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## Curriculum vitae Thráinn Eggertsson

### Current Professional Employment

Professor of Economics, University of Iceland (since 1980)  
(Lector 1973; Docent 1978)  
Adjunct Professor, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin (since 2011)

### Addresses

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**Date of Birth:** April 23, 1941  
**Place of Birth:** Reykjavík, Iceland  
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### Education:

1972 Ph.D. in Economics, Ohio State University, U.S.A. (fields: labor economics, economic development, social psychology)  
1964 B.A. (honours) in Economic and Social Studies, Manchester University, England

### Current Research Interests

Politics and economics of institutions  
Property rights in the knowledge economy  
Economic history  
Industrial organization

## Academic Visiting Positions and Fellowships

2011-	Adjunct Professor, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin
2005-2010	Global Distinguished Professor of Politics, New York University (spring semesters)
2004	Visiting Professor, Politics Department, New York University (spring semester)
2003	Adjunct Professor, Politics Department, New York University (spring semester)
2002	Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Columbia University (spring semester)
2000 -2001	Senior Olin Fellow, Columbia University Law School (spring terms 2000 and 2001); and Adjunct Professor of Political Science
1998-99	Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Research into Economic Systems (later Max Planck Institute of Economics), Jena, Germany (spring and summer terms 1998, 1999)
1995-97	Visiting Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University (24 months)
1994-95	Visiting Scientist: Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis; Department of Economics; and Department of Business Economics and Public Policy, Indiana University in Bloomington (12 months)
1993-94	Research Fellow, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, Indiana University in Bloomington (12 months)
1993	Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis (January-June)
1992	Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis (January-June)
1992	Honorary Professor, School of Economics, University of Hong Kong (September-December)
1987-88	Visiting Professor, Department of Economics; Visiting Fellow, Center in Political Economy; Research Associate, Center for the Study of American Business at Washington University in St. Louis (12 months)
1986	Visitor, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (July-August)
1985	Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis (January-August)
1984	Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, Washington University in St. Louis (January-August)

- 1979-80 Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 1965-1970 Research Assistant and Teaching Associate, Department of Economics, Ohio State University

### **External Service and Various Assignments**

- 2015-2022 Chair, External Board of Advisors, Ostrom Workshop, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, USA.  
<https://ostromworkshop.indiana.edu/people/ext-board-advisors/index.html>
- 2014-15 Committee (one of three members) appointed by the Minister of Finance and Economics for revising the laws governing Central Bank of Iceland. Chair in 2015.
- 2013-14 A member of a committee of four appointed by the Minister of Finance and Economics to advise the minister on economic policy.
- 2009- Selection committee (one of three members) of the Ása Wright Prize Fund of the Icelandic National Academy of Sciences to nominate the outstanding Icelandic scholar of the year
- 2007-2008 President International Society for New Institutional Economics. Board member of ISNIE 2005-2008
- 2004-2017 Board of Trustees Leifur Eiríksson Foundation. Chair 2008-2010. (Joint USA-Iceland graduate scholarship foundation based at the University of Virginia)
- 1999-2000 Member of Scientific Steering Committee: Institutional Dimensions of Global Environmental Change
- 1992-1993 Consultant to the World Bank (Europe, Middle East, and North Africa Technical Department) for the application of New Institutional Economics to the transition in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Republics (August-June)
- 1982-1984 Dean, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, University of Iceland
- 1984-85 Volvo Corporation Committee for promoting private sector support for cultural activities in the Nordic countries (one of five members)
- 1976-77 Committee for evaluating the restoration program for the Icelandic Westman Islands after the volcanic eruption in 1973 (one of three members, appointed by the prime minister)
- 1972-1976 Economist, from 1973 consultant, Economics Department, Central Bank of Iceland

1964-1965 Human Resource Development Fellow, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, OECD (assigned for 11 months to the Yugoslav Federal Ministry of Education, Planning Division, Zagreb).

### **Editorial Work**

1998-2005 Co-editor (with Professor Randall Calvert, Washington University in St. Louis) for the Cambridge University Press book series *Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions* (founding editors: James Alt and Douglass North). On average, publishing about 4 scholarly books per year.

1995-2004 Associate editor (Editorial Board) *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*

1976-98 Associate Editor (Editorial Board) *Scandinavian Journal of Economics*

1974-76 Editor of *Statistical Bulletin*, Central Bank of Iceland

1972-75 Editorial Board *Eimreidin* (Icelandic cultural journal)

1980-91 Board of directors *Almenna bókafélagid* (Icelandic publishing house)

1977-89 International Editor (editorial board) *Economics of Planning*

### **Teaching Experience**

2011- *Hertie School of Governance*, Berlin  
Second-year course (graduate level): GRAD-E1200, Economics and politics of the knowledge economy.  
MPP core course (graduate level): (i) Exchange and organization in the knowledge economy.  
(ii) Economic development and long-term growth  
Supervisor, and second reader of MPP and MPA theses.

2003-2010 *New York University*  
Graduate and Undergraduate Seminars on Politics and Economics of Institutions

2000-2002 *Columbia University*  
Graduate colloquium: Comparing Institutions: Institutions and Economic Growth

1995 *Indiana University in Bloomington*  
Economics of Institutions

1992 *University of Hong Kong*  
The New Institutional Economics (graduate level)

1987-88 *Washington University in St. Louis*  
Economic History and Development (graduate level)  
Economics of Property Rights

1979-80	<i>University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill</i> Comparative Economic Systems Labor Economics
1972-	<i>University of Iceland</i> Colloquium: The Firm, Industry, and Technological Change (Business School, MS Program) Industrial Organization (Business School, MS Program) Economics of Law Economics of Institutions Comparative Economic Systems Monetary Economics Public Finance Econometrics Labor Economics Advanced Macroeconomics Advanced Microeconomics Intermediate Microeconomics Introductory Microeconomics History of Economic Analysis
1968 -69	<i>Ohio State University</i> Introductory Economics

## **Other Activities**

### **Referee services 1993-2019**

American Political Science Review  
Ecological Economics  
Explorations in Economic History  
Independent Review  
International Review of Law and Economics  
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization  
Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics  
Journal of Institutional Economics  
Journal of Theoretical Politics  
Marine Resource Economics  
Scandinavian Journal of Economics  
World Development

Cambridge University Press  
Michigan University Press  
MIT University Press  
Princeton University Press  
University of Chicago Press

### **Television**

*Economics*. A television series consisting of six programs of 30 minutes each. Designed, written, and moderated with Ásmundur Stefánsson.

Shown on Icelandic State Television in the spring of 1978, and repeated in the fall of the same year.

- 1) Inflation
- 2) Foreign Trade
- 3) Economic Instability
- 4) Public Finance
- 5) The Labor Market
- 6) Economic Growth

### **Honors and Awards**

2006	Knight, The Icelandic Order of the Falcon
2003-	Member, Icelandic Academy of Science
2001	The Ása Wright Medal, Icelandic Academy of Sciences