



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS  
AARHUS UNIVERSITY

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### TWO RECIPIENTS OF AUFF STARTING GRANTS AT THE DEPARTMENT

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Two researchers at the Department have received Starting Grants from Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF):

[Søren Dalsgaard](#), [NCR](#), has received an Associate Professor Starting Grant of DKK 2,900,000 for his project on environmental risk factors for ADHD entitled "Air-pollution and drinking water - a population-based cohort study of environmental risk factors for ADHD". The aim of the project is to estimate whether and to which extent exposure to air-pollution or chemical compounds in drinking water, either during pregnancy or early childhood, is associated with ADHD.



[Anders Bredahl Kock](#), [CREATES](#), has received an Assistant Professor Starting Grant of DKK 1,815,000. The grant will be used to create an interdisciplinary environment within the field of high-dimensional econometrics and statistics. This will be done by hiring a postdoctoral researcher for three years and by organizing a conference on this topic as well as inviting relevant seminar speakers.

Congratulations to both of you!

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### THE DEPARTMENT'S MENTORING SCHEME

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The Department is committed to providing mentoring to all assistant professors and post-docs. The heads of sections match every junior faculty member to a senior faculty mentor following a bottom-up process wherever possible, i.e. the mentee suggests their own mentor. Currently, all juniors have been matched, and all new assistant professors and post-docs will be matched shortly after they begin their employment contract.

A one-year mentoring process has been initiated starting 1 February 2016, which will be evaluated after 12 months, in January 2017. If mentors and mentees wish to continue meeting after this date, they are welcome to do so. If mentees wish to switch mentors at any time, they should contact [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#).

Inspiration on the mentoring process can be found in the handbook by Susanne Søres Hejlsvig (BSS Career and Alumni). Download the handbook via the link below:

[Download handbook](#)

If anyone wishes a hard copy, please contact Margit Sommer (she has 20 copies).

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## INFORMATION SCREENS TO KEEP YOU UPDATED

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As some of you may have noticed, information screens have been set up at the entrances of the Department's office buildings; i.e. in building B, C-ground floor, C-1st floor, K, L and M.

The screens will display day-to-day information about what is going on at the Department; that is, seminars, events, guests, new employees, PhD defences and internal news.

The information shown on the screens will be renewed every day so that only current news, events etc. will be shown.

If you know of an event at the Department, have a guest, know of any news or the like that you would like to be displayed on the information screens, please contact: [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk): [bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk) or [Betina Sørensen](mailto:betins@econ.au.dk): [betins@econ.au.dk](mailto:betins@econ.au.dk).

The screens are expected to be functioning within the next couple of days.

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## IS YOUR CV IN PURE UP TO DATE?

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Please make sure that your CV on your personal website at AU.dk is updated.

This is of course for your own good, but not least because the accreditation team requires updated CVs of all faculty members.

Log on to PURE: <http://medarbejdere.au.dk/en/pure/> to update the CV-information on your website.

If you need help updating your CV in PURE, you should contact your administrative assistant ([Who is my assistant?](#)).

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## NEW GUIDELINES FOR CATERING AT MEETINGS WITH EXTERNAL PARTICIPANTS

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The guidelines regarding catering at meetings with external participants (e.g. a seminar guest, job candidate etc.) and advisory boards (incl. PhD assessment committees) when funding is provided by the Department have been changed.

In connection with off-site catering (i.e. at a restaurant), the maximum amount may not exceed DKK 450 per person for lunch and DKK 800 per person for dinner, and the number of internal participants per guest may not exceed two persons.

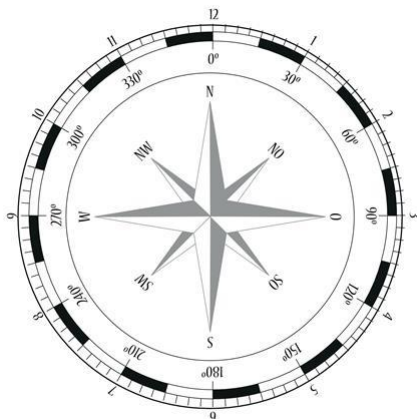
If lunch is taking place at the Department's premises, the maximum number of internal participants is three persons per external guest.

