. Thus, it is recommended that you always save your files on the M-drive. If in doubt, contact IT Support: bss.it@au.dk.

When you are working from home or elsewhere outside AU's network, you can access the network drive via a VPN connection, which IT support can help establish for you.

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SUBSCRIBE TO IT OPERATING STATUS E-MAILS



To avoid unpleasant surprises in connection with IT breakdown, you may subscribe to IT operating status e-mails and receive an e-mail when an IT breakdown or the like will affect you.

The form in the link below allows you to generate an RSS feed consisting of the information you exactly want. You can choose for which locations you want the operating status, the severity of the operating status as well as the specific error types and affected systems you want to subscribe to.

See: <http://driftstatus.au.dk/en/Info/Subscribe>.

The operating status is also published at the Twitter account @AUITdrift, which you can follow on your computer, phone or other mobile units.

BUSINESS CARDS WITH THE NEW LOGO CAN NOW BE ORDERED



Business Cards with the new Aarhus BSS logo can now be ordered. The new business cards come in white or blue, they have space for notes and contain the accreditation logos. You must choose between a Danish and an English version, and photos will not be included on the business cards.

[Read more about the new business cards and how to order](#)

SEMINAR ABOUT THE DANISH TAX SYSTEM



[The University International Club](#), in cooperation with SKAT (the Danish tax authorities), invites researchers and PhD students to a seminar about the Danish tax system in Denmark.

The seminar includes a 50 minute Q&A session for individual questions.

Sign-up is required.

[Read more](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

INFORMATION MEETING: APPLYING FOR A CENTER OF EXCELLENCE



In November 2015 the Danish National Research Foundation (DG) opens the next call for Centers of Excellence.

In connection with that, the AU Research Support Office invites potential applicants to an information meeting on Centers of Excellence and how to apply for one on 4 November from 4:30 to 6:00 pm in Auditorium 1, Taasingegade, Building 1441/012.

Registration is not required.

[Invitation](#)

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

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/.

For information about where to get assistance etc. when applying for external funding, see:

EVENTS

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SEMINAR: JAMES HAMILTON



Professor of Economics James Hamilton from University of California at San Diego will visit the Department as a distinguished speaker at a seminar hosted by [CREATES](#) on 10 November 2015.

The title of the seminar is "Sign Restrictions, Structural Vector Autoregressions, and Useful Prior Information".

The seminar will be held in Auditorium 2628(M)-2 at 14:30.

[Read more.](#)

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- **[Conference on Labour Market Models and Their Applications](#)**
Dates: 26-29 October 2015
Deadline: 1 September 2015
Venue: Sandbjerg
- **[Distinguished Speaker Seminar: James Hamilton](#)**
Date: 10 November 2015 at 2:30 pm
Venue: Fuglesangs Allé 4, Aud. 2628(M)-2
- **[DGPE Workshop 2015](#)**
Dates: 19-20 November 2015
Deadline: 1 October 2015
Venue: Sandbjerg Manor
- **[CAFE Workshop](#)**
Dates: 16-18 December 2015
Deadline: 2 October 2015
Venue: Comwell Kellers Park, Børkop
- **[Symposium in Applied Statistics](#)**
Dates: 25-27 January 2016
Deadline: 30 October 2015 (title and abstract)
Venue: Copenhagen Business School

- **[2016 Winter Global Business Conference](#)**
Dates: 1-5 February 2016
Submission deadline: 26 Oct. 2015
Venue: Tignes, France
- **[4th Business Systems Laboratory International Symposium: "Governing Business Systems: Theories and Challenges for Systems Thinking in Practice"](#)**
Dates: 24-26 August 2016
Deadline: 15 March 2016
Venue: Vilnius, Lithuania

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

THE PHD CORNER

PHD DEFENCE: LENE GILJE JUSTESEN



[Lene Gilje Justesen](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Empirical Banking" on Tuesday 10 November at 1:15 pm in Auditorium 2624-E1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Ken L. Bechmann, Copenhagen Business School
- Professor Charlotte Østergaard, BI Norwegian Business School
- Professor [Anders Grosen](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: JONAS MAIBOM



[Jonas Maibom](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Structural and Empirical Analysis of the Labour Market" on Wednesday 11 November at 1:15 pm in Auditorium 2624-E1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Jeremy Lise, University College London
- Professor Mette Ejrnæs, University of Copenhagen
- Associate Professor [Rune Vejlin](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in the Tuborg Atrium (2632(L)-162).

