

# Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Níels Einarsson  
Stefansson Arctic Institute  
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Director of the Stefansson Arctic Institute in Akureyri. Main research and professional interests: northern environmental anthropology; circumpolar sustainability issues; social and environmental impacts of fisheries management; whale watching, whaling and changes in worldviews in Iceland; resilience, social capital and dynamics in fishing communities; Arctic/North Atlantic marine mammal conservation controversies; nature perceptions, ideologies and environmental groups; consumption patterns and sustainability; social adaptation to climate change. Has led and participated in a number of international research and scientific assessment projects with a focus on the circumpolar region including the first Arctic Human Development Report (AHDR, see [www.svs.is/ahdr](http://www.svs.is/ahdr))

## Positions

Director, Stefansson Arctic Institute, Iceland, [www.svs.is](http://www.svs.is) (1998-)

Visiting Professor, Norwegian College of Fishery Science, University of Tromsø, academic year 2012-2013

Visiting Scholar, Center for International Climate and Environmental Research – Oslo (CICERO) and Norwegian Polar Institute, Tromsø, 2012-2013

Visiting Scholar, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge (August 2005-July 2006)

Member, Icelandic Commission on Arctic Affairs (2004-)

Member, Icelandic International Polar Year Committee (2004-2008)

Co-chair, Arctic Human Development Report, (2002-2004)

Member, Arctic Human Development Report II Executive Committee (2010-2014)

Member, Arctic Council Arctic Resilience Report Steering Committee (2012-)

Project leader Icelandic team in the FISHERNET EU project ([www.fishernet.is](http://www.fishernet.is)) (2008-2012)

Chair, Regional Board, International Arctic Science Committee (2002-2004)

Member, Executive Committee, International Arctic Science Committee (2000-2004)

Observer to the Arctic Council for the International Arctic Science Committee, (2001-2004)

Chair, Nordic Polar Group, (2000-2004)

Member of Board, Nordic Arctic Research Programme, (1998-2004)

Member of Advisory Board, Encyclopedia of the Arctic, (2000-2004)

Member of Editorial Board: Polar Geography (2009-)

Member of Editorial Board, Worldviews-Environment, Culture, Religion, (1999-)

Member of the Advisory Group for the Icelandic Chairmanship of the Arctic Council, (2001-2004)

Member of the Northern Research Scientific Advisory Board, Oulu University, Finland (2003-)

Board Member, Icelandic Polar Law Institute, (2009-)

Board Member, The Nordic House in Nuuk, Greenland (2002-2010)

Associate, Dickey Center Institute of Arctic Studies, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire (2005-)

Part-time Lecturer and Supervisor in Arctic Studies and Polar Law Programme courses, University of Akureyri, Iceland (2008-).

Supervisor and examiner for MA theses at the University Centre of the Westfjords Coastal and Marine Management programme 2011-2012

Examiner of two PhD theses (Univ. of Oslo and Tromsø) and evaluator of one (Univ. of Lapland).  
Lecturer, University of Akureyri Dept. of Fisheries Science (1997-1998)  
Researcher, University of Iceland Fisheries Institute (1994-1997)  
Part-time lecturer University of Akureyri (1994-1997).

### **Education**

BA in Social Anthropology, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Iceland  
Programme in teaching methods, University of Iceland  
Doctoral Student, Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, Oxford University  
Filosofie Licentiat (MPhil), Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of Uppsala  
PhD, Department of Cultural Anthropology, University of Uppsala

### **Languages**

Native Icelandic, fluent English, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, proficiency in Spanish, Galego, Faroese, German and French.

### **Lectures and presentations**

Participation with presentations in more than 120 international conferences, workshops and meetings.

### **Selected publications**

Einarsson, Niels (1990). "Of Seals and Souls: Changes in the Positions of Seals in the World View of Icelandic Small-Scale Fishermen." *Maritime Anthropological Studies* 3 (2): 35-48.

Einarsson, Niels (1990) "From the native's point of view: Some comments on the anthropology of Iceland." *Antropologiska Studier* 46/47: 69-77.

Einarsson, Niels (1993). "Environmental Arguments and the Survival of Small-Scale Fishing in Iceland." In Gudrun Dahl (ed.) *Green Arguments and Local Subsistence*. Stockholm Studies in Social Anthropology. Dept. of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University: Stockholm. 117-128.

Einarsson, Niels (1993). "All animals are equal but some are cetaceans: Conservation and culture conflict." In Kay Milton (ed.) *Environmentalism: The View from Anthropology*. Routledge: London: 73-84.

