

## Personal data



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## Employment

Assistant Professor, Reykjavik University, from June 2006.

Adjunct Professor, Reykjavik University, July 2003-June 2006.

Economist, Landsbankinn Research, Landsbanki, Reykjavik, Iceland. July 2002 - May 2003.

Head of Forecasting, National Economic Institute, Reykjavik, Iceland. February 1999 - June 2002.

Economist, National Economic Institute, Reykjavik, Iceland. June 1998 - February 1999.

Economist, Economics Department, Ministry of Finance, Reykjavik, Iceland. June 1991 - May 1998.

Economist, Pasadena Research Institute, Pasadena, California. January - June 1988.

## Education

Ph.D. student in Labor Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

M.A. in Labor Economics, minor in Resource Economics, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, 1991.

A.B. in Economics, minor in Mathematics, Occidental College, Los Angeles, California, 1987.

## Publications

Olafsdottir, K., "New collective bargaining contracts and gender wage differentials", Institute of Business Research Spring Conference Proceedings, 131-140.

Saemundsson, R., Th. Karlsson, M. Luthy and K. Olafsdottir (2008), "Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities in Iceland: Results from an Icelandic Trade Mission", European Journal of Management, Vol. 8, No. 1, 135-145.

Olafsdottir, K. (2008), "The Icelandic labor market – Is it really flexible?", first chapter of dissertation published in Icelandic translation with a grant from Edvard Sigurdsson Memorial fund, September (in Icelandic).

Olafsdottir, K. (2007), "Does decentralization of wage bargaining affect the wage structure?", Research in Social Sciences VIII, University of Iceland, Social Science Research Institute, ed. Ingjaldur Hannibalsson.

Palsson, I., K. Olafsdottir and K. Sigurdsson (2007), "Short term effects of mergers and acquisitions in the Icelandic market", in Tímarit um viðskipti og efnahagsmál, November (in Icelandic).

Olafsdottir, K., I. Palsson and K. Sigurdsson (2006), "Mergers and Aquisitions in the Icelandic Market", Research in Social Sciences VII, University of Iceland, Social Science Research Institute, ed. Ingjaldur Hannibalsson, 233-245 (in Icelandic).

Karlsson, Th., M. Luthy, and K. Olafsdottir (2006), "Portrait of an entrepreneurial trade mission: Iceland goes to China, in Developmental entrepreneurship: Adversity, risk, and uncertainty", eds. Craig Galbraith and Curt H. Stiles, Elsevier, vol. 5, International Research in the Business Disciplines series, 239-253.

J. Blondal, K. Olafsdottir and S. Olafsson (1994), "Landsbygðens udvikling - det offentliges rolle", in Vælfærdsstatens framtid och regionerna, nordREFO 1994:5.

## **Working Papers**

Katrin Olafsdottir (2009), "New collective bargaining contracts and gender wage differentials", RU Institute for Research in Finance and Economics, Working Paper 2009-02 (in Icelandic).

Katrin Olafsdottir and Kari Sigurdsson (2007), "How accurate are the inflation forecasts published by the commercial banks?", RU Institute for Research in Finance and Economics, Working Paper 2008-05 (in Icelandic).

Katrin Olafsdottir (2006). "The accuracy of the National Economic Institute's forecasts 1981-2002", Reykjavik University Working Paper VD-HR-SBWP-2006-01 (in Icelandic).

## **Conferences and workshops**

"New collective bargaining contracts and gender wage differentials", Institute of Business Research Spring Conference, May 20, 2009.

"Do collective bargaining agreements influence the wage structure?", Workshop, RU Institute of Finance, November 19, 2008.

"Is the Icelandic labor market flexible?", Workshop, RU School of Business, October 8, 2008.

"Efficiency of collective bargaining; Analysing changes in the public sector in Iceland", Workshop in Economics, University of Iceland, March 27, 2008.

"Does decentralization of wage bargaining affect the wage structure?", Conference on research in social sciences, University of Iceland, December 7, 2007.

