

# ECON News 8

For Employees at the Department of Economics and Business - week 4 2012



## News

### Successful premiere of 'Gymnasielærer-dagen' 2012

On Monday 16 January, 92 teachers from high schools and business colleges from across the country were gathered at 'Gymnasielærer-dagen 2012' ('High School Teacher's Day') at the Department of Economics and Business. The program for the day was entitled 'The Globalised International Community' and included seven employees giving presentations about various consequences of globalisation. The idea behind 'Gymnasielærer-dagen' is to create a launch pad to strengthen the co-operation with the high schools and business colleges and to communicate the new research of the department to the teachers at first hand, which will ultimately be passed on to their pupils, who one day may become students at the department. Most of the participants left the event with a smile after having been professionally updated and inspired to pass on their newly gained knowledge to their students, and several participants made sure to request a similar event next year. [Read more](#).

### Jan Bentzen in climate friendly project



[Professor Jan Bentzen](#) is taking part in a Danida financed development research project entitled 'Sustainable production of biogas from waste rice straw'. Department of Bioscience AU, and Cantho University, Vietnam are also contributing to the project. The project proposes a simple and low-cost biotechnological process for the conversion of waste rice straw into biogas. It is proposed that microbial fermentation of waste rice straw could become a significant supplementary energy source in rice producing regions in Asia. If experimental proof-of-concept is obtained this could lead to a substantial increase in construction of small biogas digesters in rice producing regions thus greatly reducing the demand for fossil fuels and creating possibilities for new jobs and small enterprises. Consequently this will allow for a substantial increase in energy production and standard of living in rural areas – although in a climate friendly way.

## Grants and Scholarships

Sapere Aude grant to young Econ researcher



Post doc [Anders Bredahl Kock](#) recently received a Sapere Aude Grant (ung eliteforsker) from the Danish Council for Independent Research. The grant amounts to DKK 2.3 million. His project is entitled 'Oracle Efficient Econometric Modelling'. [Read more here](#).

### Travelling scholarships from Ferdinand Salling's Memorial Foundation



[Marie Herly](#), Jens Riis Andersen (photo and link not available) and [Rasmus T. Varneskov](#) (photo not available) have each received a travelling scholarship of DKK 150,000 from Ferdinand Salling's Memorial Foundation.

### PhD student receives DKK 50,000 for export research



PhD student [Jesper Wulff](#) has recently received DKK 50,000 from the Solar Foundation of 1978 (Solarfonden af 1978). His research project is entitled 'Foreign Entry Mode and Performance'. The funding makes it possible for him to improve and internationalize his research, which one day may help to increase Danish companies' export opportunities abroad. [Read more](#).

### AU Ideas grants



[Julia Nafziger](#) (principal investigator) and [Alexander Koch](#) (co-applicant) have received a grant of DKK 400,000 from the [AU Ideas](#) program for their project 'What makes a student successful? A large-scale experimental investigation of behavioral correlates'.



[Kristina Risom Jespersen](#) has received a grant of DKK 400,000 for her project entitled 'Projecting open innovation performance with simulations'. The idea behind her project is to design an agent-based modeled simulation for analysis of economic performance of the form of open innovation, i.e. user involving innovation, which companies may implement.

**Congratulations to all of you!**

## Announcements

### New writer of ECON News

This edition of ECON News has been prepared by [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#) – I'm back from maternity leave and will be in charge of the ECON News from now on. So please send your input for the next issue to me ([bhoejklint@econ.au.dk](mailto:bhoejklint@econ.au.dk)) before 2 February. My office is at Fuglesangs Alle, M338, telephone number 8716 0187.

### **Check out [econ.medarbejdere.au.dk](http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk) for employees**

The site provides information for employees at the department. It gives you guidance on practical matters related to our department or to AU in general, and you may find useful shortcuts to e.g. administrative centres and various self-service systems. Also, old ECON newsletters can be found here; and information on seminars, vacancies, calls for applications etc. will be posted on the site. [Slides and summaries of departmental meetings](#) are also available here.

### **New tax on free telephone**

As from January 1, 2012, a new tax on free telephone has been enforced. [More information here](#) (in Danish). If you require information in English you may contact the HR department, Alev Gencay Abde, phone: 871 53385, e-mail: [aga@adm.au.dk](mailto:aga@adm.au.dk).

### **PURE – deadline for 2011 publications**

Don't forget to register your 2011 publications in [PURE](#) before 1 February 2012. This is very important since the state funds that we earn are dependent on this.

### **New guide to AU administrative centres and useful phone numbers**

[Download here](#) (in Danish).

