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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
- 2000 M.A. in Political Science, University of Iceland**
Crisis Management: The 1995 Avalanches in Súdavík and Flateyri
- 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**, Reykjavik Academy, Iceland.
- 2016** **Guest Professor**, Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Japan.
- 2015** **Lead instructor** of graduate course at University of Iceland run as part of the Syracuse University disaster and 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 task of UPStrat-MAFA European project, main topic: 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 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., Ómarsdóttir, I.E., Pétursdóttir, G. (2020) *Nýtum þá þekkingu sem er til staðar* [e. The importance of using existing knowledge] . Sveitarstjórnarmál :1, The Association of Local Authorities.

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.

Bernhardsdóttir, 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, Reykjavík.

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, Reykjavík.

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.

PRESENTATIONS SINCE 2013 TO PRESENT

30 March 2021

Learning from Financial Crisis: Towards Sustainable Island Futures for Iceland and Newfoundland & Labrador – with Professor Mark Stoddart. Online Webinar. Institute of Islands Studies. University of Prince Edward Island.

27 November 2020

Crisis Management: The Responses of International Organizations, States and Transnational Firms to COVID-19. Overview and Summation. Online Webinar. Institute of Public Administration and Politics and the Department of Political Science, University of Iceland.

23-24 September 2020

Session: Risk and Culture, Co-chair with Professor James Goltz
Virtual Workshop for Interactive Discussion between Senior and Early Career Scientists. International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management, Kyoto University.

2 February 2018

Cultural Theory to Risk- and Disaster Management
13th Sogo Bosai Seminar. Sogo-Bosai Research Group. (Integrated Arts and Sciences for Disaster Reduction Research Group) Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University

August 23-25 2017

Dealing with uncertainty and risk communication: the influence of culture. “Dimensions of Disaster Risk Reduction and Societal Resilience in a Complex World.” 8th Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management Reykjavík,

August 23-25 2017

Volcanic threat challenges in Iceland compared to Japan
With Professor Jónas Elíasson, “Dimensions of Disaster Risk Reduction and Societal Resilience in a Complex World.” 8th Conference of the International Society for Integrated Disaster Risk Management ,Reykjavík.

7 April 2017

Crisis Management in Iceland, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse.

21 March 2017

Risk Communication – The Cultural Perspective. “Navigating Toward Security and Sustainability” Pacific Risk Management ‘Ohana, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Honolulu, Hawaii.

7 October 2016

Capturing and Using Crisis Experiences in Case-based Scenario Training for Strategic Leadership. International Seminar of the Integrated Arts and Sciences for Disaster Reduction Research Group. Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University, Uji.

6 December 2016

Risk Communication. Credibility, Culture & Ethics
Social Science Department, Kyoto University, Kyoto.

12 November 2015

Samspil menningar og áfallastjórnun. Hvaða áhrif hafa menningarsjónarmið á hegðun stjórnenda í viðbúnaði og viðbrögðum vegna áfalla?
Alþjóðamálastofnun Íslands og Stofnun stjórnsýslufræða og stjórn mála, Háskóla Íslands

8 October 2015

Crisis-Related Decision-Making and the Influence of Culture on the Behavior of Decision Makers. Disaster Prevention Research Institute, Kyoto University. Uji.

26 May 2015

Crisis Management in Iceland. Part of Graduate Course in Crisis- and Disaster Management. International Relations program, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University. Reykjavik.

16 December 2014

Culture and Crisis Management Crismart Seminar. Centre for Societal Security. Swedish Defense University. Stockholm.

27 November 2014

Áföll og áfallastjórnun. Háskólafélag Suðurlands. Selfoss.

25-29 August 2014

Earthquake Threat: How Secure and Prepared are Children at School?
Second European Conference on Earthquake Engineering and Seismology, joint event of European Association of Earthquake Engineering (EAEE) and European Seismological Commission (ESC), Istanbul.

20 March 2014

Áhrif menningar á áfallastjórnun. Rótaryklúbburinn Borgir. Kópavogur

8 October 2013

Glíman við krabbamein – frá sjónarhóli áfallastjórnunar
Ráðstefna Krabbameinsfélags Íslands. Reykjavík.

23-26 July 2013

Disaster Risk Reduction – Using Informal Education Strategies.
3rd General Meeting UPStrat-MAFA (Urban Disaster Prevention Strategies Using Macroseismic Fields and FAult Sources). Earthquake Engineering Research Centre, University of Iceland, Selfoss.

29 January 2013

Culture and Crisis Management. Preparation and Response to Crisis – How Culture Influences the Behavior of Decison-makers. Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia. Napoli.