



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
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### GRANT FROM THE CARLSBERG FOUNDATION TO JONAS MAIBOM

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Research Assistant [Jonas Maibom](#) has received DKK 1.4 million from the [Carlsberg Foundation](#) for his postdoc project.

The aim of the project is to combine empirical and structural labour supply models to answer important policy questions. The first project will quantify and assess how the current level of UI balances the gain from social insurance with costs generated by suboptimal individual behavior. The second project will quantify the central mechanisms behind career and wage effects associated with mothers spending time out of the labour market and assess the cost of family friendly policies in terms of fore-gone opportunities in the labour market for mothers.

Congratulations, Jonas!

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### RESULTS OF THE AU ELECTION

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The results of the AU Election 2015, which was held on 23-26 November, are now available.

From the Department, Assistant Professor [Anders Laugesen](#) was elected for the Programme Study Board for Economics and Management, and Study and Research Supporter [Karin Vinding](#) was elected TAP observer for the Academic Council.

[See the results of the AU Election 2015 here.](#)

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## IT SUPPORT - CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

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During Christmas [IT Support](#) will be open as follows:

Monday 21 December: 8-21  
Tuesday 22 December: 8-21  
Wednesday 23 December: 8-16  
Thursday 24 December: Closed  
Friday 25 December: Closed  
Saturday 26 December: Closed  
Sunday 27 December: Closed  
Monday 28 December: 8-16  
Tuesday 29 December: 8-16  
Wednesday 30 December: 8-16  
Thursday 31 December: Closed  
Friday 1 January: Closed  
Saturday 2 January: 8.30-15.30  
Sunday 3 January: 10-16

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## BETINA SØRENSEN RETURNING FROM MATERNITY LEAVE

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Study and Research Supporter [Betina Sørensen](#) will be back at the Department after her maternity leave on 17 December.

To begin with Betina will be in charge of the introduction programme for new employees, and she will be doing various ad hoc assignments in relation to the oecon study programme in cooperation with Christel B. Mortensen.

Furthermore, she will be doing proof reading, travel reimbursement and other administrative assignments.

This is an interim solution since the TAP group stands before a reorganization which will commence once the new head of department is in place, and Betina will thus get new assignments in connection with this TAP reorganization during the spring.

Betina will primarily be located in office 2632(M) together with Ingrid Lautrup, but she will also be in 2632(M)-228 now and then.

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## BSS CHRISTMAS CARDS

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Christmas cards with the BSS logo are now available in both a printed and an electronic version if you would like to send Christmas cards to collaborators, colleagues or the like.

Printed Christmas cards can be ordered through BSS Communication by sending an e-mail to Dilde Trolle: [trolle@au.dk](mailto:trolle@au.dk).

The electronic Christmas card can be found here: [Electronic Christmas card](#). Save it on your computer and insert it as a photo in an e-mail and write your Christmas letter under the photo.

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## DEPARTMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY ON FRIDAY

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95 people have signed up for the Department's Christmas Party on Friday 11 December, so there is basis for a great party.

The party will start at 4 pm and will be held in our lunch room 2632(L)-141.

Don't forget to bring a present (approx. DKK 20) for the the "Pakkeleg".

If you haven't signed up, but would like to come, there is still time - sign up via this link: <https://auws.au.dk/ChristmasParty2015>. The price is DKK 150.

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## WASTE PAPER BOX COMPETITION

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During the past week, we have all received a new box for waste paper as part of a pilot project on efficient waste management.

Many of us got very disappointed when we saw the box on our desk and found out that it was not a Christmas present, and the boxes have been the subject of quite a few discussions in the hallways during the past week.

So what shall we do with these strange boxes? – I have received a couple of suggestions on how to decorate the box or how to use it in the most efficient way - see photos below (patent pending), and there has been a request for a waste paper box competition, so let's see:

**Who has the prettiest, funniest or most efficient waste paper box at the Department?**

Decorate your box, streamline it, or make it more efficient, take a photo of it and send it to Birgitte Højklint Nielsen: [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk) no later than Thursday 17 December.

The winner receives a delicious Christmas treat and will be announced in the next issue of ECON News.

