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Research specialist in philosophy

University of Iceland

## Curriculum Vitae

### Research:

- Social and political philosophy, ethics and feminist philosophy. Notions of vulnerability, power, equality and critical thinking within feminist and marxist thought.
- Philosophy of disability, bioethics, and medical humanities, especially as it concerns chronic illness (ME, fibromyalgia, POTS, women-related diseases), fatigue, pain and aging.
- The interaction of theory and practise as well as the communication of theory, in particular in social movements and activism such as in #MeToo, disability activism, and refugee movements.

### Education:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ P.h.D in philosophy, University of Iceland, Reykjavík</li></ul> <p>Dissertation: Vulnerable in a Job Interview: Butler's Relational Ontology of Vulnerability as a Response to (Neo)liberalism.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Supervisor: Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir</li></ul>	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ MA in Philosophy and Contemporary Critical Theory at CRMEP, Kingston University London.</li></ul> <p>MA thesis: Asking behind the Mask: the Question of Equality via Foucault's Analysis of Power.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Supervisor: Stella Sandford</li></ul>	2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ B.A. in philosophy, University of Iceland, Reykjavík</li></ul>	2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Foundation course in visual art at Reykjavík's school of visual art.</li></ul>	2004 – 2005

### Academic work:

Research assistant professor – Centre of Ethics at the University of Iceland	2024 –
Postdoctoral fellow – Institute of Philosophy at the University of Iceland	2020 – 2023

Editor of <i>Hugur</i> – The Icelandic journal of philosophy	2019 – 2021
Independent scholar	2019
Sessional lecturer at the <i>University of Iceland</i> and <i>Iceland University of the Arts</i>	2012 – 2023
Doctoral position in philosophy at the <i>University of Iceland</i>	2015 – 2018
Writing and editing for the <i>Icelandic Web of Science</i>	2013 – 2014
Philosophy teacher in programs for teenagers and children run by the University of Iceland: <i>The University of the Young People</i> , <i>The University Train</i> and <i>The Science Workshop</i>	2013 – 2017
Sessional lecturer in philosophy in the <i>Reykjavik Junior College</i> (Menntaskólinn í Reykjavík)	2012 – 2013
Assistant teacher in philosophy at the <i>University of Iceland</i>	2008 and 2012

### Grants and awards:

○ PI in <i>Ethics in Motion: Feminist Ethics and #MeToo</i> – funded by the Icelandic Research Fund	2023 – 2026
○ PI in <i>Listening to Fatigue</i> – postdoctoral grant funded by the Icelandic Research Fund	2020 – 2024
○ PI in <i>Vulnerability and the Future of Work</i> funded by the Independent Scholar Fund (6 months)	2019
○ PI in <i>Vulnerable in a Job Interview</i> – doctoral grant funded by the Icelandic Research Fund	2016 – 2018
○ Doctoral grant through the research project <i>Feminist Philosophy transforming Philosophy</i> funded by the Icelandic Research Fund	2015 – 2017
○ PI in <i>Critique of critical thinking</i> funded by the Independent Scholar Fund (3 months)	2014
○ Funding from the Student's Innovation Fund for the project <i>In the spirit of Ingmar Bergman</i>	2008

### Teaching:

#### *University of Iceland: Faculty of philosophy*

- Feminist philosophy (2023, 2017, 2014, 2025)
- Seminar: Vulnerability (2022)
- Theories of the Humanities (MA-level) (2017 – 2021)
- History of Ideas of the 19. and 20. century (2018 – 2020, 2024)
- Applied Ethics (2019)
- Supervising BA theses (2022 – 2024)

*University of Iceland: Other faculties*

- Guest lecturer in Methods in Icelandic (critical thinking) (2018-2019)
- Preschool studies III (2019-2020)
- Theories in Gender Studies (2016 – 2019)
- Introduction to foreign languages II: history of ideans and language (2014-2015)

*University of the Arts: School of Design and Architecture*

- Supervising BA and MA theses (2012 – 2022)
- Design and Philosophy (2020)
- Design and Society (2013 og 2019)
- Commodity Aesthetics (2013)

