

**Seminar invitation – Tuesday 16 June 2009, from 2.30pm at Caulfield Campus
Associate Professor Niels Ejersbo**

Invitation from SEIRnet, Department of Management

All staff, students and visitors are invited by SEIRnet (Social Economic Interface Research Network), Department of Management, Faculty of Business and Economics, Monash University, to attend the following seminar:

Tuesday 16 June, 2009, from 2.30pm
Guest Speaker: Associate Professor Niels Ejersbo

Going to the market: experiences from local government in Australia and Denmark

About the Speaker:

Niels Ejersbo is currently a visiting scholar at the Centre for Regulatory Studies, Faculty of Law, Monash University, Clayton Campus until July 2009.

He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Southern Denmark where he was department chair from 2003-2008. He has a Master in Social Science and holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Southern Denmark. He has completed research and published in the areas of public sector reform, public management, regulation, contracting out and local government. His latest book is *Contracts as Reinvented Institutions in the Public Sector: A Cross-Cultural Comparison* (together with Carsten Greve).

Abstract:

Contracting out has been on the local government agenda for many years and has been seen as an engine for increased efficiency and cost savings. During the last couple of years local government in Australia and Denmark have been under economic pressure and subject to reforms. This has not only changed the conditions for local government but may also influence views about how services should be delivered: by in-house staff or the private sector.

This presentation looks at experiences with contracting out in local government in Australia and Denmark and discusses some of the consequences for local government and local democracy.

Date: Tuesday 16 June, 2009.

Time: 2.30pm – to conclude at approx. 4 pm.

Venue: H237, Building H, Monash University, Caulfield Campus.

Parking, directions to Building H, and campus map: Go to:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/campuses/caulfield.html>

RSVP: Replies and enquiries to - SEIRnet@buseco.monash.edu.au – by Monday, 15 June 2009. Thank you.



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