



UNIVERSITY
INTERNATIONAL CLUB (UIC)

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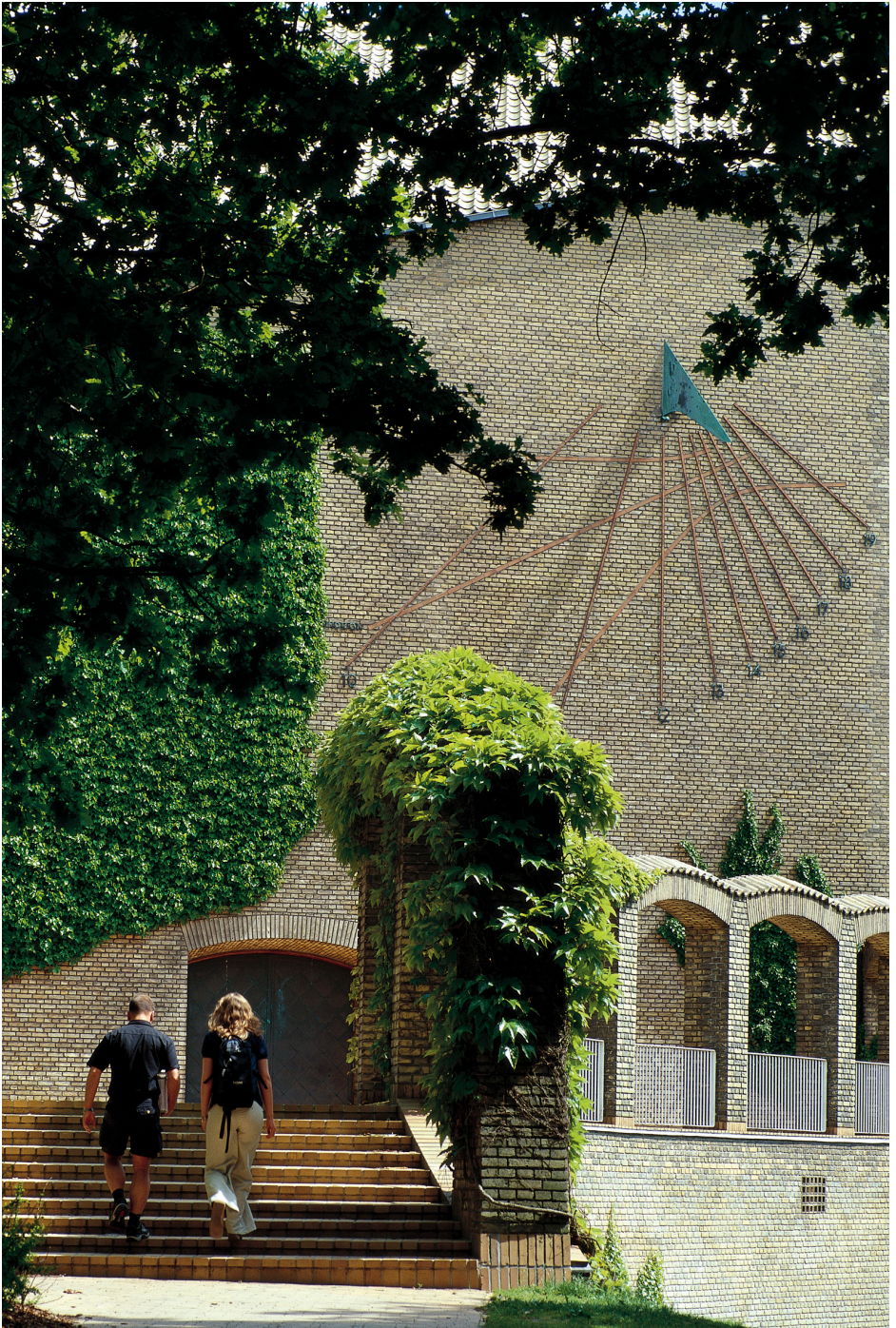


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WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL CLUB

The University International Club was established in 1998 with the aim of welcoming foreign members of staff and/or their spouses to Aarhus University and helping them enjoy their stay here. We aid your integration into Danish culture by providing essential information for settling in and a social setting for meeting friends.

We are happy to provide you with practical assistance of any kind and information about Denmark, Aarhus, the university, Danes and the Danish way of life. We hold weekly events where you have the opportunity to meet both Danes and socialise with people in a similar situation to yours. Our programme this term includes informative talks, excursions and social and cultural activities. Participation is normally free. However, some events that include food and beverages may have a small fee. Registration is online. Further information will follow in due course.

