




Newsletter from the Department of Culture and Society

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News and practical information

Johnny Laursen appointed dean of the Faculty of Arts

The dean looks forward to continuing the faculty's academic development in collaboration with staff and students. Read more [her](#).

Aarhus University celebrates its 65-year for diplomatic relations between Denmark and China

The diplomatic relations between Denmark and China will be celebrated with a large event at Moesgaard Museum in collaboration with, among others, Region Midt, the Municipality of Aarhus and Ministry of Education. Read more [here](#).

Renovation of buildings 1451 and 1453

It is now time for the buildings 1451 and 1453 to be renovated. The procedure will be as follows:

Building 1453: scaffolding will be built during week 23 to week 26

Building 1452: scaffolding will be built during week 26 to week 31

Building 1451: scaffolding will be built during week 28 to week 31

The renovation work will be initiated after 1 July and will be completed by 1 September.

Cleaning in the Nobel Park

In Nobel cleaning takes place in the following periods:

Between 05.00 – 08.00: Classrooms and cafeteria

Between 08.00 – 13.00: Common areas, offices, conference rooms, kitchens and toilets.

A plan for cleaning the offices at fixed weekdays is now being introduced. It looks as follows:

Rengøringsplan kontorer i Nobelparken / juni 2015

Bygn. 1451	3 etage: Mandag
	4 etage: Tirsdag
	5 etage: Mandag
Bygn. 1453	3 etage: Onsdag
	4 etage: Onsdag
	5 etage: Tirsdag

Bygn. 1461	1 etage: Mandag
	3 etage: Tirsdag
	4 etage: Torsdag
	5 etage: Mandag
	6 etage: Torsdag
Bygn. 1463	3 etage: Onsdag
	4 etage: Onsdag
	5 etage: Tirsdag
	6 etage: Fredag

Bygn. 1465	2 etage: Tirsdag
	3 etage: Tirsdag
	4 etage: Mandag
	5 etage: Mandag
	6 etage: Onsdag
Bygn. 1467	2 etage: Tirsdag
	3 etage: Torsdag
	4 etage: Onsdag
	5 etage: Onsdag
	6 etage: Torsdag

The plan may differ, for example in connection with holidays and illness or in connection with extra cleaning due to Friday-bars and other unforeseen projects. But as a guideline you may expect your office to be cleaned according to the above mentioned plan if you clear your desk and windows.

Psychological Counselling Service at AU

AU has entered an agreement with Prescriba, a health advisory company, to provide psychological counselling for all the University's employees. A joint scheme to provide acute psychological counselling is an important element in Aarhus University's efforts to combat stress, cooperation issues, abuse and crises of any kind that may have a negative effect on an employee's work and his or her capacity to work. The scheme will give employees access to third-party psychological counselling in any situation which could affect the employee's capacity to work. You can read more about the service [here](#). You are also welcome to contact your local union representative or HR partner Louise Søndergaard, if you need further information.

AURUS guidelines

The Schools AURUS secretaries have made a set of guidelines to help assist all travelling staff members. The guidelines can be found on our staff [staff portal](#).

Letter templates in English

To get the correction 'School' (rather than 'Department') to be reflected in your letterhead you must restore the template. This can be done by clicking on the template - and in the areas where you can enter colophon information, select DOWNLOAD and enter your email address. An update will then be downloaded from PURE.

Events

Bienvenido a la fiesta - Arts Summer Party 2015

On Friday, 19 June 2015 the Faculty of Arts is hosting its annual summer party for all staff members. We look forward to seeing as many CAS employees as possible including CAS PhD's. Stay updated [here](#).
Deadline for registration is June 7th

Rector Brian Bech Nielsen visits CAS

This year Rector Brian Bech Nielsen visits CAS on Monday 17 August at 10.00 a.m. All employees are invited to the meeting which will be characterised by an open dialog with the opportunity of asking questions to Rector. The meeting takes place in Nobelsalen (1485/123). More information will follow.

MatchPoints seminar

This year's MatchPoints Seminar takes place on 12-13 November 2015 at Aarhus University. The theme this year is: *Security and Governance in the Globalised Arctic: Nordic and International Perspectives*.