[Read more](#)

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## CHANGED RATES IN CONNECTION WITH OFFICIAL TRAVEL

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If you are planning to travel, please be aware that the amount of allowances for additional expenses on business trips in Denmark and abroad was changed as of 1 January 2016.

The changes apply to rates for:

- transport allowance – expenses in connection with travel by private car or similar means of transport.
- hotel allowance
- hourly and daily allowances – expenses for meals, daily necessities, transportation at the final destination and so on.
- percentage allowance – expenses for meals, daily necessities, transportation at the final destination and so on.

- undocumented night work allowance - 'Thank you for your trouble' in connection with private accommodation.

[See the new rates here](#) (in Danish) (do not use Firefox)

Read more: [In Danish](#), [In English](#)

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## UMBRELLAS FOR TRIPS TO AND FROM THE K-BUILDING

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When it's raining or snowing walking to and from the K-building can be tough. Therefore a bucket with umbrellas has been placed in the entrance hall of the L building and in building K.

Feel free to use the umbrellas when you walk to and from the K-building, and please remember to place the umbrella in the bucket in the building that you arrive to.

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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The following funding opportunities may be relevant to you:

**FACE: Fund for Academic Cooperation and Exchange between Denmark and the Arab World**

Established as a new Danish-Arab Partnership Programme (DAPP) engagement to support academic cooperation between Denmark and the MENA region.

Danish institutions that have entered into collaboration with partners from the MENA region can apply for funding for academic partnership projects.

FACE supports two types of grants:

- Large grants (between DKK 50,000 and 2,000,000 per year).  
Deadline is 30 March 2016.
- Small grants (up to DKK 50,000 DKKK) for e.g. academic exchange visits, organizing of conferences, seminars and meetings, etc.  
Deadline is 1 March 2017.

Read more: <http://face-programme.dk/index.html>

**NORFACE: Dynamics of Inequality Across the Lifecourse: structures and processes (DIAL)**

New Opportunities for Research Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe (NORFACE) is a collaborative partnership of national research funding agencies from 18 European countries in the area of social and behavioral sciences.

The DIAL call for proposals has four themes:

1. early life influences and outcomes
2. early adult transitions into tertiary education, vocational training and economic activity
3. labour market and family trajectories and the growth of inequality
4. labour market participation in later life and retirement.

The deadline for phase one applications is 30 March 2016.

A project requires minimum 3 partners from the participating countries.

The budget limit is € 1,500,000 across all participating partners.

Read more: <http://www.norface.net/>

**NOS-HS Workshops 2016**

The Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils for the Humanities and the Social Sciences (NOS-HS) invites proposals for funding covering series of Nordic workshops.

The aim of the grant is to promote research collaboration and development of new research areas and programmes within the humanities and the social sciences in the Nordic countries.

Deadline is 23 February 2016.

Budget frame: SEK 300,000-450,000.

Read more: <http://www.nos-hs.org/grants-for-nos-hs-workshops-2016-call-for-proposals/>

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**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE - DEADLINE 6 JUNE**

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The Danish National Research Foundation's deadline for phase one applications for New Centers of Excellence is 6 June.

[See the call for applications here.](#)

The Department's internal review board, which consists of [Kim Allan Andersen](#), [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#) and [Niels Haldrup](#), is ready to assist you by providing feedback on your application. The board will be accepting grant proposals for New Centers of Excellence for review until 8 May 2016. [Read more about our internal review board here.](#)

You may also contact the [AU Research Support Office](#). They offer support to applicants all the way through the application process, e.g. with the project description, budget, timing, CV, and general tips and tricks. Our contact person is: [Anne Marie Zwerqius](#): 2845 5016, [amz@au.dk](mailto:amz@au.dk).

