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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

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Dear colleagues,
Again, I would like to welcome you back from your holidays to a new semester. In particular, welcome to the many new faculty and staff members as well as PhD students. I hope that you will accommodate well in our department. It is great to see...

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NEWS AND EVENTS

RAN SUN LYNG RECEIVES INTERNATIONAL POSTDOC GRANT FROM DFF



Postdoc [Ran Sun Lyng](#) has received an international postdoc grant of DKK 1,442,000 from The Independent Research Fund Denmark (DFF) for her project entitled "Matching and Welfare Analysis of the Danish Mortgage Market."

Congratulations!

[Read more](#)

THE OECON CONFERENCE 2019



This year's Oecon Conference will take place on 28 September in Fuglesangssalen.

The theme will be "*Lederskab - dansk dagsorden i en global verden*".

Cand.oecon alumni at the Department are encouraged to participate in the conference. The Department will refund your conference fee. Note that you must pay with your AU Mastercard and then ask the secretary of your section to settle the amount for you. You don't have to apply via your head of section for this.

[Read more and sign up here](#) (deadline is 18 September).

WORKSHOP: FIELD EXPERIMENTS IN POLICY EVALUATION

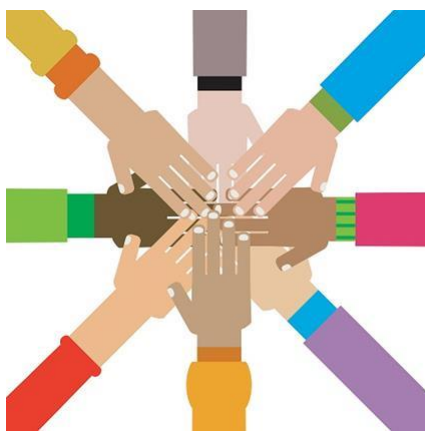


The Institute for Employment Research (IAB) and the Labor and Socio-Economic Research Center (LASER) of the University of Erlangen Nuremberg will host a two-day workshop on field experiments in policy evaluation on 21-22 November 2019.

The keynote speakers at the workshop are: Gerard van den Berg, University of Bristol and Michael Rosholm, Aarhus University.

[Read more](#)

NEW SEMINAR SERIES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT ON DIVERSITY IN THE WORKPLACE



Our sister department – Department of Management – invites us to their new topical seminar series on diversity in the workplace.

The seminars during the autumn will be:

- "Diversity and difference"
by [Sara Louise Muhr](#), Copenhagen Business School 6 September at 13:00 in 2628(M)-211
- "Title to be announced"
by [Hans Bonde](#), University of Copenhagen
13 September at 12:30 in 2628(M)-303
- "Gender and entrepreneurship"
by [Helle Neergaard](#), Aarhus University

10 October at 13:00 in 2628(M)-303

- "Women's bumpy road to the board of directors"
by [Nina Smith](#), Aarhus University,
6 November at 12:00 in 2628(M)-303
- "Gender, competitiveness and career choices"
by [Thomas Buser](#), University of Amsterdam,
6 December at 13:00 in 2627(H)-210

[Read more](#)

NEW HOLIDAY RULES



A new holiday act will enter into force in Denmark on 1 September 2020, which means that all employees will switch to concurrent holiday (samtidighedsferie). Concurrent holiday basically means that the holiday earned during the year can be held on an ongoing basis.

When the new holiday act comes into force, you will be able to take holiday as you earn it – i.e. you earn 2.08 holidays per month, and it will be possible to take holiday in advance – i.e. before it is earned.

In general, there is no need to speculate in transferring holidays to 2020. If you have earned your full holiday entitlement, you will have 16.6 days of holiday at your disposal for the summer 2020 and special holidays will be added to this.

The transitional year runs from 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020. The holiday you earn in the transitional year will be frozen and saved to a new fund – *Lønmodtagernes Fond for Tilgodehavende Feriemidler*. This is to prevent double entitlement when switching to concurrent holiday in 2020. You will receive the frozen holiday when you reach retirement age or leave the Danish labour market. Only holiday earned in the period 1 September 2019 to 31 August 2020 will be frozen in the fund. If you have transferred holiday, the transferred holiday will not be frozen.

AU HR has set up a webpage with the answers to a number of frequently asked questions in relation to the new holiday act. The webpage is available in both Danish and English (switch language in the upper right corner). See the webpage via the link below:

[Info about the new Danish Holiday Act](#)

If you have any questions regarding holiday, please contact [Betina Sørensen](#) via absence@econ.au.dk

AU EVACUATE APP



As mentioned in previous issues of ECON News, AU has developed an evacuation app that sends out emergency alerts in critical situations where either specific buildings need to be evacuated, or where other critical circumstances require that a message must reach everyone in a specific area as fast as possible.