**Administration, academic and non-academic project management:**

- On the board of the *Icelandic ME society* (2018-2021)
- On the board of *FeDoN*, the association of Doctoral Students and Post-docs at the University of Iceland (2018-2019)
- Chair of *FeDoN*, the association of Doctoral Students and Post-docs at the University of Iceland (2017-2018)
- For the Institute of Philosophy: Organising a meeting for the COST-project New Materialism: Networking European Scholarship on ‘How Matter Comes to Matter’ *New Materialism: Networking European Scholarship on ‘How Matter Comes to Matter’* (2018)
- Member of *Working Group 4: New Materialism Tackling Economical and Identity-Political Crises and Organizational Experiments* in the COST Action: *New Materialism: Networking European Scholarship on ‘How Matter Comes to Matter’* (2014-2018)
- Organising the conference *Feminist Utopias* a long with other members of the research project *Feminist Philosophy Transforming Philosophy* (2017)
- Organisation and development of the *Radical Summer School* in Iceland (2013-2015)
- Secretary of the *Icelandic Philosophy Association* 2012-2014 (2012-2014)
- On the board of *The Girls Rock Camp (Stelpur Rokka!)* (2012-2023)

**Professional memberships:**

- The Nordic Society for Phenomenology
- International Association for Women Philosophers (IAPh)
- Félag áhugamanna um heimspeki

## Publications:

### Books:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Dagbók í heimspeki 2016 – árið með heimspekingum” [ A Calendar of Women Philosophers] co-authored with Erla Karlsdóttir, Eyja M. Brynjarsdóttir and Sigríður Þorgeirsdóttir, University of Iceland Press</li> </ul>	2015
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### Articles and book chapters:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feminism and Consumerism in <i>Sex and the city</i> and <i>Barbie</i>“ in <i>In a Barbie World: Barbie as a Narrative, Symbol and a Chipher</i>, Routledge.</li> </ul>	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Co-authored with Sigurveig Sigurðardóttir: “Öldrun og fötlun: Skurðpunktar og álitæfni“ [Ageing and disability: Main issues and intersections] in <i>Fötlun, sjálf og samfélag</i>, [Disability, self, and society] University of Iceland Press.</li> </ul>	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Mitleid II“ in Wolfgang Fritz Haug, Frigga Haug, Peter Jehle, Wolfgang Küttler, Oliver Walkenhorst (eds.), <i>Historisch-kritisches Wörterbuch des Marxismus</i>. 9/II, Argument-Verlag, Hamburg 2023, 1103-13.</li> </ul>	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Konur með djúpa rödd og karlar sem baka köku: Um berskjöldun sem valdastrategíu“ [Women with deep voices and men who bake cakes: About strategic use of vulnerability within public venues and the media] in <i>Hugur</i> 33 2022/2023: 54-76.</li> </ul>	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Markmiðið er kannski ekki einu sinni að finna svar: Viðtal við Eyju Margréti Jóhönnu Brynjarsdóttur“ [The aim is even not to get an answer: An interview with Eyja Margrét Jóhönnu Brynjarsdóttur] <i>Hugur</i> 33 2022/2023: 11-24.</li> </ul>	2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ #MeToo beyond Invulnerability: Towards a new ontological paradigm“. Giti Chandra og Irmu Erlingsdóttir(eds.), <i>The Routledge Handbook of the Politics of the #MeToo Movement</i>, Routledge: 85-98.</li> </ul>	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Breyttur mannskilningur á #metoo tímum: Berskjöldun sem svar við nýfrjálshyggju“. [A New Understanding of the Human in times of #MeToo] Elín Björk Jóhannsdóttir, Kristín I. Pálsdóttir &amp; Þorgerður H. Þorvaldsdóttir (eds.) <i>Fléttur V: #MeToo</i>, Reykjavík: RIKK/University of Iceland Press: 203–228.</li> </ul>	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Tekurðu D-vítamín? Heilsa, nýfrjálshyggja og einstaklingsvæðing ábyrgðar“ [“Do you take vitamin D?“. Health, neoliberalism, and responsabilisation.] <i>Ritið</i> 1/2020.</li> </ul>	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ With Olga Cielemecka, Monika Rogowska-Stangret, Gurminder K. Bhambra, Andrea Pető, Jessie Loyer &amp; Mariya Ivancheva „Roundtable discussions: Thinking together from within the times that worry us“ í <i>Matter: Journal of the New Materialist Research</i>, (1)2020: 80-108.</li> </ul>	2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Gagnrýnin hugsun í gæsalöppum – Að gagnrýna, hlusta og rökræða en fastsetja ekki „gagnrýna hugsun“ í flokk“ [Critical thinking in quotation marks – To critique, listen and argue but not to settle down critical thinking once and for all] in <i>Hugur</i> 27 2015: 123-141.</li> </ul>	2015

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ „Getur leikurinn verið jafn? Um jafnrétti út frá valdagreiningu Foucault“[Can the Game Be Even? Equality and Foucault’s Analysis of Power] in <i>Ritid</i> 3/2013: 47-68.</li> </ul>	2013
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**Translations:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Hvernig hvetja siðferðisdómar?,” translation into Icelandic with Eyja M. J. Brynjarsdóttir of „How Do Moral Judgments Motivate?“ by Sigrún Svavarsdóttir, <i>Hugur</i> 21 2009: 63–81.</li> </ul>	2009
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**Editor of journals:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Hugur</i> 32, theme: The Future</li> </ul>	2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Hugur</i> 31, theme: Queer Philosophy</li> </ul>	2020

