



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS  
AARHUS UNIVERSITY

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### WELCOME TO THE DEPARTMENT

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Our new head of department, [Carsten Sørensen](#), will start in his new position tomorrow.

Come and meet him at the welcome reception today at 2:30 pm in our lunch room.

Carsten Sørensen is 52 years old and comes from a position as professor in finance at Copenhagen Business School. He has an MSc in mathematics-economics from Aarhus University (1989) and a PhD from the University of Southern Denmark (1993).

Welcome to the Department!

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### ANTIVIRUS SOFTWARE FROM SOPHOS EXPIRES IN FEBRUARY

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AU's Sophos antivirus license expires on 29 February 2016, i.e. today. If your computer has the Sophos antivirus software, it will thus no longer be protected against virus, and you should contact IT support ([bss.it@au.dk](mailto:bss.it@au.dk) or 87150933), who will then install McAfee antivirus which is AU's current antivirus software.

If you don't know whether the Sophos antivirus software is installed on your computer, look for a blue 'S' icon in the bottom right-hand corner on a Windows computer and in the top right-hand corner on a Mac. If you have a

red 'M' icon instead, it means that you already have the McAfee antivirus programme, and you are safe.

[Read more](#)

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## IT SYSTEMS AT AU LIBRARY CLOSED FROM 4-7 MARCH

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Due to a relocation of the server rooms at the State and University Library, all IT systems at the State and University Library and the AU Library will be out of service from 4 March at 6 pm to 7 March at 12 noon.

All the library's systems will be affected (access to electronic articles/databases, search for materials etc.) and delivery of books to staff members will run slower than usual.

If you plan to use the library that weekend, you are encouraged to download all relevant material before 6 pm on 4 March.

[Read more](#)

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## PHILIPP SCHRÖDER IS NEW MEMBER OF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COUNCIL IN KIEL

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[Philipp Schröder](#) has become member of the Scientific Advisory Council of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy.

The Kiel Institute, which was founded in 1914, is a leading international center for research in global economic affairs, economic policy consulting, and economic education.

[Read more about the Kiel Institute](#)

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## ALL ABOUT FUNDING

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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 Zwergius](#): 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/).

## THE PHD CORNER

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### AARHUS UNIVERSITY PHD ASSOCIATION - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Aarhus University PhD Association (AUPA) invites all PhD students to its general assembly to take part in discussions about the association's work in the coming year, present ideas and perhaps to join the board.

AUPA is a board of PhD students that discusses matters that are relevant to all PhD students at AU, it addresses matters to the PhD school leaders and is in close contact with the local PhD associations. Each faculty has three seats in the board

The general assembly will be held on 10 March at 2 pm in Conference Room 2 of the Dale Mortensen Building.

[Read more](#)

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## AU CAREER PHD NEWSLETTER

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AU Career has sent out a newsletter for PhD students and postdocs that contains useful information about e.g. PhD events, courses, mentor programmes as well as news that are particularly relevant for PhD students.

[Read the newsletter here](#)

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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 Højklint Nielsen](#).

## STAFF PORTRAIT

### STAFF PORTRAIT: RUNE V. LESNER



This time [Rune V. Lesner](#) has agreed to answer the questions for the staff portrait. Thank you, Rune. Rune is assistant professor at the Department.

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

I graduated with a PhD from Aarhus University in 2013 and have been employed at the department ever since.

**What is your background?**

I have a masters degree from the math-econ programme and a PhD in economics from our department. Right now I am hired as an assistant professor.

**What are your main areas of research?**

I am broadly interested in topics related to labour economics and determinants of inequality. I do both reduced form analysis and more structural work.

**What research projects are you working on at the moment?**

At the moment I am working on projects trying to understand the gender wage gap by looking into career choices, parental leaves, statistical discrimination, search behaviour and other related explanations.

At TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research I am working on a project where we try to understand the impact of youth spare-time jobs.

Among other things, I am also working on a project where I look into the impact of childhood poverty on later life outcomes.

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

I am responsible for first year math in the HA-BScB programme.

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

I work together with Anna Piil Damm from our department and Preben Bertelsen and Mads Uffe Pedersen from the Department of Psychology and Behavioural Sciences on a project in affiliation with the TrygFonden's Centre for Child Research. In the project we look into the effect of youth spare-time jobs.

**What do you do when you are not at work?**

Mainly, buying random stuff from Babysam.

**Supplementary question from [Alexander Paul](#): Which team are you going to cheer for at the Euro 2016?**

I am sorry to say that Germany is not going to win the Euro 2016. I am certain that Zlatan is going to take the trophy.

## EVENTS

### UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS



- **[Workshop: Labor Markets, Human Capital Formation, Migration and Trade](#)**  
Dates: 7-8 April 2016  
Submission deadline: 14 February 2016  
Venue: Hotel Scandic Aarhus City, Aarhus
- **[2nd International Conference on New Trends in Econometrics and Finance](#)**  
Dates: 19-22 April 2016  
Venue: Zagreb
- **[The XIIth Danish International Economics Workshop](#)**  
Dates: 16-17 June 2016  
Deadline: 15 March 2016  
Venue: Hotel Scandic Aarhus City, 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
- **[Workshop om Kriminalpræventive Effektevalueringer](#)**  
Dates: 26-27 October 2016  
Deadline: -  
Venue: Hotel Vejlefjord, Stouby

- [DGPE workshop 2016](#)

Dates: 10-11 November 2016

Deadline: -

Venue: Severin Conference Center, Middelfart

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

## 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

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

#### **Publications:**

- [Thomas Kokholm](#): [Pricing and Hedging of Derivatives in Contagious Markets](#), Journal of Banking and Finance, vol. 66, (2016), pp. 19-34.

#### **Working papers:**

- [Gustavo Fruct Dias](#), [Cristina M. Scherrer](#) and Fotis Papailias: [Volatility Discovery](#), CREATES Research Paper 2016-7.

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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 14 March 2016

Deadline for input: Thursday 10 March at 12 noon

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