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EDUCATION	<i>PhD - Political Science</i> George Washington University	2019 - 2024 (expected)
	<i>MA - International Affairs (first-class honours with distinction)</i>	2013 - 2015
	<i>BA - Political Science</i> University of Iceland	2010 - 2013
AFFILIATIONS	<i>Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow</i> University of Notre Dame	2023 - 2024
	<i>Researcher and instructor</i> University of Iceland	2015 - 2019
PUBLISHED ARTICLES	“Rule Ambiguity, Institutional Clashes and Population Loss: How Wikipedia Became the Last Good Place on the Internet.” Forthcoming. <i>American Political Science Review</i> . <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Winner of the 2023 Best Paper Award in the International Communication Section of the International Studies Association.	
	“Wisdom Is Welcome Wherever It Comes from: War, Diffusion, and State Formation in Scandinavia” (with Eric Grynaviski). 2023. <i>International Organization</i> 77(2): 294-323.	
	“Do liberal ties pacify? A study of the Cod Wars.” 2018. <i>Cooperation and Conflict</i> 53(3): 339-355.	
	“A Theory of Shelter: Iceland’s American Period 1941-2006” (with Baldur Thorhallsson and Thorsteinn Kristinsson). 2018. <i>Scandinavian Journal of History</i> 43(4): 539-563.	
	“Neoclassical Realism in the North Atlantic: Explaining Behaviors and Outcomes in the Cod Wars.” 2017. <i>Foreign Policy Analysis</i> 13(3): 599-617.	
	“Small State Foreign Policy” (with Baldur Thorhallsson). 2017. <i>The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics</i> . Oxford University Press.	
	“The Cod Wars: A re-analysis.” 2016. <i>European Security</i> 25(2): 256-275.	
WORKING PAPERS	“Institutional Change on Digital Platforms: Temporal Shifts in the Power of Users, Businesses, and States” (Under Review)	
	“Small State Compellence”	
WORK IN PROGRESS	“Content moderation on digital platforms: from unregulated free-for-alls to elaborate	

governance systems”

“Great Power War and Imperial Collapse”

“War, Conquest, and Institutional Diffusion” (With Eric Grynaviski)

“Early State Formation in England” (With Jittip Mongkolkeha and Eric Grynaviski)

“Ambiguous Treaty Language and Accidental Promises: How the Drafters of Key WWI and WWII-era Treaties Unintentionally Spurred On Self-Determination Movements”

BOOK CHAPTERS

“From Rebellious and Reluctant Allies to Reliant Partners: Denmark and Iceland in the Transatlantic Relationship” (with Anders Wivel and Baldur Thorhallsson) in *Small States and Security in Europe*, edited by Tom Weiss and Geoffrey Edwards (Routledge, 2021).

“Shelter Theory and Smallness in International Relations” (with Baldur Thorhallsson) in *Iceland’s Shelter-Seeking Behavior: From Settlement to Republic* (Cornell University Library, 2021).

“[Nordic cooperation as a form of governance: Iceland’s sheltered society](#)” (with Baldur Thorhallsson) in *Handbook of Governance in Small States*, edited by Lino Briguglio, Jessica Byron, Stefano Moncada, and Wouter Veenendaal (Routledge, 2020).

Several chapters in *Small States and Shelter Theory: Iceland’s External Affairs*, edited by Baldur Thorhallsson (Routledge, 2018):

- [“The Small State in International Relations”](#) (with Baldur Thorhallsson and Thorsteinn Kristinnsson)
- “A Theory of Shelter” (with Baldur Thorhallsson)
- “Shelter during the American Period” (with Baldur Thorhallsson, Thorsteinn Kristinnsson and Daniel J. Devine)
- “Nordic Cooperation and Shelter Implications” (with Baldur Thorhallsson and Thorsteinn Kristinnsson)
- “Iceland’s Shelter Options in the New Millennium” (with Baldur Thorhallsson)

OTHER WRITING

[“A bellicist theory of diffusion: State formation in Northern Europe.”](#) *Broadstreet*, 26 April 2023.

[“Senate candidate Theresa Greenfield finally got her Wikipedia page. Here’s why it took so long.”](#) *The Washington Post’s Monkey Cage blog*, 27 October 2020

[“The Small-State Survival Guide to Foreign Policy Success.”](#) *The National Interest*, 1 October 2017.

[“When tiny Iceland did beat England: It’s time to brush up on the Cod Wars.”](#) *The Washington Post’s Monkey Cage blog*, 26 June 2016.

[“NATO’s Comprehensive Approach in Afghanistan: Origins, Development, and Outcome?”](#) *E-International Relations*, 26 July 2015.