Full programme can be found here: <http://matchpoints.au.dk/>

Register here: <http://matchpoints.au.dk/registration-and-accommodation/>

PhD defences

Anna Julie Rasmussen will be defending her dissertation **Nanoethics. An Interdisciplinary Study** Tuesday, 30 June 2015 at 13.15. Read more [here](#).

Employees

Mette Løvshal awarded for her Ph.D.

For the 13 time the AU Research Foundation has awarded five PhDs who have delivered a number of highly remarkable research results. This year our own Mette Løvshal from Prehistoric Archeology was among the five award winners. Read more [here](#). (Danish)

Anders- Christian Jacobsen: 30 million to make ancient theologian socially relevant

An EU grant of DKK 30 million will, on the basis of the ancient theologian Origenes, help 14 PhD students to carry out research and learn more about the free will and human dignity. The research will, among other things, be relevant for the public sector, which is in the process of a paradigm shift. Read more [here](#). (Danish)

Karen Pallesgaard Munk: Milliondonation for research into single older men

The Velux Foundation and the Foundation 'Ensomme Gamles Værn' have recently granted funding for a research project with the title "Single old men: quality of life, masculinity, and health." Read more [here](#). (Danish)

Alex Peterson – New PhD at Classical Archeology

Alex Peterson will be part of the Ceramics in Context project. Read his profile [here](#).

Calls

New actors in development cooperation: Contested hegemonies and heterogeneous agendas

*The Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS) Copenhagen, **September 16-17 2015***

The aim of this interdisciplinary workshop is to explore changes in global development cooperation where emerging economic powers and non-state development organizations (religious organizations, philanthropists, social enterprises and corporations) challenge more traditional North-South aid paradigms. We invite scholars in political science, anthropology, international relations, sociology, organizational studies and adjacent disciplines to present papers focussing on methodological and theoretical issues in relation to studying changing dynamics of international development cooperation. Read more [here](#).

Invitation to DeIC conference 2015

Mark your calendar for **October 6 to October 7, 2015**, where the only national Conference focused on e-infrastructure in research and education takes place at Comwell Middelfart. This year's Conference is for all of you working with networks, High Performance Computing and Data Management - briefly, for all who work with e-Infrastructure. DeIC Conference 2015 will once again be the place where you can meet all those working in this area. There will be plenty of opportunity for networking across organizations. Read more about the conference [here](#).

Committees

Occupational Health and Safety Committee

New members have entered the local occupational health and safety committee. You can find your local representative on CAS [staff portal](#). Please contact your representative if you have any questions or problems regarding the work environment at CAS.

Information from the Director of Studies

Grading exam papers

Unfortunately some students have complained that written assignments have been assessed too late according to the guidelines set in the Examination Order. Since exams are upon us, I just want to remind everybody that a written exam paper must be assessed within four weeks from the date the students hand in their papers. The month of July is not included when calculating the four-week time limit. Under special circumstances, like illness, it can be arranged to extend the deadline, provided that the students are informed about the delay and the new deadline. Having a busy schedule or other commitments will NOT justify a postponement of the deadline.

For the Master's thesis, the assessment period at ARTS is set at 6 weeks. If a Master's thesis is submitted at the beginning of August and has been assessed before the end of September, this triggers a completion bonus of DKK 17,600, provided that the student has completed the degree program within the prescribed 2 years. It is really a shame for the department to miss this income if the grade is entered in the system on October, 1!

The progress reform – New consequences

With effect from 1 September, all students will be registered in courses for 30 ECTS each semester. The registration for mandatory courses can be done automatically, but if students have to choose between several elective courses, they must make an active choice.

After the deadline for registration 10 May, 8000 students at Arts had a deficit in their registration. Our colleagues in the study administrations have worked extremely hard to clean up the 8000 cases and get the students registered in the right courses.

In some cases, the students had actually left the program, but as long as they are registered at AU, they must be registered for courses. In several cases it turns out that the person was active in another educational institution, but just had forgotten to sign out of the University of Aarhus.

This is just one example of the many extra tasks for the administration, due to the study progress reform.

The teachers will especially feel the consequences at the exam table, where we can sit in vain, waiting for students, who were automatically registered for both ordinary and re-examination, but never show up.

You can read more about this problem in [this article from the university magazine](#) (English version).

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