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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

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### UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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- **[2016 Winter Global Business Conference](#)**  
Dates: 1-5 February 2016  
Submission deadline: 26 Oct. 2015  
Venue: Tignes, France
- **[Workshop: Labor Markets, Human Capital Formation, Migration and Trade](#)**  
Dates: 7-8 April 2016  
Submission deadline: 14 February 2016  
Venue: Hotel Scandic, Aarhus
- **[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

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

## THE PHD CORNER

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### FORSKERFIGHT RESEARCHER BATTLE 2016

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The Danish University Extension invites PhD students at AU to take part in this year's ForskerFight researcher battle, which takes place on 25 September in connection with the culture and knowledge festival "Hearts & Minds" at AU.

The theme this year is "the body", and each participant has 4 minutes to describe his or her research interest and argue for its importance. The winner is awarded with DKK 10,000.

If you are interested in participating, you should send your proposal (max. 1 A4 page) to The Danish University Extension: [kla@fuau.dk](mailto:kla@fuau.dk). Eight persons will be selected for the final battle.

Deadline is 18 March.

Among previous winners of the competition are our very own [Philipp Schröder](#), who won in 2011, and [Peter Løchte Jørgensen](#), who won in 2010.

[Read more](#) (in Danish)

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## JOIN NEW FACEBOOK GROUP FOR PHD STUDENTS AT AARHUS BSS

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The PhD Association at Aarhus BSS, PHABUSS, has created a Facebook group called: [PHABUSS - PhD Association at AU BSS](https://www.facebook.com/groups/404584343071230/).

PHABUSS represents all PhD students enrolled at Aarhus BSS, so all PhD students at the Department are encouraged join the Facebook group. By doing so, you will be able to follow the work of PHABUSS and get notifications on future events relevant to PhD students.

Follow this link to join the group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/404584343071230/>

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## PHD DEFENCE: SILVIA MIGALI

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[Silvia Migali](#) will defend her PhD thesis entitled "Essays on International Migration: Institutions, Skill Recognition, and the Welfare State" on Wednesday 24 February 2016 at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Per Lundborg, Stockholm University
- Senior Researcher Marie Louise Schultz-Nielsen, Rockwool Foundation
- Associate Professor [Niels Skipper](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: LORENZO BOLDRINI

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[Lorenzo Boldrini](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Essays on Forecasting with Linear State-Space Systems" on Friday 26 February 2016 at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-2.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Siem Jan Koopman, VU University Amsterdam
- Professor Tommaso Proietti, Università di Roma Tor Vergata
- Professor [Asger Lunde](#), Aarhus University (chair)

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

[Read more](#)

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## PHD DEFENCE: PALLE SØRENSEN

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[Palle Sørensen](#) will defend his PhD thesis entitled "Financial Frictions, Price Rigidities, and the Business Cycle" on Monday 7 March at 1:15 pm in auditorium 2624(E)-1.

The assessment committee consists of the following members:

- Professor Mikael Carlsson, Uppsala University
- Associate Professor Emiliano Santoro, University of Copenhagen
- Professor [Tom Engsted](#), 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 Høiklint Nielsen](#).

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## 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

### NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received front pages and abstracts of three 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:birgitte.hojklint@econ.au.dk), [bhojklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhojklint@econ.au.dk).

#### Working Papers:

- [Bent Jesper Christensen](#) and Rasmus T. Varneskov: [Dynamic Global Currency Hedging](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-3.
- [Markku Lanne](#) and Jani Luoto: [Data-Driven Inference on Sign Restrictions in Bayesian Structural Vector Autoregression](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-4.
- [Yunus Emre Ergemen](#): [Generalized Efficient Inference on Factor Models with Long-Range Dependence](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-5.

### 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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