



## PROGRAM DRUID ACADEMY 2026

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**Introductory note:** The programme consists of 3 keynote addresses and 56 paper presentations. The presentation will be organised in 5 series of parallel sessions. Each paper will be given 30 minutes: MAX 15 minutes for the presentation, 5 minutes for the junior discussant, 5 minutes for the senior discussant, and 5 minutes for general discussion and short answers from the presenter. A projector for will be available in each parallel session. Each presenter is also a discussant in the same session.

**Conference location:** Conference Center Aarhus University. The Conference Center is in the buildings 1420-1423. Adress: Fredrik Nielsens Vej 2-4, 8000 Aarhus C. Keynote presentations, coffee/lunch will be served in the main room Stakladen. Parallel paper sessions take place in different rooms as noted in the program.

### WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

12:00-12:45 Arrival (incl sandwich and coffee) (room: Stakladen)

12:45-13:00 Short introduction and welcome (room: Stakladen)

13:00-14:15 **Keynote Anna Brattstrom, Professor of Entrepreneurship, University of St Andrews Business School**

14:15-14:45 Coffee break

14:45-16:15 **Paper session 1 (parallel sessions)**

| <b>Paper session A; Room M1 (conference center); Chair: Oana Vuculescu</b>                   |  |                     |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <i>Author</i>  | <i>Title</i>   | <i>Discussant 1</i> | <i>Discussant 2</i> |
| Pengyue (Kelly) Zhang  | Business Cycles and the Governance of Knowledge Sourcing   | Anurag              | Martin Kalthaus     |
| Hanbin Kim   | Own, Collaborate, or Access? A quantitative strategic framework for securing national critical technologies                                      | Kelly               | Martin Kalthaus     |
| Anurag Panda   | Role of Process Innovation in the Technology Lifecycle: A Case Study of Semiconductor Chips  | Hanbin              | Martin Kalthaus     |
| <b>Paper session B; Room Zielerstuen (conference center); Chair Helle Alsted Søndergaard</b> |  |                     |                     |
| <i>Author</i>  | <i>Title</i>   | <i>Discussant 1</i> | <i>Discussant 2</i> |
| Shih-Chun Liu  | The Development of Automobile Electrification in China: A Technological Innovation System Perspective  | Micaela             | Mette Præst Knudsen |
| Junlin Yang  | A global value chain approach to multi-system innovation: Unraveling the coordination of innovative actors in the evolution of electric vehicles | Shih-Chun           | Mette Præst Knudsen |
| Micaela Heselius   | Full Speed into the Sunrise – A Coevolutionary Perspective on Industrial and Institutional Change in Sustainability Transition                   | Junlin              | Mette Præst Knudsen |
| <b>Paper session C; Room Stakladen (conference center); Chair Michela Beretta</b>            |  |                     |                     |
| <i>Author</i>  | <i>Title</i>   | <i>Discussant 1</i> | <i>Discussant 2</i> |
| Muhammad Irfan Shakir  | Citizen Participation as Social Innovation: Explaining Individual Willingness to Join Renewable Energy Communities                               | Soul                | Bart Verwaeren      |
| Saijal Vats  | Developing Proactive Resilience through Training in Individual and Collective Mindfulness: An Exploratory Case Study                             | Muhammad            | Bart Verwaeren      |
| Soul Han   | The Negotiated Role of Disruptive Innovation Agents: How Occupational Barriers Undermine ARPA-Type Program Managers in South Korea               | Saijal              | Bart Verwaeren      |

16:15-16:45 Coffee break

16:45-18:15

**Paper session 2**

| <b>Paper session A; Room M1; Chair Bart Verwaeren</b>                     |  |                     |                          |
|---|--|---------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Author</b>   | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>      |
| Lina Hartmann   | Mentoring the Coachable: Entrepreneur Coachability and Advice Adherence in Accelerator Mentoring     | Krystal             | Anna Brattstrom          |
| Luka Filipovic  | Ownership and the Entrepreneur: Taking Stock and Looking Ahead                                       | Lina                | Anna Brattstrom          |
| Krystal Zhao-Jansson  | Revisiting the Promise and Peril of Board Diversity in Entrepreneurial Ventures                      | Luka                | Anna Brattstrom          |
| <b>Paper session B; Room Zielerstuen ; Chair Kristina Vaarst Andersen</b> |  |                     |                          |
| <b>Author</b>   | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>      |
| Luca Haaks  | Temporal Coordination in Online Innovation Communities   | Caroline            | Oana Vuculescu           |
| Patrycja Julia Rogozińska   | Not All Ideas Are Equal: Do Idea Endorsements Shape Platform Engagement but Distort Idea Evaluation? | Luca                | Oana Vuculescu           |
| Caroline Kunesch  | Crowdsourcing for Grand Challenges: Motivated by cash or praise?                                     | Patrycja            | Oana Vuculescu           |
| <b>Paper session C; Room Stakladen; Chair Mette Præst Knudsen</b>         |  |                     |                          |
| <b>Author</b>   | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>      |
| Anders M.S.Ø. Jakobsen  | PLM, Configuration, and Sustainability as Complementary Levers of Industrial Dynamics                | Florian             | Helle Alsted Søndergaard |
| Christopher Jr Galgo  | Designing fair business models for climate-smart agriculture   | Anders              | Helle Alsted Søndergaard |
| Florian Mueller   | The decelerating role of technology customization in the global net-zero transition                  | Christopher         | Helle Alsted Søndergaard |