The International Centre (IC) at the university opened in 2009 and the International Club then became part of the centre. The centre has a Staff Mobility Unit, which provides information and services to assist international staff and their families.

In addition to the International Club's weekly meetings, the Staff Mobility Unit has scheduled some events this Autumn (marked with an *). The Staff Mobility Unit will put special focus on the PhD students, with events that will appeal to a younger target group. However, all staff members are invited to participate in any of the announced events.

We encourage you to sign up for the weekly UIC Newsletter, which provides information of a general interest as well as suggestions and announcements for the coming week.

We also provide a language exchange where you can be matched with a language partner. This allows you to practice your Danish pronunciation with a native speaker, and in return help your language partner learn your native tongue.

The UIC provides a home away from home for all international staff members and their spouses regardless of their length of stay. The UIC welcomes people from all nations, educational backgrounds and languages (although English is commonly spoken). We encourage a positive atmosphere and will do our best to help you integrate.

With a few exceptions the weekly meetings take place on Wednesdays, in the morning or the afternoon as posted in the programme.

This term begins on Wednesday 01 September with a Welcome by International Director Kristian Thorn.

We look forward to welcoming you. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Gitte Haahr-Andersen
UIC Organiser

01 September	Welcome to the University by International Director Kristian Thorn Time: 10 am-12 noon Place: Faculty Club
08 September	Introductions of new members of the UIC Time: 10 am-12 noon Place: Faculty Club
10 September*	As a pre-celebration of the 82nd anniversary of Aarhus University you can sign up for a buffet dinner and drinks Details will be announced later
18 September	A Saturday excursion to the Co-housing commune 'Sol og Vind' in the town of Beder. Altogether home of 100 people, among them Rector of the University Extension Sten Tiedemann and his family More details later
22 September	A Danish thinker of international renown - Søren Kirkegaard by Associate Professor Jacob Bøggild, Scandinavian Institute, Faculty of Humanities Time: 10 am-12 noon Place: Faculty Club
29 September	The political system in Denmark by Professor Palle Svensson, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences Time: 10 am-12 noon Place: Faculty Club
06 October	Tax seminar - Tax centre Århus will give information targeted PhD students and researchers and subsequently answer questions Time: 3 pm- 5 pm Place: To be announced later
13 October	Invitation to visit the City Hall. First a guided tour, including the tower. Followed by a welcome by a City Council Member. Refreshments Time: 10 am-12 noon. Please be punctual! Place: Meet at the Main Entrance on Rådhuspladsen.
14 October*	'iNANO – excellence in research' Talk and excursion of the important research facilities at Interdisciplinary Nano Science Time: 4pm-6pm Place: to be announced later

20 October	<p>Informal Get-together due to the Autumn Break, a public holiday</p> <p>Time: 10 am-12 noon Place: Faculty Club</p>
27 October	<p>Danish Literature: The Classics by Associate Professor Per Dahl, Department of Comparative Literature, Department of Aesthetic Studies, Faculty of Humanities</p> <p>Time: 3 pm-5 pm Place: Faculty Club</p>
03 November	<p>Volcanic Eruptions - Why? Where? When? by Docent J. Richard Wilson, Department of Earth Sciences, Faculty of Science, AU</p> <p>Time: 10 am-12 noon Place: Faculty Club</p>
10 November	<p>The AU Academic development Process by University Director Jørgen Jørgensen</p> <p>Time: 3 pm-5 pm Place: Faculty Club</p>
17 November	<p>'Strengthening intercultural work relations at Aarhus University' Bring your Danish colleague and learn about Danish work culture. The event is rounded off with a buffet dinner</p> <p>Time: Afternoon workshop. More details later</p>
24 November	<p>Christmas Decorations by Bodil Wickstrøm Meyer. Among others we make Danish Christmas hearts, said to be first made by Hans Christian Andersen</p> <p>Time: 10 am-12 noon Place: Faculty Club</p>
01 December	<p>Christmas Party resembling an authentic Danish Christmas Eve. We trim the tree, light the candles, put presents under the tree, sing Christmas carols and who finds the almond in the special Danish Christmas Rice dessert! More details later</p> <p>Time: 3 pm- 5 pm Place: Rich. Mortensen Stuen, The Student House.</p>
09 December*	<p>'It's Christmas - It's Cosy - It's Hygge!' - Bring your Danish colleague and show how good you are at making the intricate Christmas star (julestjerne). Prizes will be awarded for the best teams!</p> <p>Time: Afternoon event. More details later</p>



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