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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 1999 - 2000 **UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE, Jesus College, England**
- Master of Business Administration
- 1989-1996 **UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND**
- MSc Economics in 1996
 - BSc Economics in 1992

Professional Experience

- Jan 2007 till present **REYKJAVIK ECONOMICS EHF.**
- **FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN**
 - www.reconomics.is
- Nov. 2003 – Jan 2007 **BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY - Associate Professor**
- **DIRECTOR FOR THE CENTRE FOR HOUSING & PROPERTY RESEARCH**
 - **HEAD OF MA PROGRAMME IN CULTURAL MANAGEMENT**
- Aug. 2001 – Sept. 2003 **BORGARLEIKHÚSIÐ / REYKJAVIK CITY THEATRE**
- **Managing Director**
- Sep. 2000 – Aug 2001 **RESEARCH GRUPPEN ApS**
- **Managing Partner and a Member of the Board of Directors (2000-2009)**
- Feb. 1996 - Aug. 1998 **ID - THE ICELAND DANCE COMPANY / Íslenski dansflokkurinn**
- **Manging Director**
- Mar 1994 - Jan 1996 **VIDSKIPTABLADID - NEWSPAPER**
- **Journalist & Columnist**

Academic Experience

- Jan. 2002- 2007 **REYKJAVIK UNIVERSITY/BIFRÖST UNIVERSITY/ UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND**
- **Part Time Lecturer/External Examiner**
- Aug. 1996 - Sept. 1999 **UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND**
- **Lecturer in Microeconomics**
- Aug. 1992 - June. 1998 **JUNIOR COLLEGE OF REYKJAVIK / MENNTASKÓLINN REYKJAVÍK**
- **Teacher of Business-Economics**
- Mar 1992 - Sept. 1992 **UNIVERSITY OF ICELAND - THE FISHERIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE**
- As a university student
- **Research Assistant to Professor Ragnar Arnason**

OTHER DUTIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Appointed by the Minister of Education, Culture & Sports** as a Chairman of a working group on the future of film education in Iceland. Specifically within the Icelandic Film School (April 2018).
- **Co-Producer. The documentary *HORIZION*** was premiered at the Toronto Film Festival in 2015. <https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/review/horizon-tiff-review-822722>
- **Co-founder of InDefence of Iceland** (Oct 2008). The objective of the organization was to increase awareness of the consequences of the Icelandic banking crisis and to fight against an unfair Icesave Agreement. InDefence handed in a

petition to the President of Iceland on January 2, 2010 that triggered the first national referendum since 1944.

- **Member of the Supervisory Board of the Central Bank of Iceland (2009)**
- **Director on the Board of the French-Icelandic Chamber of Commerce (2007-till present)**
- **President of the Icelandic Oxbridge Society (2007-till present)**
- **Reykjavik Municipality (2005) Chairman in a Committee on the Structure and Finances of Music Schools in Reykjavik**
- **Ministry for Social Affairs (2004) Member of a Committee on the Icelandic Housing Rental Sector.**
- **Reykjavik Municipality (2001-2003).** Member of Supervisory Board for the City Theatre of Reykjavík.
- **Advisor to the Minister of Education, Culture & Sports on Cultural Policy.** Report on the *Competitiveness of the Independent Theatres versus National and Municipal Theatres in Iceland*. Report made for The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture of the request of Althingi – the Icelandic Parliament (1998).
- **Ministry of Industry and Commerce (1997) – The Icelandic Music Industry – Export Opportunites:** Appointed by the Minister of Culture as a member on a Committee on the Development of the Icelandic Music Industry (1997). A committee formed after BJÖRK'S success worldwide.
- **The State Housing Institute – Húsnæðismálastofnun ríkisins (1994-1998):** Appointed by, *Althingi (The Parliament of Iceland)* alternate member to the supervisory board of The State Housing Institute in One of the largest financial institutions in Iceland at that time.
- **The Association of Icelandic Economists:** Secretary of The Educational Committee of The Association of Icelandic Economists 1994-99, which organises for example continuous education for economists and business managers.

SELECTED INTERVIEWS/ QUOTES

- *New York Times* – July 3, 2015: <https://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/05/business/international/how-iceland-emerged-from-its-deep-freeze.html>
- *Le Devoir* – January 5, 2015: <http://www.ledevoir.com/culture/actualites-culturelles/428072/cinema-l-islande-decor-ideal>
- *Le Figaro* – February 23, 2010: <http://www.lefigaro.fr/international/2010/02/23/01003-20100223ARTFIG00409-accables-par-les-dettesles-islandais-se-rebellent-.php>
- *CNN* – March 7, 2010: <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/BUSINESS/03/07/iceland.bailout.vote/index.html>
- *CNN* – **Quest Means Business** – *Two interviews:* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0xLyB7Ciiq8>
- *The Economist* – April 14, 2011: <http://www.economist.com/node/18557977>
- *BBC news* – October 24 2008: http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/7688560.stm
- **Close to hundred interviews/quotes worldwide** and in local media, e.g.: *El País, Die Welt, Time Magazine, Business Insider, Market Place* – American Public Radio, *The Independent*, etc.

SELECTED PUBLIC LECTURES

- Over forty Public Lectures in Iceland in the past two decades, e.g. at the University of Iceland, Municipalities, for Financial Institutions, the Central Bank of Iceland etc.

- Emerging Market Traders Associations (2016): *Is the Emerging Financial Restructuring Prodigy Child Iceland Transforming into Icarus?* New York NY.
- Lehigh University (2010): *Global Housing Markets & the Global Banking Crisis: The Boom and Bust of the Icelandic Housing Market.* Bethlehem PA.
- U.K. House of Parliaments (2009): Speech at the British-Icelandic All-Party Parliamentary at the House of Commons. The speech was given at the occasion when InDefence of Iceland delivered at petition relating to the Icesave case.
- Participated in conferences at the London School of Economics, Cambridge University, etc.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ***Over one hundred reports and articles – full list can be acquired on request (1992-2018).***
 - With Eliasson (2016) “Housing Finance in Iceland: Milestones 1989-2014” Lunde, J. (2016). *Milestones in European housing finance.* John Wiley & Sons.
 - (January 10, 2010). “The Icesave deal is unfair and unreasonable” (Op-ed). *The Financial Times.*
 - *Boundaries of the Firm: Technological Change and Transaction Costs.* Cambridge 2000. MBA Dissertation University of Cambridge – Jesus College.
 - *Competitiveness of the Independent Theatres versus National and Municipal Theatres in Iceland.* Report made for The Ministry of Education, Science and Culture of the request of Althingi, The Icelandic Parliament (1998).
 - *The Deregulation of Export Barriers and Price Regulation in Iceland. Case: The Salted Marine Products Market in Spain.* Reykjavik 1996. MSc. Dissertation – University of Iceland
 - *Almannavalsfræði (Public Choice).* In *Fjármálatíðindi*, The Central Bank of Iceland Economic Journal. (1994)
 - *Report on Profitability of Small-Scale Fisheries in Iceland.* Co-author with Professor Ragnar Árnason. Fisheries Research Institute: University of Iceland (1992)
 - Written yearly for the European Mortgage Federation for over half a decade on the Icelandic Housing Market.