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## Academic Employment

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<b>Department of Political Science, University of Iceland</b> <i>Adjunct Lecturer</i>	Reykjavik, IS 2018–
<b>Department of Political Science, University of Iceland</b> <i>Post-Doctoral Fellow</i>	Reykjavik, IS 2017–
<b>EDDA Center of Excellence, University of Iceland</b> <i>Researcher</i>	Reykjavik, IS 2014–2016

## Education

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<b>The Ohio State University</b> <i>Ph.D. Political Science</i> 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: <a href="#">Philipp Rehm</a> (chair), <a href="#">Sarah Brooks</a> , and <a href="#">Janet Box-Steffensmeier</a>	Columbus, OH 2010–2015
<b>The Ohio State University</b> <i>M.A. Political Science</i> Major: Comparative Politics (Candidacy Exam Completed with Distinction) Minor: Political Methodology (Candidacy Exam Completed)	Columbus, OH 2010–2013
<b>The London School of Economics and Political Science</b> <i>M.Sc. Comparative Politics (Politics &amp; Markets), with distinction</i> Thesis: Retrenchment or Resilience? The Development of the Icelandic Welfare State, 1995–2007	London, UK 2008–2009
<b>University of Iceland</b> <i>Diploma, International Affairs, with distinction</i>	Reykjavik, IS 2007–2008
<b>University of Iceland</b> <i>B.Sc. Economics</i>	Reykjavik, IS 2002–2006

## Publications

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### 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

- ▶ Forthcoming. “The Political Economy of Crisis Response”. In S. Ólafsson, M. Daly, O. Kangas, and J. Palme (Eds.), *Welfare and the Great Recession: A Comparative Study* (pp. 43-58). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- ▶ Forthcoming. “Government Responses to the Great Recession: A Comparative Perspective”. In S. Ólafsson, M. Daly, O. Kangas, and J. Palme (Eds.), *Welfare and the Great Recession: A Comparative Study* (pp. 59-79). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- ▶ Forthcoming. “How Institutional Environments and Policies Impacted Hardship”. In S. Ólafsson, M. Daly, O. Kangas, and J. Palme (Eds.), *Welfare and the Great Recession: A Comparative Study* (pp. 249-275). New York, NY: Oxford University Press (with Stefán Ólafsson and Kolbeinn Stefánsson).
- ▶ 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

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- ▶ “The Great Recession and New Class Voting in Iceland”. Article manuscript under review.
- ▶ “Core Political Values during the Life-Course”. Article manuscript in preparation (with Philipp Rehm).
- ▶ “Politics Transformed? Change, Fluctuations, and Stability in Iceland in the Aftermath of the Great Recession”. Book manuscript in preparation (with Eva H. Önnudóttir, Hulda Þórisdóttir and Ólafur Þ. Harðarson).

## Honors and Awards

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- ▶ **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

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- ▶ **Postdoctoral Fellowship Grant (ISK 24 415 000 / approx. \$220 000)**  
The Icelandic Research Fund, 2017-19
- ▶ **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

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- ▶ *“The Economic Collapse and Policy Preferences of Icelandic Voters, 2007-17”*  
2nd Biannual Meeting of the Iceland Political Science Association. Reykjavik, IS, 2018.
- ▶ *“The Great Recession: Government Policy Responses and Economic Well-Being in Europe”*  
Þjóðarspejillinn: Conference in Social Sciences. Reykjavik, IS, 2017
- ▶ *“The Great Recession: Government Policy Responses and Economic Well-Being in Europe”*  
Þjóðarspejillinn: Conference in Social Sciences. Reykjavik, 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?”*  
1st 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?”*  
Þjóðarspejillinn: Conference in Social Sciences. Reykjavik, 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

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### University of Iceland

#### Practical Statistics (Master’s Level)

Instructor

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

2018

(2018 Syllabus)

## Introduction to Statistical and Research Methods 2018

*Instructor* (2018 Syllabus, in Icelandic)

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

## Economic Approaches to Politics 2018

*Instructor* (2018 Syllabus, in Icelandic)

Introduction to the economic analysis of public policy and selected issues in positive political economy.

## 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

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- ▶ Software: R, STATA, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Markdown, Shiny, Z-Tree, JAGS, WinBUGS, HTML.
- ▶ Languages: Icelandic (native), English (fluent), Danish (intermediate), and Spanish (beginner).

## Service

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- ▶ 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*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Icelandic Review of Politics & Administration*
- ▶ Editor for Political Science Section, *Þjóðarspejillinn: Conference in Political Science*, 2018
- ▶ Country Expert for Iceland, *Varieties of Democracy Project (V-Dem)*, 2017–2018
- ▶ Editorial Assistant, *Political Analysis*, 2013

## Professional Experience

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**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

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- ▶ 2005. *Chelsea 1905–2005: frá Feita-Willie til Eiðs Smára* [Chelsea 1905–2005: from Fat-Willie to Eidur Smari]. Reykjavik, 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*]. Reykjavík, 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).

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