“Is Terrorism an Effective Way to Attain Political Goals?” *E-International Relations*, 22 June 2014.

“John Mearsheimer’s Theory of Offensive Realism and the Rise of China.” *E-International Relations*, 6 March 2014.

“Terrorists and INGOs in Intra-State Conflicts.” *E-International Relations*, 21 January 2014.

TEACHING & ASSISTANCE

Primary instructor in the courses *Small States Theory* (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018) and *Term Paper in Small States Studies* (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018) at the University of Iceland.

Research assistant to Martha Finnemore (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Summer 2022) and Forrest Maltzman (Fall 2023).

Teaching assistant in the courses *Introduction to International Relations* (Fall 2021, Spring 2023 under Yonatan Lupu, Spring 2022 under Adam Dean) and *Public International Law* (Fall 2022 under Yonatan Lupu) at George Washington University, as well as the courses *Theories of International Relations* (Fall 2016 under Silja Omarsdottir), *Introduction to Security Studies* (Spring 2017 under Page Wilson) and *The Power Potential of Small States in the EU* (Fall 2016 under Baldur Thorhallsson) at the University of Iceland.

Advisor on a BA thesis (Spring 2017) and two MA theses (Spring 2018, Spring 2019) at the University of Iceland.

CONFERENCES

Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship Grand Strategy Seminar, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. 30 July-5 August 2023

Council for European Studies annual conference, Reykjavik, Iceland, 27-29 June, 2023.

Graduate Student Workshop of the CES Research Network on the Historical Study of States and Regimes, Reykjavik, Iceland, 26 June 2023.

International Studies Association annual convention, Montreal, Canada, 26-30 March, 2023.

Democratic Digital Governance Workshop, New America Foundation and the Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy at the University of Denver, 12 January 2023.

Digital Democracy Workshop, University of Zurich, 27-28 October 2022.

Summer academy on American Political Economy at MIT hosted by the Consortium on American Political Economy, 20-23 June 2022.

International Studies Association annual convention, Nashville, USA. 30 March-2 April 2022.

Workshop on *Small States and Security in Europe: Between National and International Policy-Making*, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge, 27-28 June 2019.

Erasmus+ workshop on *Challenges to Democracy and Social Life in European Small States*, University of Malta, Valletta, Malta. 5 April 2019.

International Studies Association annual convention, Toronto, Canada. 27-30 March 2019.

Seminar on *The Arctic: Risks and Opportunities for Europe and North America*, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Munich, Germany. 4-8 February 2019.

Erasmus+ workshop on *Challenges to Democracy and Social Life in European Small States*, Liechtenstein Institute, Bendern, Liechtenstein. 9 November 2018.

Conference of the Icelandic Political Science Association, University of Iceland, 15 June 2018.

Seminar on *The Arctic: Risks and Opportunities for Europe and North America*, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, 9-13 July 2018.

Conference of the Nordic Political Science Association at University of Southern Denmark, 8-11 August 2017.

The Conference in Social Sciences at the University of Iceland, 28 October 2016

Conference of the Icelandic Political Science Association, University of Iceland, 16 June 2016.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2023 Best Paper Award in the International Communication Section of the International Studies Association.

George and May Shiers Memorial Endowment Fellowship 2021-2022.

American-Scandinavian Foundation Fellowship. 2020.

Columbian Distinguished Fellowship in the Department of Political Science at the George Washington University. 2019-2024.

Nomination for a Fulbright Grant-in-Aid by the Fulbright Commission in Iceland (*declined*). March 2018.

Award for the Best MA thesis of 2015 by the Icelandic Political Science Association.

Awarded 50,000 ISK (approx. 400 USD) by Nexus, Research Forum on Security and Defence. Fall 2015.

Awarded a grant of 400,000 ISK (approx. 3,000 USD) for research on my MA thesis by the University of Iceland Research Fund. Spring 2015.

SERVICE

Reviewer for *International Organization*, *The Journal of Politics*, *Cooperation and Conflict*, *European Union Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, *Government and Opposition*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Small States and Territories*, *Routledge* (2x, book proposal), *Springer* (book proposal).

Country Expert in the [Digital Society Project](#).

Student representative at faculty meetings regarding reforms of the MA-programs offered by the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Iceland. 2015.

Commissioning editor at E-International Relations. September 2014 - August 2015.

Recognized as *glosuvinur* (provider of computerized notes for special needs students) in five University of Iceland courses from 2013-2014.

**OTHER
INFORMATION**

Nationality - Icelandic, Swedish.

Languages - English, Icelandic, Swedish.