The app alerts you directly by means of an alarm sound on your smartphone, and keeps you updated on how the situation is developing, and it notifies you when the crisis is over. The app will also alert you when there is an evacuation drill.

All employees are encouraged to download the app on their smartphone – remember to allow push notifications (messages displayed on the phone screen regardless of whether the phone is locked or in use). The app is called “AU Evacuate” and can be downloaded in App Store or Google Play.

If you do not have a smartphone with iOS or Android, you can choose to receive SMS and/or email notifications from AU Evacuate by registering via the link below.

[Read more](#)

ALL ABOUT FUNDING

IRFD'S AUTUMN 2019 AND SPRING 2020



The Independent Research Fund Denmark (IRFD) has published its call for proposals of independent research funds for the autumn 2019/spring 2020-round – see the call via the link below.

The autumn deadline for applications to IRFD|Social Sciences is 4 October 2019 at 12:00 noon for the following instruments:

- DFF Research Project 1 (up to DKK 2,000,000 excluding overheads),
- DFF Research Project 2 (up to DKK 4,300,000 excluding overheads)
- International Research Stay (DKK 300,000 excluding overheads)

For the International Postdoctoral Grant, the deadlines are 5 November 2019 at 12:00 noon and 26 March 2020 at 12:00 noon. And for the Sapere Aude Starting Grant, the deadline is 26 March 2020 at 12:00 noon.

[See the call here](#)

See below for information about support for IRFD applicants from the AU Research Support Office and the Department's internal review board.

THE AU RESEARCH SUPPORT OFFICE OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO IRFD APPLICANTS



[The Research Support Office at AU](#) offers assistance to IRFD applicants for the autumn 2019/spring 2020-round (see call above).

In order to offer the best possible assistance, the Research Support Office has made a plan for division of labour in collaboration with the project finance controllers for the IRFD-process:

- Research Project 1: The Research Support Office will read project proposals and draw up budgets.
- Research Project 2: The Research Support Office will read project proposals, and project finance controllers will draw up budgets for all Research Project 2 applications.
- International Research Stay: The Research Support Office will read project proposals, and project finance controllers will draw up budgets.

The internal deadline for notifying the Research Support Office that you would like support in relation to an IRFD-application is

Friday 23 August

At this deadline at the latest, please send an email to [Anne Marie Zwergius: amz@au.dk](mailto:amz@au.dk) specifying which IRFD instrument you are applying for and the assistance you will need.

If you do not meet this deadline, the Research Support Office cannot guarantee that they will be able to assist you.

After the internal deadline, the Research Support Office will contact the applicant with a plan for the individual support process. Regarding RP2-applications, the Research Support Office will facilitate the contact to a project finance controller, who will get in touch with the applicant regarding the budget.

ECON'S INTERNAL REVIEW PANEL



The Department's internal review panel offers review of department members' funding applications to The Independent Research Fund Denmark (IRFD).

The review panel consists of the following persons:

- Professor [Nabanita Datta Gupta](#)
- Professor [Eric Hillebrand](#)
- Professor [Alexander Koch](#)
- Professor [Helena Skyt Nielsen](#)

Please send pdf files of your project description and other documents you want the panel to look at (budgets etc.) to [Helena Skyt Nielsen: hnielsen@econ.au.dk](mailto:hnielsen@econ.au.dk)

In order to give sufficient time for commenting and revising, the panel will accept your applications for IRFD until **13 September 2019**.

Before submitting your files to the review panel, please make sure to read the two documents "Common mistakes in writing grant applications" and "Check list for applicants", which can be found at the Department's staff portal under [Employee forum](#)

APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE AU EDUCATIONAL-IT POOL



Do you have an idea as to how EDU-IT can contribute to your teaching? - then you might be eligible for financial support from AU's EDU-IT fund.

Deadline is 11 October 2019.

[Read more about what you can apply for and see examples of projects that have already been funded.](#)

NORDFORSK CALL - INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH PROJECTS



NordForsk has sent out a call for proposals for their new Nordic programme for interdisciplinary research, which has a budget of NOK 120 million.

The call is specifically aimed at interdisciplinary projects that combine disciplines which rarely collaborate or that pursue an original research question requiring the exact combination of competencies from different disciplines. Projects awarded funding must include at least two of the following three areas: Life Science, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Social Sciences and Humanities.