Let the competition begin!



## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### APPLY FOR FUNDING FOR COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT

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All employees at Aarhus University can apply for funding for specific competence development activities.

The fund is intended to encourage employees and managers to prioritise competence development in order to meet AU's needs as well as promoting employees' individual and professional development.

The next application deadline is 15 December 2015.

[Read more](#)

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### PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

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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/](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: [econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/](http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/).

## EVENTS

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- **[IMC Bootcamp on Behavioural Ethics](#)**  
Date: 15 Dec. 2015  
Deadline: -  
Venue: AU
- **[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
- **[Danish Public Choice Workshop](#)** (link TBA)  
Date: 29 January 2016  
Deadline: 30 November 2015  
Venue: CEPOS, Copenhagen
- **[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
- **[7th Annual Global Business Conference 2016](#)**  
Dates: 28 Sept.-1 Oct. 2016  
Deadline: 15 June 2015  
Venue: Croatia

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

## THE PHD CORNER

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### PHD DEFENCE: ORIMAR SAURI

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[Orimar Sauri](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Lévy Semistationary Models with Applications in Energy Markets" on Thursday 10 December at 10:15 am in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Fred Espen Benth, University of Oslo
- Professor Friedrich Hubalek, TU Wien
- Associate Professor [Elisa Nicolato](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in room M303, building 2628.

[Read more](#)

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### PHD DEFENCE: KRISTINE VASILJEVA

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[Kristine Vasiljeva](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Immigration in a Generous Welfare State" on Tuesday 15 December 2015 at 11:15 am in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Tommaso Frattini, University of Milan
- Senior Researcher Beatrice Schindler Rangvid, The Danish National Centre for Social Research (SFI)
- Professor [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in room L162 (Tuborg Atrium), building 2632.

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: JONAS NYGAARD ERIKSEN

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[Jonas Nygaard Eriksen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Business Cycles and Expected Returns" on Friday 18 December at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Jesper Rangvid, Copenhagen Business School
- Economist Andreas Schrimpf, Bank for International Settlements
- Associate Professor [Thomas Quistgaard Pedersen](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2628(M)-303.

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: SIMON JUUL HVIID

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[Simon Juul Hviid](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Dynamic Models of the Housing Market" on Friday 8 January 2016 at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Associate Professor Mette Gørtz, University of Copenhagen
- Lecturer Esteban Aucejo, London School of Economics
- Associate Professor [Stig Vinther Møller](#), Aarhus University (chair)

The defence will be followed by a reception in 2628(M)-303.

[Read more](#)

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## PRESENT CONTRIBUTION

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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.

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## PHD RELATED EVENTS AT THE DEPARTMENT

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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 contact [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#).

## SEMINARS

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### UPCOMING 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](#)

[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

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### NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE



I have received front pages and abstracts of 1 new publication and 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](#), [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk).

#### Publications:

- Else Gry Bro Christensen and [Julia Nafziger](#): [Packaging of Sin Goods – Commitment or Exploitation](#), Journal of Economics Behavior & Organization, accepted.

#### Working Papers:

- [Anders Rosenstand Laugesen](#): [Asymmetric Monotone Comparative Statics for the Industry Compositions](#), Economics Working Papers 2015-22.
- [Mark Podolskij](#), Christian Schmidt and Mathias Vetter: [On U- and V-statistics for discontinuous Itô semimartingale](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-52.
- [Mark Podolskij](#) and Nopporn Thamrongrat: [A weak limit theorem for numerical approximation of Brownian semi-stationary processes](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-53.
- [Peter Christoffersen](#), Mathieu Fournier, Kris Jacobs and Mehdi Karoui, [Option-Based Estimation of the Price of Co-Skewness and Co-Kurtosis Risk](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-54.
- Kadir G. Babaglou, [Peter Christoffersen](#), Steven L. Heston and Kris Jacobs: [Option Valuation with Volatility Components, Fat Tails, and Nonlinear Pricing Kernels](#), CREATES Research Paper 2015-55.

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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 – the list will be updated on a regular basis.

## COLOPHON

ECON News is issued every two weeks.

Next issue: Monday 21 December 2015

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