18:15-19:00

Walk to Frankies

19:00-20:30

**Pizza at Frankies (Mejlgade 45, 8000 Aarhus Centrum)****THURSDAY 22 JANUARY**8:30-10:00 **Keynote Anne ter Wal, Professor Imperial, "How technology meets business: The role of networks in the development of innovation."**

10:00-10:30 Coffee break

**Paper session 3**

| <b>Paper session A; Room M1; Chair Athanasia Lampraki</b>         |   |                     |                          |
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| <b>Author</b>   | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>      |
| Chu Xu  | Entrepreneurial Motivation Heterogeneity and Its Performance Implications: A Teamwork Perspective                                     | Leon                | Kristian Nielsen         |
| Daniel Hoang  | Learning to Convince in Deep Tech   | Chu Xu              | Kristian Nielsen         |
| Leon Steines  | Venture Capital in Germany: Target Characteristics, Investor Types and Firm Survival  | Daniel              | Kristian Nielsen         |
| <b>Paper session B; Room Zielerstuen ; Chair Lars Frederiksen</b> |   |                     |                          |
| <b>Author</b>   | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>      |
| Alexander Ehrlich   | To repeat or not to repeat R&D grants to firms: That is the question  | Christoffer         | Anne ter Wal             |
| Ruggero Maria Barzon  | CULTIVATING SERENDIPITY: AFFECTIVE PATHWAYS TO UNPLANNED DISCOVERIES  | Alexander           | Anne ter Wal             |
| Christoffer Hansen Eichler  | Understanding Facilitators and Barriers for Exnovation in Manufacturing   | Ruggero             | Anne ter Wal             |
| <b>Paper session C; Room Stakladen; Chair Keld Laursen</b>        |   |                     |                          |
| <b>Author</b>   | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>      |
| Linus Strecke   | Doing Well by Doing Good - Until You Do It Again: Empirical Firm-Level Evidence on Diminishing Returns to Recurrent Social Innovation | Pascale             | Kristina Vaarst Andersen |
| Marco Zeppi   | A Heterogeneous Climate-Led Path to Eco-Innovation by Firm Size: Evidence from Germany  | Linus               | Kristina Vaarst Andersen |
| Pascale Schäkel   | Triggering Exnovation for Organizational Sustainability Transitions   | Marco               | Kristina Vaarst Andersen |

12:00-12:45

Lunch

12:45-14:00

**Keynote Hans-Jörg Schulz, Associate Professor at Aarhus University, Department of Computer Science**

14:00-15:30

**Paper session 4**

| <b>Paper session A; Room M1; Chair Anna Brattstrom</b> |  |  |
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| Author  | Title  | Discussant 1 | Discussant 2       |
|---|--|--------------|--------------------|
| Peter Holmström   | Workplace Gender Balance and Co-Publishing Patterns in Swedish Academia  | Carolin      | Athanasia Lampraki |
| Jiongni Mao   | Funding Her Future: How Female Investors Drive Early Growth and Success in Female-Founded Startups                           | Peter        | Athanasia Lampraki |
| Carolin Formella  | Restricted Talent: How Migration Policies Shape Knowledge Flows in Science and Innovation                                    | Jiongni Mao  | Athanasia Lampraki |
| <b>Paper session B; Room Zielerstuen ; Chair Kristian Nielsen</b>           |  |              |                    |
| Author  | Title  | Discussant 1 | Discussant 2       |
| Francesca Segato  | Beyond Cross-Side Complementarities: Same-Side Coordination and Value Creation in B2B Platforms                              | Nils         | Peter Maskell      |
| Vinciane Chavand  | Swarm intelligence as a dynamic capability to manage an innovation ecosystem: The case of NextMed                            | Francesca    | Peter Maskell      |
| Nils Handler  | Entrepreneurial Ecosystems and Economic Complexity: A Bipartite Network Analysis of German Regions                           | Vinciane     | Peter Maskell      |
| <b>Paper session C; Room Stakladen; Chair Tina Lundø Pedersen Tranekjer</b> |  |              |                    |
| Author  | Title  | Discussant 1 | Discussant 2       |
| Anna Augusta Fornø  | Beyond Disciplines: Diversity and Team Dynamics in Interdisciplinary Collaboration   | Anuradha     | Susan Hilbolling   |
| Anuradha Sharma   | From Missed to Realised Enablement: How “Enabling Entrepreneurs” Activate Entrepreneurial Action in constrained SME ventures | Anna Augusta | Susan Hilbolling   |
| <b>Paper session D; Room 1441-210 ; Chair Michael Dahl</b>                  |  |              |                    |
| Author  | Title  | Discussant 1 | Discussant 2       |
| Masego Mbaakanyi  | Universities   | Lale         | Louise Lindbjerg   |
| Irina Pozhidaeva  | Uncovering dynamics in long-term R&D collaborations with multiple actors: A social system perspective                        | Masego       | Louise Lindbjerg   |
| Lale Altinalana   | From Responsible Research to Responsible Research Design   | Irina        | Louise Lindbjerg   |