**Cultural and social outreach writings:**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Radio essays and op-eds on philosophy, culture and politics on the Icelandic National Broadcasting Service: radio 1 (Rúv, rás eitt)</li> </ul>	2014-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Essays and op-eds in <i>Kjarninn</i>, <i>Stundin</i> and <i>Vísir.is</i></li> </ul>	2015–2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Entries at <i>the Icelandic Web of Science</i></li> </ul>	2013-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An essay on feminist revolutions at <i>the International Times</i></li> </ul>	2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Essays and book reviews at <i>Starafugl.is</i></li> </ul>	2014-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Essays and op-eds on feminism at <i>Knúx.is</i></li> </ul>	2012-2018

**Papers, panels and workshops (academic, social outreach and cultural):**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Butler's conception of responsibility in light of #metoo in Iceland“ at “Old dilemmas, new voices: feminist ethics and #metoo“ at the University of Iceland in May.</li> </ul>	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Making sense of fatigue“ at the NNDR (Nordic Network of Disability Research) conference at the University of Helsinki in May.</li> </ul>	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Að lifa með ólýsanlegri örmögnun [Living with Unexplainable Exhaustion] at the yearly conference of the Humanities at the University of Iceland in March.</li> </ul>	2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A talk about vulnerability at the human rights based seminar for <i>Róttin</i> in January 2025</li> </ul>	2025

○ Talk about fatigue and chronic illnesses in the political school of the Icelandic Socialist Party in May 2025.	2024
○ Hvað gerir neysluhyggjan við jafnréttið? Kvenímyndir, tíska og vinátta í Sex and the City og Barbie [How does consumerism affect gender equality: Femininity, fashion and friendship in Sex and the City and Barbie] at <i>Hugvísindafing</i> [The yearly conference of the Humanities] at the University of Iceland.	2024
○ “Listening to fatigue: An interview research on ME/CFS in Iceland“ for the <i>Icelandic ME society</i> , February 2024.	2024
○ „Virði manneskjunnar handan vinnu“ [A persons' worth beyond work] at <i>The Icelandic Disability Alliance</i> seminar, January 2024.	2024
○ „Fatigue beyond work: A phenomenological exploration of the many faces of fatigue among ME/CFS patients in Iceland“ at <i>The International Marxist Feminist conference: Body work and care in contemporary digital capitalism</i> í Varsjá nóvember 2023.	2023
○ „Fatigue with or without energy? A phenomenological exploration of different perspectives on fatigue among ME/CFS patients in Iceland“ in the <i>Speakers Series</i> of the department of political science, University of Alberta, September 2023.	2023
○ „Listening to fatigue: Phenomenological interviews with ME/CFS patients in Iceland about different kinds of fatigue“ at <i>NOSP 2023: Sensory Methodologies</i> at The Univeristy of Iceland, April 2023.	2023
○ „Vulnerability, the job interview and invisible disability“ at the Institute of Philosophy speaker series, March 2023.	2023
○ „Hlustað á þreytu: Fyrirbærafræðileg viðtöl við ME/síþreytu sjúklinga á Íslandi um ólíkar gerðir þreytu“. [Listening to fatigue: Phenomenological interviews with ME/CFS patients in Iceland about different kinds of fatigue] Anniversary of the Institute of Philosophy and the Faculty of Philosophy, December 2022.	2022
○ „Listening to fatigue: Phenomenological interviews with ME/CFS patients in Iceland about different kinds of fatigue“ at <i>The Phenomenology of Chronic Illness and Aging</i> in Södertörn University Sweden, November 2022.	2022
○ Skiptir kyntjáníng máli þegar aðstoða á við persónulegar athafnir? [Does gender expression matter whilst assisting personal needs?] Educational seminar of the Society of Developmental Therapists, May 2022.	2022
○ “Women with deep voices and men who bake cakes:“ at <i>Hugvísindafing</i> [The yearly conference of the Humanities] at University of Iceland, March 2022.	2022
○ With Sigurður Kristinsson: “Vald, ábyrgð og siferðileg viðmið á #metoo tímum“ [Power, responsibility and moral norms in times of #MeToo] on <i>Equality Days</i> joint event between the University of Iceland and the University of Akureyri.	2022
○ With Eyja M. Brynjarsdóttir: Í kjölfar #MeToo: Hannúð, þöggun og berskjöldun [After #MeToo: Himpathy, silencing and vulnerability], an online event at <i>Ríkk-Institute for Gender, Equality and Difference</i> at the University of Iceland.	2021
○ A response to Sergei Medvedev paper “The return of nature: eco- and biopolitics of the pandemic“ at <i>Political Agency after Covid-19</i> (online) at the University of Iceland.	2020
○ Participation in <i>Tabi's</i> panel on <i>Equality Days</i> at the University of Iceland about disabled women's experience of the labour market and graduate studies.	2020
○ A talk about Rosa Luxemburg at <i>The Radical Summer School</i> August 2019.	2019