[Read more](#)

PHD DEFENCE: SYLVANUS KWAKU AFESORGBOR



[Sylvanus Kwaku Afesorgbor](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on International Economics and Development" on Thursday 12 November at 2:15 pm in Auditorium 2624-E2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Martin Gassebner, University of Hannover
- Professor Raymond G. Riezman, The University of Iowa
- Professor [Martin Paldam](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in the Tuborg Atrium (2632(L)-162).

[Read more](#)

PRESENT CONTRIBUTION



If you would like to contribute to a present in connection with a PhD defence, please contact [Susanne Christensen](#) (2632(L)-126). A direct mail is sent to all PhD students before the defence.

PHD RELATED EVENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT

[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](#).

STAFF PORTRAIT

STAFF PORTRAIT: ALLAN SØRENSEN



This time [Allan Sørensen](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Allan. Allan is associate professor at the Department and is affiliated with [The Tuborg Research Centre for Globalisation and Firms](#).

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

I have been employed at the department (and some of the previous departments that merged into the current department) since I enrolled as a PhD student back in 2001. In fact, I started working as a TA back in 1999.

What is your background?

I grew up in Silkeborg, or Sejs to be more precise, which is about half-an-hour drive west of Aarhus. After attending the local primary school, I studied at Silkeborg Business College. Subsequently, I enrolled in the economics programme (oecon) at AU. After the first 4 years of study I started as a 4+4 PhD student, and I wrote my thesis on 'Economic Integration, Ageing and Labour Market Outcomes' under supervision of [Torben M. Andersen](#).

What are your main areas of research?

International trade and public finance in open economies.

What research projects are you working on at the moment?

I am currently working on three projects dealing with three different issues: 1) How do firms respond to boycotts in some export markets? 2) The short duration of a large fraction (approx. 50 %) of export episodes. 3) The challenges globalization brings for financing the public sector through taxation of labour.

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

I am teaching intermediate macroeconomics at HA as well as at the oecon programme this fall. Moreover, I am coordinator for the macro courses at the oecon programme and I have some supervising.

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

My calendar does not really allow me to participate in conferences this semester due to double teaching. However, I plan to take part in the annual Aarhus-Kiel workshop on international economics in December.

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

This semester I have so far had Sanne Hiller (Bochum and previously AU) visiting in September, and Ingo Geishecker (Europa Universität Viadrina) will be visiting in November. They are co-authors on some of my research projects.

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

No

What do you do when you are not at work?

I have a wife and three kids, which occupies quite a bit of my spare time - although they actually deserve more of my time :-). My surplus at the vipomatic account is certainly larger than my surplus at the family account these years. Moreover, I am coach for my son's football team and member of the board at the local school where my kids are pupils. I also try to get a weekly run and then I take the time to play (oldboys) football myself once a week.

Supplementary question from [Marias Halldor Gestsson](#): How is the beer status at the Tuborg Center?

There are more beers (Tuborg, obviously) in our local inventory ready to put in the fridge whenever the situation calls for it!

Please give us your suggestion for the next department staff member to be presented:

[Anders Laugesen](#)

What specific supplementary question would you like him to answer?

Which task is most difficult: a) to build GE-models with heterogeneous agents to analyse effects on industry compositions or b) to buy and renovate an old house?

SEMINARS

UPCOMING 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](#)

[MOB Seminar Series](#)

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

[Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of 5 new working papers. 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: [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:bhojklint@econ.au.dk), bhojklint@econ.au.dk.

Working Papers:

- [Jonas Nygaard Eriksen](#): [Expected Business Conditions and Bond Risk Premia](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-44.
- [Kim Christensen](#), Mark Podolskij, Nopporn Thamrongrat and [Bezirgen Veliyev](#): [Inference from high-frequency data: A subsampling approach](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-45.
- [Leonie Gerhards](#) and Christina Gravert: [Grit Trumps Talent? An experimental approach](#), Economics Working Papers 2015-18.
- [Ritwik Banerjee](#): [On the interpretation of World Values Survey trust question - global expectations vs. local beliefs](#), Economics Working Papers 2015-19.
- [Asger Lunde](#), Anne Floor Brix and [Wei Wei](#): [A Generalized Schwartz Model for Energy Spot Prices - Estimation using a Particle MCMC Method](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-46.

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

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