"The Icelandic labor market - Is it really flexible?", Conference on Icelandic social and economic development, University of Akureyri, April 27-28, 2007.

"Short term effects of mergers and acquisitions", Workshop, Central Bank of Iceland, November 28, 2006.

"Mergers and acquisitions in the Icelandic Market", Conference on research in social sciences, University of Iceland, October 27, 2006.

"Mergers and acquisitions in the Icelandic Market", Workshop, RU School of Business, October 4, 2006.

"Economics and the Icelandic Labor Market", Workshop, RU School of Business, April 13, 2004, in Icelandic.

"Main Methods Used to Forecast Inflation and Unemployment", Workshop, Icelandic Operations Research Society, Central Bank of Iceland, October 2, 2001.

"Analysis of the cost of building hydroelectric power plants", seminar on the effects of hydroelectric power plants on the economy, employment and regional development, Master Plan for Hydro and Geothermal Energy Resources in Iceland, Central Bank of Iceland, November 21, 2000.

"Marginal Personal Income Taxes", seminar held by the Economic and Trade Committee of the Althing, Fludir, Iceland, September 1999.

"The Forecasting Model of the National Economic Institute", Workshop, Central Bank of Iceland, with Fridrik Mar Baldursson, October 26, 1998.

"Work for All? Problems and Possibilities", Nordic Journalist Centre, Aarhus, Denmark, April 17, 1997.

## Recent talks

“After the crisis: Where do we want to go?“, a talk given at a lunch meeting hosted by the Association of Icelandic Economists, December 5, 2008.

“What happened during the Finnish crisis?“, a discussion during an informational meeting on the economy for HR faculty, staff and students, November 27, 2008.

“Where does the growth come from?“, a talk given at a conference Designing the Future hosted by Iceland Design, November 20, 2008.

“What happened? What does the future hold?“, a talk given to the staff of the Social Insurance Administration in Iceland, November 14, 2008.

“Will there be economic growth in the future?“, a talk given at the conference The future of Iceland in the community of nations hosted by the Institute of International Affairs at University of Iceland, the School of Business at Reykjavik University and the Centre for European Studies at Bifröst University, October 30, 2008.

## Teaching

Macroeconomics, BSc in Business, Reykjavik University.

Applied Mathematics, BSc in Business, Reykjavik University.

Applied Statistics II, BSc in Business, Reykjavik University.

## Honors and grants

Grant from Edvard Sigurdsson Memorial Fund to publish part of PhD dissertation, May 2007.

Nominated for Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society in Economics, May 1988.

Letter of Commendation from the Department of Economics at Occidental College,  
May 1988.

## **Referee Activity**

The Research Fund, the Icelandic Centre for Research.

## **Committees**

2008 On the board of Islandsbanki from November 2008.

2008 Alternate on the board of Landsvirkjun, the state power company.

2004 - 2005 Editorial Board of Hagur, published by the Association of Icelandic Economists.

2000 - 2003 Working Group III, evaluating the impact proposed power projects can have on economic activity, employment and regional development, of the Master Plan for Hydro and Geothermal Energy Resources in Iceland.

1998 - 2002 Working group to evaluate grant applications in social sciences for the Icelandic Research Council.

1996 - 2002 Working Group on Short Term Economic Prospects of the Economic Policy Committee, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

2000 - 2002 Working Group of the Nordic Council of Ministers on the New Economy.

2000 - 2002 Chair of the National Economic Institute's Staff Association.

2000 Icelandic Delegation for the Trade Policy Review of Iceland by the World Trade Organisation (WTO), Geneva, Switzerland.

1999 - 2002 Icelandic Energy Forecast Committee.

1993 - 1998 Working Party 2 on Tax Analysis and Tax Statistics, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

1997 - 1998 Environment and Economics Group of the Nordic Council of Ministers.

1998 Government appointed committee to evaluate the effects of the Kyoto Protocol on the Icelandic economy.

1996 - 1998 Government Salaries Negotiation Committee