

## Highlights 2023: DNRF Chair in Econometrics

Details about the DNRF Chair research group and our activities can be found on our website:

<https://econ.au.dk/dnrf-chair-in-econometrics>

### Organization of the DNRF Chair

The DNRF Chair in Econometrics is more than just the chair holder. The *DNRF Chair research group* is located in the Department of Economics and Business Economics at Aarhus University and consists of:

DNRF Chair, Professor Morten Ørregaard Nielsen

Senior member, Associate professor Mikkel Sølvsten (funded by DNRF Chair grant)

Senior member, Associate professor Guðmundur Stefán Guðmundsson (funded by DNRF Chair grant)

Junior member, Postdoc Riccardo D'Adamo (July-Dec. 2023, funded by AUFF grant to Mikkel Sølvsten)

Junior member, PhD student Frederik Krabbe (supervised by Morten Ørregaard Nielsen, co-funded by the dept.)

Research secretary, Solveig Nygaard Sørensen (co-funded by the department)

The group has successfully attracted further funding from the Aarhus University Research Foundation (AUFF) with Mikkel Sølvsten as principal investigator. This AUFF grant funded the postdoc position for Riccardo D'Adamo.

### Supporting Talent Development

An important part of the DNRF Chair research group is to train PhD students and support the development of promising young researchers at the PhD student and postdoc level. This takes place both informally for junior scholars at the department and more formally for junior members of the group. In addition to supervision, our senior members teach central courses at the PhD level, and we are currently trying to schedule short PhD courses to be held at the department by world-leading researchers. We also hosted an important networking event for junior scholars; see below.

In 2023, we have added both a PhD student and a postdoc to our group. Two new postdocs have been recruited to start in summer 2024 (funded by the AUFF grant). We are currently searching to identify suitable candidates for 1-2 additional PhD students that will be co-funded by the department. We hope to fill these positions in 2024.

### Scientific Activities

In January 2023, DNRF Chair Morten Ørregaard Nielsen was elected fellow of the International Association for Applied Econometrics. This is a great honor and a testament to the important line of research that we pursue in the DNRF Chair research group.

In May 2023, we held our second Aarhus Workshop in Econometrics conference (AWE II) with participants from many European institutions. Like the first AWE conference, AWE II was extremely successful and prompted many new research initiatives and collaborations. The third AWE conference has already been planned for June 2024.

Also in May 2023, we hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Danish Academic Economists in North America (DAEiNA). This is a great conference academically, and especially for junior scholars in Denmark it provides extremely valuable networking opportunities. Thus, our junior members (and many other PhD students and postdocs in economics from both Aarhus University and University of Copenhagen) were able to meet and discuss their work with senior Danish academics from America.

The DNRF Chair research group has continued our own seminar series with mostly internal or junior researchers presenting their work for discussion and feedback. This is a successful seminar series with great attendance from the department in general.

Finally, we have hosted two short visits by Professor Bo Honoré (Princeton) and two short visits by Professor Emeritus Søren Johansen (Copenhagen), as well as 3-month long sabbatical visits by Professors Bent Nielsen and Vanessa Berenguer-Rico (Oxford). These visits have enabled existing research collaborations to continue and have also laid the foundation for new and exciting research projects with group members.