15:30-16:00

Walk/travel to AROS Art Museum

16:00-17:00

Explore AROS art galeries (Aros Allé 2, 8000 Aarhus); meet us at the entrance (near the elevators) to get access

17:00-20:00

3-course dinner at AROS; restaurant on the 8th floor (Aros Allé 2, 8000 Aarhus) (note: AROS closes at 20:00)

## FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

8:30-10:00

### Paper session 5

| <b>Paper session A; Room M1; Chair Louise Lindbjerg</b>     |  |              |                              |
|---|--|--------------|------------------------------|
| Author  | Title  | Discussant 1 | Discussant 2                 |
| Pietro Fantini  | What Drives Formation, Growth, And Failure of Patent Pools? An Analysis of SEP Holders' Joining Decisions  | Darina       | Keld Laursen                 |
| Lorenz Gschwent   | Quality, Scope, and Leniency: Strategic Application Behavior at the US Patent Office   | Pietro       | Keld Laursen                 |
| Darina Bulatova   | Exaptation in Technology Emergence: Evidence from Drone Patent Data  | Lorenz       | Keld Laursen                 |
| <b>Paper session B; Zielerstuen; Chair Anne ter Wal</b>     |  |              |                              |
| Author  | Title  | Discussant 1 | Discussant 2                 |
| Jingyan WU  | Is a Shakeout Coming in the AI Model Market?   | Dengxiao     | Christian Richter Østergaard |
| Elettra Sartori   | Intra-industry Diversification in the Global Semiconductor Industry  | Jingyan      | Christian Richter Østergaard |
| Dengxiao Lang   | A Stakeholder Typology Framework to Enhance Digital Transparency in EU Agri-Food Supply Chain Networks   | Eletta       | Christian Richter Østergaard |
| <b>Paper session C; Room Stakladen; Chair Peter Maskell</b> |  |              |                              |
| Author  | Title  | Discussant 1 | Discussant 2                 |
| Wenjian WANG  | Lobbying Strategy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: A Two-Stage Analysis  | Christian    | Lars Frederiksen             |
| Yulisyah Putri Daulay                                       | Toward a Roadmapping Framework for Government Innovation Policy: Evidence from the Public Good Innovation Dynamics of Graphics Processing Units (GPUs) | Wenjian      | Lars Frederiksen             |
| Christian Nielsen   | Using large language models in policy mix analysis   | Yulisyah     | Lars Frederiksen             |

10:00-10:30

Coffee

10:30-12:00

### Paper session 6

| <b>Paper session A; Room M1; Chair Louise Lindbjerg</b> |  |  |
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| <b>Author</b>  | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>           |
|--|--|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| Francesca Diodoro  | Bridging Gaps in Regional Innovation: Knowledge Circulation by Returning Entrepreneurs   | Stijn               | Michael Dahl                  |
| Gabriela Alexandra Fuentes Barra   | Technological Positioning and Startup Innovation   | Francesca           | Michael Dahl                  |
| Stijn van Weegberg   | Knowledge in Motion: Exploring Entrepreneurial Experimentation in the Innovation Process of Early-Stage SportsTech Ventures                                    | Gabriela            | Michael Dahl                  |
| <b>Paper session B; Room Zielerstuen; Chair Christian Richter Østergaard</b> |  |                     |                               |
| <b>Author</b>  | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>           |
| Saerom Si  | Mapping Global Critical Technologies: Evidence from a Patent-Based Opportunity–Risk Framework  | Enzo                | Michela Beretta               |
| Johannes Tröndle   | The signaling effect of drug approvals on subsequent technological impact: An investigation into how novel drug approval pathways shape technological progress | Saerom              | Michela Beretta               |
| Enzo Minischetti   | What causes innovation failures? Exploring the impact of different sources of vicarious learning from failure  | Johannes            | Michela Beretta               |
| <b>Paper session C; Room Stakladen; Chair Jonathan Jensen</b>                |  |                     |                               |
| <b>Author</b>  | <b>Title</b>   | <b>Discussant 1</b> | <b>Discussant 2</b>           |
| Thanapat Udomsirikun   | Open innovation and hybrid governance as enablers of process innovation: A multi-stage analysis of robotic arm implementation                                  | Wenjing             | Tina Lundø Pedersen Tranekjer |
| Francesca Zannelli   | From Code to Carbon: Employment Effects of the Twin Transition in Spanish Manufacturing  | Thanapat            | Tina Lundø Pedersen Tranekjer |
| Wenjing Zhu  | Unequal Complements: How Digital–R&D Complementarity Shapes Career Outcomes  | Francesca           | Tina Lundø Pedersen Tranekjer |

12:00-12:15 **Closing including announcement of Bent Dalum award**

12:15-13:00 *Goodbye (incl sandwiches)*