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EDUCATION

- 2013** **Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Iceland**
Culture and Crisis Management. How Culture Influences the Behavior of Decision Makers in Crisis Preparedness and Response
- 1984** **Cand.oecon, Department of Business Administration, University of Iceland**

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2019-** **Lecturer**, International Relations MA, Political Science Department, University of Iceland. Crisis Management
- 2018-** **Independent Scholar** at Reykjavik Academy
- 2016** **Guest Professor** at Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan.
- 2015** **Lead instructor** of graduate course on Iceland disaster management, held at the University of Iceland, run as part of the Syracuse University crisis management program.
- 2014** **Lecturer**, Earthquake Engineering Research Centre, University of Iceland. Developer, organizer, and lead instructor for the international graduate-level course: "Urban Resilience in Disaster Prone Areas"
- 2012-2018** **Research Scientist**, Earthquake Engineering Research Centre, University of Iceland. Led H Task of UPStrat-MAFA European project, main topic of research project was disaster prevention strategies based on an education information system.
- 2010-2011** **Lecturer**, Crisis Management, Faculty of Political Science, University of Iceland.
- 2006-2009** **Research Scholar**, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, U.S. Research within the field of crisis development and study of crisis management case bank.
- 2006-2009** **Lecturer**, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, U.S. MA level courses in Social Sciences.
- 2003-2006** **Director**, Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland
- 2003-2005** **Lecturer**, Crisis Management, Faculty of Political Science, University of Iceland.
- 1999-2001** **Director**, Icelandic Association of Quality Management (now known as Excellence Iceland).

- 1998-2001** **Researcher, CRISMART – Crisis Management, Research and Training, Swedish National Defence College, Stockholm.** Worked on Crisis Management Baltic/Crisis Management Europe program. Coordinator of Icelandic research group on crisis management in Iceland.
- 1992-1995** **Director, Icelandic Association of Quality Management – see above 1999-2001.**
- 1987-1988** **Editor, Channel Two Television, Iceland.**
- 1987** **Co-host** of bi-weekly live broadcast, Icelandic National Television Broadcasting Service.
- 1985-1986** **Lecturer** in Accounting, Hamrahlíð College, Reykjavik Iceland.
- 1984-1986** **Analyst, Department of Economics, Icelandic Competition Authority.**

BOARD-MEMBERSHIPS

- Reykjavik Academy Association (2018-) Board Chair since 2019
- Ministry of Welfare (2013-2015) task-group working on cancer prevention policy as a part of a new health policy in Iceland for 2030.
- Nordic Society for Public Administration, Iceland (2001-2003)
- The Reykjavik Cancer Association, (1996-2005)
- The Icelandic Association for the Suzuki Music Method (1995-1998)
- Editorial board of ‘Hagmál’ a publication of the Department of Business Administration, University of Iceland (1982-1983)

FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- Research grant from the Icelandic Research Fund 2016 for the project Cultural Competence in Risk and Disaster Management
- Nominated for the South Iceland Educational Award, 2015, for outstanding research, contribution to the development of master- and doctoral program in South Iceland and raising public awareness of risk, risk prevention and risk preparedness
- Research grant from the Watanabe Trust Fund at the University of Iceland, 2015 to work on disaster management research at Disaster Prevention Institute, Kyoto University, Japan
- Research Associate since 2009 of the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, USA.
- Research grant from the Icelandic Research Fund, 2001, for research on culture and crisis management.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Bernhardsdóttir, A.E., Eliasson, Jónas (2019) Comparison of volcanic threat challenges in Iceland and Japan. *Journal of Integrated Disaster Risk Management 9 (1)*. Online First 25 July 2019

Bernhardsdottir, A.E. (2015) *Crisis-Related Decision-Making and The Influence of Culture on the Behaviour of Decision Makers – Cross-Cultural Behaviour in Crisis Preparedness*. Springer AG, Cham.

Musacchio, G., Falsaperla, S., Bernhardsdóttir, A.E., Ferreira, M.L. Sousa, M.L., Carvalho, A., Zonno, G. (2015) Education: Can a bottom-up strategy help for earthquake disaster prevention? *Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering*. Online First 28 May. Original Research Paper.

Bernhardsdóttir, A.E. (2015). Ethics and Risk Management: The Cultural Perspective. Svedin, L. ed. *Ethics and Risk Management*. Information Age Publishing, Inc. Charlotte, NC

Bernhardsdóttir, A.E., Musacchio, M.A. Ferreira, Falsaperla, S. (2015) Informal education for disaster risk reduction. *Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering*. Online First: 11 June 2015. Original Research

Bernhardsdóttir A. E. (Film Director) (2014). *Hveragerði...in Compliance with Nature* (Documentary and Educational Film on disaster risk and risk reduction) Iceland: University of Iceland, EERC

Musacchio, G., Bernhardsdóttir, A.E., Falsaperla, S., Ferreira, M.A. (2014) Long-term Disaster Prevention Strategies based on education in Lollino, G. Arattano M., Giardino, M., Oliveira, R., Peppoloni, S. eds. *Engineering Geology for Society and Territory - Education, Professional Ethics and Public Recognition of Engineering Geology*, Volume 7. Springer International Publishing.

Rupakhety, R., Bernhardsdóttir, A.E., Sigbjörnsson, R. (2013). Disruption Index Analysis. A case study for Hveragerði. *UPStrat-MAFA European Project, 4th General Meeting*, Catania.

Bernhardsdóttir, et al. (2012) “Disaster prevention strategies, based on an education information system”, *The 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering*, Lisboa.

Thorvaldsdóttir, S., Bernhardsdóttir, A.E., Sigbjörnsson, R. and Zonno, G. (2012). “Dissemination of information on hazards and risks: the Icelandic experience.” *The 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering*, Lisboa.

Zonno G. et al. (2012) Urban Disaster-Prevention Strategies Using Macroseismic Fields and Fault Sources. *Proceedings of the 15th World Conference on Earthquake Engineering*, Lisboa

Bernhardsdóttir, A. E. and Thorvaldsdóttir, S. (2008) Kafli 2, [e. Long-term Disaster Relief and Recovery - Analysis] Langtímaviðbrögð vegna náttúruhamfara. The Institute of Sustainable Development, UI, Reykjavik

Bernhardsdóttir, A. E. and Svedin, L. (2004). “Small State Crisis Management: The Icelandic Way.” Swedish National Defence College, Stockholm.

Bernhardsdóttir, A. E. and G. H. Kristinsson (2003) “Kúltúrkenning um áfallastjórnun.” [e. Crisis Management and Cultural Theory] *Rannsóknir í félagsvísindum IV* [Research in Social Sciences IV]. The University Press, Reykjavik.

Bernhardsdóttir, A.E. and Thorvaldsdóttir, S. (2002). “Sudurlandsskjálftar 2000” [e. Earthquakes in the Southland 2000] The National Civil Defence of Iceland, Reykjavik.

Bernhardsdóttir, A.E. (2001). “Learning from Past Experiences: The 1995 Avalanches in Iceland.” Swedish National Defence College, Stockholm.