○ Paper on “Mitleid II“, at the XXIII International <i>Inkriit conference: Crisis of World Politics</i> in Berlin May 2019.	2019
○ The paper “#MeToo beyond invulnerability: Towards a new ontological paradigm“ at the conference <i>Feminist Philosophy and the Presence of the Past</i> at Södertörn University, Sweden, March 2019.	2019
○ A talk about the icelandic word “maður“ (a man) at <i>Icelandic Philosophy Association’s</i> event, February 2019.	2019
○ A paper on Ásta's book <i>Categories We Live By</i> at <i>Hugvísindafing</i> [The yearly conference of the Humanities] at University of Iceland, March 2019.	2019
○ “Tekurðu D-vítamín? Heilsa, nýfrjálshyggja og einstaklingsvæðing ábyrgðar“ [Do you take vitamin D? Health, neoliberalism and responsabilisation] at <i>Ríkk-Institute for Gender, Equality and Difference</i> at the University of Iceland March 2019.	2019
○ „Eigum við sjens á berskjöldun?“ [Do we have a chance at being vulnerable?] at <i>Hugarflug</i> Iceland's university of the arts conference, February 2019.	2019
○ “Vulnerability and Empathy” workshop at <i>3rd International Marxist Feminist Conference</i> at the University of Lund, October 2018.	2018
○ A paper on the PhD dissertation at <i>Icelandic Philosophy Association’s</i> event, September 2018.	2018
○ A participation at a panel at Karl Marx' 200 years anniversary: "Was Marx a Kantian Perfectionist?" at the University of Iceland, March 2018.	2018
○ Vulnerable in a Job Interview at <i>Hugvísindafing</i> [The yearly conference of the Humanities] at University of Iceland, March 2018.	2018
○ A participation in the panel „Shaping the Wreckage: Illness narratives and form” at the <i>Nonfiction Now</i> conference at the University of Iceland, May 2017.	2017
○ A participation in a panel at an even in relationn to Steingrímur Eyfjörð's exhibition <i>Kvenbetjan</i> at <i>Hafnarborg</i> , September 2017.	2017
○ „Feminist revolutions as “ontological transitions”” at the conference <i>Feminist Utopias</i> at Skálholt April 2017.	2017
○ „Feeling vulnerable in a job-interview” at <i>New Materialism, Situated Knowledges: Space, Time and Vulnerability</i> University of Warshaw, September 2016.	2016
○ A Siðmennt’s opening speech “Að standa fyrir fólkið” [To represent the people] for the setting of the Icelandic parliament, autumn 2015. <i>Siðmennt</i> – The Icelandic Ethical Humanist Association.	2015
○ Paper on critical and affirmative thinking at <i>Hugvísindafing</i> [The yearly conference of the Humanities] at the University of Iceland March 2015.	2015
○ The workshop <i>Writing When You Feel Like Shit</i> at the conference <i>Excitable Writing</i> at <i>InterGender Research Center</i> hosted by the University of Linköping December 2014.	2014
○ The paper <i>Subjective Experiences of Exchange Relations</i> at the University of Jyväskylä, October 2014.	2014

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A paper on power relations in <i>The Hunger Games</i> for the Radical Summer School [Róttæki sumarháskólinn].</li> </ul>	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fyrirlesturinn „Er kyngervi nauðsynlegt?“ A paper on sex and gender in Icelandic [kyn, kyngervi] at the graduate conference of the faculty of Icelandic and Comparative Cultural Studies.</li> </ul>	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The paper “Gagnrýni á gagnrýna hugsun“ [Critique of critical thinking] at <i>Hugvísindapíng</i> [The yearly conference of the Humanities] at the University of Iceland, March 2013.</li> </ul>	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A paper on <i>The Hunger Games</i> during a symposium held by <i>The Icelandic Philosophy Association</i>.</li> </ul>	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Jafnrétti eða jafnræði?“ [Equality or equity?“ at <i>Ríkis-Institute for Gender, Equality and Difference</i> at the University of Iceland.</li> </ul>	2012