The maximum funding per project is NOK 15 million, and NordForsk hopes to fund 8 - 12 research projects under this call. Funding will be granted for up to four years, and successful proposals must include partners from at least three Nordic countries.

The deadline for submitting proposals is 13 November 2019.

[Read more](#)

AUFF CALLS: NOVA GRANTS AND PUBLICATION SUPPORT



The Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) has announced two calls for applications - for the AUFF Nova 2019 funding programme and for the AUFF Publication Support:

- **AUFF Nova grants**

The aim of AUFF Nova is to stimulate courageous and innovative research projects of high quality – projects which may have difficulties obtaining alternative funding. The project must be pioneering in its field and show clear potential for scientific breakthroughs. The hypothesis or problem behind the project may require development of new methods and it may challenge existing paradigms. If relevant, multi-disciplinary elements and synergies within the research team(s) should be clearly identified.

The programme includes two types of grants:

- Small projects (up to DKK 600,000) with a duration of 1-2 years
- Large projects (up to DKK 3 million) with a duration of 3-4 years

The deadline for applications is 4 October at 12 noon.

[Read more](#)

- **AUFF Publication Support**

The Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) calls for applications for publication support.

The objective of the foundation's publication support is to ensure that important scientific work of a particularly high quality can obtain support for qualified high-quality publication and dissemination and thereby strengthen AU's communication of research results both within the international research landscape and to the general public.

The foundation assigns priority to ground-breaking publications with a special view to highly esteemed international channels of publication, mainly large international publishers.

Applicants must be employed at Aarhus University. Professors emeritus may also apply.

The 2019 pool for publication support comprises a total of DKK 1.5 million.

Deadline for applications is 4 September 2019 at 12 noon.

[Read more](#)

FUNDING FOR COMPETENCE DEVELOPMENT



From 4 September you can apply for funding for individual competence development from the Agency for Competence Development in the State Sector (Den Statslige Kompetencefond).

The criteria as regards the nature of the activities to be funded and the amounts to be awarded will vary depending on the collective agreement under which you are employed.

The fund was established as part of the collective agreement negotiations in 2018, and DKK 172 million has been earmarked for distribution among state sector employees until 2021.

[Read more](#)

SUPPORT FOR APPLICANTS

The following documents on funding opportunities and support for applicants are available at the Department's staff portal (<http://econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/>) under "Employee forum".

- BSS and ECON internal review process for applicants
- Ways in which the Research Support Office can help employees and opportunities for Post Doc funding
- Current funding opportunities by the Danish Council for Independent Research
- Funding opportunities within the Horizon2020 programme
- Calendar of calls for funding
- Common mistakes in writing grant applications
- Check list for applicants

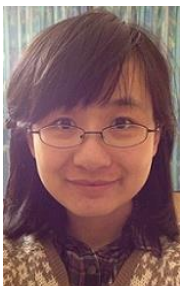
PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CALLS

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: econ.medarbejdere.au.dk/research/external-funding/.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

NEW EMPLOYEES



Chen Huang is new assistant professor at the Department as from 1 September 2019. She will be a member of the Econometrics and Business Statistics section.



Sarah Schröder is new assistant professor at the Department as from 1 September 2019. She will be a member of the Industrial Organisation and Trade section.



Rui Zhang will be assistant professor at the Department starting 1 September 2019 in the Industrial Organisation and Trade section.



Michael Koch is new assistant professor at the Department as from 1 September 2019. He will be a member of the Industrial Organisation and Trade section.

NEW PHD STUDENTS

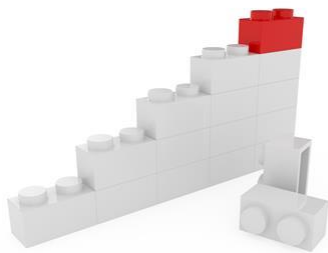


As from 1 September 2019, we have the following new PhD students at the Department:

- **Qing Liu** - Section: Accounting and Finance. Supervisors: Claus Holm and Yuan Li.
- **Özge Serbest** - Section: Accounting and Finance. Supervisors: Charlotte Christiansen and Yunus Emre Ergemen.
- **Sander Schwenk-Nebbe** - Section: Accounting and Finance. Supervisors: Carsten Tanggaard and Jonas Nygaard Eriksen.
- **Yue Xu** - Section: Accounting and Finance. Supervisors: Charlotte Christiansen and Ran Xing.
- **Frederik Okslund** - Section: Econometrics and Business Statistics. Supervisors: Eric Hillebrand and Leopoldo Catania.
- **Jonas Pilgaard Kaiser** - Section: Industrial Organisation and Trade, Supervisors: Alexander Koch and Mette Trier Damgaard.
- **Martin Strobl** - Section: Industrial Organisation and Trade, Supervisors: Nicola Maaser and Christian Bjørnskov
- **Mikkel Aagaard Houmark** - Section: Labour and Public Policy. Supervisors: Helena Skyt Nielsen and Timo Hener.
- **Trine Skriver Høholt Jensen** - Section: Labour and Public Policy. Supervisors: Anna Piil Damm and Maria Knoth Humlum.

- **Farnaz Farzadnia** - Section: Logistics. Supervisors: Jens Lysgaard and Michael Malmros.
- **Johan Bjerre Bach Clausen** - Section: Logistics. Supervisors: Hongyan Jenny Li and Allan Würtz.
- **Nicolas Forget** - Section: Logistics. Supervisors: Lars Relund Nielsen and Sune Lauth Gadegaard.

NEW TITLES AND EXTENSIONS



[Jesper Wulff](#) became associate professor at the Department as from 1 August 2019.

[Ran Sun Lyng](#) and [Alexander Paul](#)'s postdoc positions have been extended as from, respectively, 1 July and 1 September 2019.

RESIGNATIONS AND LEAVE



[Martin Thyrsgaard](#) will resign from his position as research assistant as from 31 August 2019.

[Marcel Smolka](#) will resign from his position as assistant professor as from 31 August 2019.

[Bastien Michel](#) will resign from his position as postdoc as from 31 August 2019.

[Martin Bagger](#) will resign from his position as from 31 August 2019, but he will continue as part-time lecturer at the Department.

[Anne Brink Nandrup](#) will be on leave from her position as from 31 August 2019.

THE PHD CORNER

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

PARTNER DATABASE

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Partner relationships with companies and organizations (private and public) are an important part of research projects and research sharing at the Department. To strengthen our research-partner collaboration profile and management, the department initiates the building of a Partner Database.

You are therefore kindly asked to notify the department administration when you are collaborating with external partners or participate in external events. Examples of partner engagements could be (but not limited to):

- Attending and/or speaking at public or business conferences, seminars or networks.
- Organizing a workshop, seminar, or conference for non-researchers.
- Meeting with public or private companies to talk research collaboration.
- Engaging in projects with public or private companies.
- Having guest lectures in your courses presenting a relevant case from their organization/company.

Please send partner name, date of the event or meeting, contact information, and (if available) a link to the event or partner to [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](mailto:bhojklint@econ.au.dk): bhojklint@econ.au.dk

PUBLICATIONS

NEW PUBLICATIONS - SEND ME YOUR FRONT PAGE

I have received the front pages and abstracts of two new publications and four new working papers this time. Thank you. See them below. Have you also published something new and would you like to share it with the rest of us? Send me a link or the front page and abstract of your publication - 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

Publications:

- [Martin Paldam](#): J.O. Krag, et essay, Ch. 8 in Hansen, J., Kærgård, N., Thomsen, J.S. (eds.): Med hånden på statskassen: Økonomer i regering, 2019, DJØFs Forlag, Copenhagen.
- Stéphanie Vincent Lyk-Jensen and [Peder J. Pedersen](#): Soldiers on International Missions: There and Back Again, Emerald Publishing Limited 2019.

Working papers:

- [Leonidas Enrique de la Rosa](#) and [Nikolaj Kirkeby Niebuhr](#): [Loss aversion and the zero-earnings discontinuity](#), Economics Working Paper 2019-09.
- [Emma von Essen](#), Marieke Huysentruyt and Topi Miettinen: [Exploration in Teams and the Encouragement Effect: Theory and Evidence](#), Economics Working Paper 2019-10.
- [Erik Strøjer Madsen](#): [From Local to Global Competitors on the Beer Market](#), Economics Working Paper 2019-11.
- [Daniel Borup](#) and [Erik Christian Montes Schütte](#): [In search of a job: Forecasting employment growth using Google Trends](#), CREATES Research Paper 2019-13.

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.

