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Academic Employment

Department of Political Science, University of Iceland

Adjunct Lecturer

Department of Political Science, University of Iceland

Post-Doctoral Fellow

EDDA Center of Excellence, University of Iceland

Researcher

Reykjavik, IS

Researcher

Education

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

Ph.D. Political Science

2010-2015

Dissertation Title: Essays in the Comparative Political Economy of Taxation and Redistribution

- Winner of the 2015 Henry R. Spencer Award for Best Dissertation, Dep. of Political Science, The Ohio State Univ. Dissertation Committee: Philipp Rehm (chair), Sarah Brooks, and Janet Box-Steffensmeier

The Ohio State University

Columbus, OH

M.A. Political Science

2010-2013

Major: Comparative Politics (Candidacy Exam Completed with Distinction)

Minor: Political Methodology (Candidacy Exam Completed)

The London School of Economics and Political Science

London, UK

M.Sc. Comparative Politics (Politics & Markets), with distinction

2008-2009

Thesis: Retrenchment or Resilience? The Development of the Icelandic Welfare State, 1995-2007

University of Iceland

Reykjavik, IS

Diploma, International Affairs, with distinction

2007-2008

University of Iceland

Reykjavik, IS

B.Sc. Economics

2002-2006

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles.....

- ▶ 2017. "Unleashing the 'Money Machine': The Domestic Political Foundations of VAT Adoption." *Socio-Economic Review*, 15(4), pp. 797-813.
- ▶ 2017. "Employment Insecurity, Incumbent Partisanship, and Voting Behavior in Comparative Perspective." *Comparative Political Studies*, 50(11), pp. 1489-1523 (with Vittorio Mérola).
- ▶ 2016. "Are We in the Same Boat or Not? The Opposite Effects of Absolute and Relative Income Shifts on Redistributive Preferences." Journal of Politics, 78(4), pp. 1107-1123 (with Vittorio Mérola).
- ▶ 2016. "Income-based Voting and Polarization over Redistribution under Alternative Electoral Systems." *Electoral Studies*, 42(2), pp. 22-32.

Book Chapters and Editor Reviewed Journal Articles.....

- ▶ 2016. "Fractional Integration Methods and Short Time Series: Evidence from a Simulation Study." *Political Analysis*, 24(1), pp. 58-69.
- ▶ 2016. "Introduction to Symposium on Time Series Error Correction Methods in Political Science." *Political Analysis*, 24(1), pp. 1-2 (with Janet Box-Steffensmeier).

Academic Reports.....

▶ 2016. Welfare and Nordic Crisis Management Strategies: A Comparative Project. Ministry of Welfare, Iceland (with Stefán Ólafsson and Kolbeinn Stefánsson).

Work in Progress and Under Review

- "Weathering the Crisis: Income Loss and the Welfare State During The Great Recession". Article manuscript in preparation.
- ▶ "Theories of Welfare and Government Policy Responses to Economic Crisis". Book chapter in preparation for publication in S. Ólafsson, M. Daly, J. Palme, and O. Kangas (Eds.), *Welfare and the Great Recession A Comparative Study.*
- ▶ "Welfare and Government Policy Responses in the Aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis". Book chapter in preparation for publication in S. Ólafsson, M. Daly, J. Palme, and O. Kangas (Eds.), Welfare and the Great Recession A Comparative Study.
- ▶ "How Policies Mattered". Book chapter in preparation for publication in S. Ólafsson, M. Daly, J. Palme, and O. Kangas (Eds.), Welfare and the Great Recession A Comparative Study (with Stefán Ólafsson).
- ▶ "Campaign Dynamics of the 2016 Icelandic Althingi Elections". Article manuscript in preparation (with Eva H. Önnudóttir).
- "The Social Bases of Party Support in Iceland, or: Is Class Voting Dead or did it Never Matter to Begin With?". Article manuscript in preparation.

Honors and Awards

- ▶ Henry R. Spencer Award For Best Dissertation
 Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2015
- ▶ Francis R. Aumann Award For Best Conference Paper Presented by a Graduate Student Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2014
- ▶ Francis R. Aumann Award For Best Conference Paper Presented by a Graduate Student Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2013
- ▶ Program in Statistics and Methodology Junior Fellowship
 Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2012–13
- ▶ Frances R. Aumann Grant for ICPSR Summer Program Funding (\$2 300)
 Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2011
- ▶ Behavioral Sciences Fellowship College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, The Ohio State University, 2010–2015
- ▶ University Fellowship Graduate School, The Ohio State University, 2010–2011

▶ Bill Letwin Prize for Best Performance in Comparative Politics (Politics & Markets)
Department of Government, London School of Economics and Political Science, 2009