### **Booking class rooms for teaching at 8000c**

To meet the inquiries concerning class room booking at 8000c, it should be clarified that to book class rooms or to change current bookings (for teaching only) for the following studies: Business Administration BA soc./cand. soc. and BSc oecon and cand. oecon, you should contact Marie Louise Bro Pold: e-mail: [mpold@econ.au.dk](mailto:mpold@econ.au.dk) or phone: 23 11 95 26. Marie Louise is located at Fuglesangs Allé, office B7.

## **Calls**

### **Erasmus grants for employees**

All employees at Aarhus University have the opportunity to apply for an Erasmus grant in connection with a stay abroad. You may apply for a grant for two types of stays: a teaching stay and/or a training stay. The grant is approx. 650 Euro per stay. The application deadline is 1 March (for a stay within the period 1 June 2012 – 30 September 2012). [Read more](#).

### **FUHU's business researcher award 2012 (FUHU's Erhvervsforskerpris 2012)**

The Danish Society for the Advancement of Business Education, FUHU, now calls for nominations for the business researcher prize 2012 ([Erhvervsforskerpris 2012](#)). The prize is given to a business researcher or a group of business researchers who have produced particularly excellent results that have benefitted the competitiveness of Danish companies. The prize amounts to DKK 250,000 and must be spent on studies abroad that will enhance the dissemination of research in Denmark. Nominations must be sent by the head of department to the dean's office before 23 February 2012. [See call](#) (in Danish).

### **The Tietgen Prize 2012**

The Danish Society for the Advancement of Business Education, FUHU, calls for nominations for the Tietgen Prize 2012. As an acknowledgement of significant research carried out by young researchers, the DKK 100,000 prize is awarded to post-doctoral researchers, i.e. assistant professors or young associate professors with no more than five years of research experience since acquiring their PhD or a similar degree. The prize may also be given to a group of researchers. The research must have been published

between 1 January 2010 and 1 January 2012. The prize must be spent on studies abroad or a research project administered by the recipient's own university. Nominations must be sent by the head of department to the dean's office before 23 February 2012. [See call](#) (in Danish).

### **Energy competition**

The Danish European Movement (Europabevægelsen) arranges a competition in European energy policy for university students. The prize is a trip to Brussels for four persons, incl. a guided tour in the European Parliament and the European Commission. For more information, see <http://eubev.dk/energistafet/energikonkurrence> (in Danish). [See poster](#) (in Danish).

## **Courses and Workshops**

### **Information meeting for postdoc applicants to The Danish Council for Independent Research - Social Sciences (FSE)**

On January 30 the Research Support Office ([Forskningsstøtteenheden](#)) at Aarhus University hosts an information meeting about postdoc applications to FSE. The purpose of the meeting is to give applicants a more solid understanding of evaluation criteria, methodical approach and the structure of a successful proposal. The meeting will be held in English.

Program:

1. Welcome
2. The importance of research question, scientific method and theory, Speaker: Peter Munk Christiansen, Dept. of Political Science and chairman of FSE
3. The successful application – A word of advice and potential pitfalls, Speakers: Anne Marie Zwergius and Jesper Skytt Hvid, Research Support Office
4. The Research Office – Our services to applicants

Time: Monday 30 January 10-12

Place: Meeting room 1.1, Studenterhusfonden, Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4

Registration: [Sissel.Roemming@aarhus.rm.dk](mailto:Sissel.Roemming@aarhus.rm.dk) no later than 26 January

### **EuroCenter courses on EU funding (FP7)**

EuroCenter under the Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation offers a range of [courses on EU's Seventh Framework Programme \(FP7\)](#), i.e. application technique, reporting, financial auditing, Marie Curie etc. Some of the courses are held in English.

### **Train-the-Trainer Workshop, UC Davis**

University of California, Davis, holds a two-day Train-the-Trainers workshop on 5 – 6 March 2012. The course aims to give its participants the practical skills required to deliver residential transferable skills courses. Please note that the application deadline is 10 February 2012. [See course description](#).

## **Seminars**

### **Seminars at the Department Economics and Business**

[Get an overview of forthcoming seminars within the fields of Economics, Management, Finance and Accounting.](#)

## Events

31 January, [Thesis proposal, David Sloth Pedersen: 'Topics in Mathematical Finance: a Journey into the Dark Arts'](#)

1 February, [Thesis proposal, Lukas Bach: 'Freight Transportation - Problems Related to Railways'](#)

2 February, [Thesis proposal, Tanja Groth: 'To what extent does policy support of renewable energy reflect a net benefit to society?'](#)

[More events](#)

## Publications and Working Paper Series

ECON Publications and Working Papers may be seen [here](#). Please note that some publications may be missing – this will be corrected as soon as possible.

## Minutes

[Minutes of Departmental Forum Meeting 12 December 2011](#)

## Colophon

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