SEMINARS

UPCOMING SEMINARS



[Get an overview of forthcoming seminars at the Department here.](#)

We have the following seminar series:

- [Accounting and Finance Seminar Series](#)
- [Accounting Research Lunch Seminars](#)
- [CORAL Seminars](#)
- [Distinguished Speaker Seminar Series](#)
- [Econometrics and Business Statistics Seminar Series](#)
- [Economics Seminar Series](#)
- [Experimental Research in Social Science](#)
- [Joint Econometrics-Finance Lunch Seminars](#)
- [Labour and Public Policy Seminars](#)
- [MOB Seminar Series](#)

- [TrykFonden's Child Research Seminar Series](#)
- [Tuborg Research Centre Seminars](#)

ALL EVENTS

[See the list of all coming events at the Department: seminars, workshops, PhD defences, PhD courses etc.](#)

Do you know of an event that is not mentioned on the list, please contact [Birgitte Højklint Nielsen](#): bhoejklint@econ.au.dk

CALENDAR

UPCOMING CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS ETC.



- [**Econometric Models of Climate Change Conference**](#)
Dates: 29-30 August 2019
Place: University of Milano-Bicocca
- [**MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Diversity and difference" by Sara Louise Muhr**](#)
Date: 6 September 2019 at 13:00
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2628(M)-211
- [**MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Title to be announced" by Hans Bonde**](#)
Date: 13 September 2019 at 12:30
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2628(M)-303
- [**The Changing Economy and the Business Cycle: New Theory and Evidence**](#)
Dates: 16-17 September 2019
Place: Norges Bank, Oslo
- [**Lectures on the Economics of Organizations and Human Resources**](#)
Dates: 16-17 September 2019
Place: Humboldt-University Berlin
- [**Workshop of the Committee for Organizational Economics**](#)
Dates: 17-18 September 2019
Place: Humboldt-University Berlin

- [**Workshop in Gender Economics: Parenthood and Careers in the Nordics**](#)
 Dates: 18 September 2019
 Place: Stockholm University
- [**31st Annual Conference of the European Association of Labour Economists**](#)
 Date: 19-21 September 2019
 Place: Uppsala
- [**The 16th Corporate Finance Day**](#)
 Date: 19 September 2019
 Place: University of Groningen, the Netherlands
- [**The Oecon Conference**](#)
 Date: 28 September 2019
 Place: Fuglesangssalen, AU
- [**Workshop on Vacancies, Hiring and Matching**](#)
 Dates: 1-2 October 2019
 Place: Nuremberg, Germany
- [**The 11th Annual International Symposium on University Rankings and Quality Assurance**](#)
 Date: 2 October 2019
 Place: Brussels
- [**MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Gender and entrepreneurship" by Helle Neergaard**](#)
 Date: 10 October 2019 at 13:00
 Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2628(M)-303
- [**Public Sector Economics 2019 Conference – Wealth and property taxation: Where do we stand?**](#)
 Date: 24 October 2019
 Place: Zagreb, Croatia
- [**Vietnam Symposium in Banking and Finance**](#)
 Dates: 24–26 October 2019
 Place: Hanoi, Vietnam
- [**3rd Conference on Financial Stability**](#)
 Dates: 30-31 October 2019
 Place: Mexico City
- [**MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Women's bumpy road to the board of directors"**](#)
 by Nina Smith

Date: 6 November 2019 at 12:00
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2628(M)-303

- **[4th Pan-American Interdisciplinary Conference](#)**
Dates: 6-8 November 2019.
Place: Mexico City
- **[Workshop on Climate Change and Inequality](#)**
Dates: 7-8 November 2019
Place: CBS, Copenhagen
- **[2nd BIBB Conference on the Economics of Vocational Education and Training](#)**
Date: 7-8 November 2019
Place: Siegburg, Germany
- **[Workshop: Field Experiments in Policy Evaluation](#)**
Dates: 21-22 November 2019
Place: Institute for Employment Research, Nuremberg, Germany
- **[The 6th International Conference on Poverty and Sustainable Development](#)**
Dates: 5-6 December 2019
Place: Colombo, Sri Lanka
- **[MGMT seminar series on diversity in the workplace: "Gender, competitiveness and career choices"](#)**
by Thomas Buser
Date: 6 December 2019 at 13:00
Place: Fuglesangs Allé 4, 2627(H)-210
- **[Workshop: Health and the Labour Market](#)**
Date: 9-10 December 2019
Place: Nantes
- **[2019-2020 Research Workshop on Religion and Economic Inequality](#)**
Date: Autumn 2019 or Spring 2020
Place: The Center of Theological Inquiry, Princeton, NJ

COLOPHON

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Deadline for input: Thursday 5 September 2019 at 12 noon

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