Grants

- ▶ Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant (ISK 24 415 000 / approx. \$220 000) The Icelandic Research Fund, 2017-2019
- Co-Investigator. 2016 Icelandic National Election Study (ISK 9 600 000 / approx. \$80 000) Infrastructure Fund of the Icelandic Research Fund, 2016
- ▶ Co-Principal Investigator. Small Grants Program (\$2 500)
 Behavioral Decision Making Initiative, The Ohio State University, 2013

Presentations and Conference Participation

- "The Great Recession: Government Policy Responses and Economic Well-Being in Europe" Þjóðarspegillinn: Conference in Social Sciences. Reykjavík, IS, 2017.
- "The Class Cleavage in Iceland: Long-term Dealignment or Realignment after the Great Recession?" 18th Congress of the Nordic Political Science Association. Odense, DK, 2017
- "Weathering the Crisis: Income Loss and the Welfare State During The Great Recession"

 Annual Meeting of the European Network for Social Policy Analysis. Rotterdam, NL, 2016
- "How Well Did European Welfare States Buffer the Effects of the Great Recession on Household Income?" Biannual Meeting of the Iceland Political Science Association. Reykjavik, IS, 2016.
- ▶ "Does Employment Insecurity Affect Voting Behavior?" Department of Political Science, University of Iceland, 2016.
- ▶ "The Great Recession and Economic Well-Being: Iceland in European Context" Ministry of Welfare. Reykjavik, IS, 2015.
- ▶ "Welfare Policy Responses to Economic Crises: Iceland and Ireland in Comparison" Ministry of Welfare. Reykjavik, IS, 2015.
- ▶ "Do Electoral Systems Condition the Effects of Income on Voting?"Þjóðarspegillinn: Conference in Social Sciences. Reykjavík, IS, 2014.
- "Introduction to Missing Data Methods."Department of Political Science, The Ohio State University, 2013.
- "Income-based Voting and Polarization over Redistribution under Alternative Electoral Systems." Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Chicago, IL, 2012.

Teaching Experience

University of Iceland.....

Practical Statistics (Graduate)

2018

Instructor (2018 Syllabus)

Introduction to quantitative methodology, statistical inference, and statistical computing.

Introduction to Statistical and Research Methods

2018

Instructor (2018 Syllabus)

Introduction to political methodology, descriptive statistics, and statistical computing.

Research in Political Science

2016

Guest Lecturer

Methods and approaches in comparative politics.

The Ohio State University.

Data Analysis in Political Science I (Online)

2013-2015

Instructor (*AU13,SP14,SU14,AU14,SP15,SU15*)

(SP15 Syllabus)

Introduction to research design, statistical inference, and statistical computing.

The Political Economy of Income Inequality, Volatility, and Mobility (Graduate)

2012

Guest Lecturer

Introduction to the Luxembourg Income Studies (LIS) database and Stata.

Technical and Linguistic Skills

- ▶ Software: R, STATA, ੴEX, Markdown, knitr, Shiny, Z-Tree, JAGS, WinBUGS, HTML.
- Languages: Icelandic (native), English (fluent), Danish (intermediate), and Spanish (beginner).

Service

- ▶ Member of the Steering Committee of the *Icelandic National Election Study (ICENES)*, 2016-
- ▶ Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Economics & Politics, Socio-Economic Review, Icelandic Review of Politics & Administration
- ▶ Editorial Assistant, Political Analysis, 2013
- Country Expert for Iceland, Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem), 2017

Professional Experience

Ministry of Social Affairs and Social Security

Reykjavik, IS

Policy Advisor, Housing and Household Debt Restructuring

2010

Landsbankinn Bank

Reykjavik, IS

Junior Analyst, Corporate Banking

2006-08

Non-Academic Publications

- ▶ 2005. *Chelsea 1905-2005: frá Feita-Willie til Eiðs Smára [Chelsea 1905-2005: from Fat-Willie to Eidur Smari]*. Reykjavík, Iceland: Bókaútgáfan Hólar (with Guðjón Ingi Eiríksson).
- ▶ 2004. Bestu knattspyrnulið Evrópu [The Best Football Clubs of Europe]. Reykjavik, Iceland: Bókaútgáfan Hólar (with Guðjón Ingi Eiríksson).
- ▶ 2001. Rauði herinn: saga Liverpool 1892-2001 [The Red Army: The History of Liverpool 1892-2001]. Reykjavik, Iceland: Bókaútgáfan Hólar (with Guðjón Ingi Eiríksson).
- ▶ 2000. Rauðu djöflarnir: knattspyrnustjörnurnar í sögu Manchester United [The Red Devils: The Football Legends in the History of Manchester United]. Reykjavik, Iceland: Bókaútgáfan Hólar (with Guðjón Ingi Eiríksson).
- ▶ 1999. Rauðu djöflarnir: saga Manchester United 1878-1999 [The Red Devils: The History of Manchester United 1878-1999]. Reykjavík, Iceland: Bókaútgáfan Hólar (with Guðjón Ingi Eiríksson).

References

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