Einarsson, Niels (1996). "A Sea of Images: Fishers, Whalers, and Environmentalists." In G. Pálsson and P. Durrenberger (eds.) *Images of Contemporary Iceland: Everyday Lives and Global Contexts*. University of Iowa Press: Iowa City: 46-59.

Einarsson, Niels (1997) "The rights of nature and realities of fishing in Iceland." (In Danish). In Merete Sørensen and Martin Ishøj (eds.) *Miljøetik (Environmental Ethics)*. Nordic University Press.

Einarsson, Niels (1997) "Of whales, fish and other people" (In Icelandic). In G. Pálsson et al (eds.): *Við og hinir: Rannsóknir í mannfræði (We and the Others: Research in Anthropology)*. Reykjavik: University of Iceland: 113-125.

Einarsson, Niels (1999). "Global preservation and the creation of a pest: Marine mammals and local response to a moratorium in Arctic Iceland." In Darrell A. Posey (ed.) *Cultural and Spiritual Values of Biodiversity*. UNEP: London: 431-433.

Einarsson, Niels (2000) "Indigenous Culture and External Influence: Introduction." In I. Sigurðsson and J. Skaptason (eds) *Aspects of Arctic and Sub-Arctic History*. University of Iceland Press: Reykjavik: 167-168.

Einarsson, Niels, Oran Young et al. (2001). "Social Science and Sustainable Development in the Arctic." In J.H. Ingimundarson (ed.) *North Meets North: Proceedings of the First Northern Research Forum*. Stefansson Arctic Institute and Univ. of Akureyri: 160-165.

Einarsson, Niels et al. (eds.) (2004) *Arctic Human Development Report*. Akureyri: Stefansson Arctic Institute

Einarsson, Niels and Oran Young (2004) Chapter 1: Introduction: Human Development in the Arctic. In Einarsson et al (eds): *Arctic Human Development Report*. Akureyri: Stefansson Arctic Institute

Einarsson, Niels and Oran Young (2004) Chapter 13: Conclusions-A Human Development Agenda for the Arctic: Major Findings and Emerging Issues. In Einarsson et al (eds.): *Arctic Human Development Report*. Akureyri: Stefansson Arctic Institute

Einarsson, Niels (2008) Comment to Crate, S.A. Gone the Bull of Winter: Grappling with the Cultural Implications of and Anthropology's Role(s) in Global Climate Change, pp 585-586 in *Current Anthropology* vol. 49 (4), August 2008

Einarsson, Niels. 2009. "From good to eat to good to watch: whale watching, adaptation and change in Icelandic fishing communities," pp.129-138 in *Polar Research* no. 1, 2009, Special Issue on "Climate change impacts, adaptation and vulnerability in the Arctic."

Einarsson, Niels. 2011. Fisheries Governance and Social Discourse in Post-Crisis Iceland: Responses to the UN Human Rights Committee's Views in Case 1306/2004. *The Yearbook of Polar Law* (Volume 3). pp. 479-515.

Einarsson, Niels. 2011. *Culture, Conflict and Crises in the Icelandic Fisheries. An Anthropological Study of People, Policy and Marine Resources in the North Atlantic Arctic*. Acta Universitatis Upsaliensis. *Uppsala Studies in Cultural Anthropology* 49. Uppsala.

Einarsson, Niels. 2011. Fisheries governance, externalities and equity in post-crisis Iceland. *Baltic Rim Economies Quarterly Review* (3/2011, page 46).

Einarsson, Niels. 2012. From fishing rights to financial derivatives: Individual Transferable Quotas and the Icelandic economic collapse of 2008 - De los derechos de pesca a los derivados financieros: Las cuotas individuales transferibles y el colapso económico de Islandia en 2008. Pp. 204-255 in *European Fisheries at a Tipping Point - La Pesca Europea ante un Cambio Irreversible*, eds. Thomas Hojrup and Klaus Schriewer. Murcia: Editum, 2012.

Einarsson, Niels. 2014. Arctic Human Development Report. Pp. 213-214 in *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life and Well-Being Research*. Editor-in-Chief: Alex C. Michalos. Springer, Dordrecht, Netherlands: Springer.

Einarsson, Niels et.al. 2014. Study on Arctic Lay and Traditional Knowledge. June 2014. EUTNMAR – European Networking Group for Integrated Maritime Policy. 34 pp.

Einarsson, Niels 2014. Realities of coastal cultures and rhetorics of preservation. In conference proceedings from a symposium in the Faroe Islands on Hunting and Protecting of Marine Mammals – a Clash of Cultures?, 2013, organized by the Nordic Committee on Bioethics <http://ncbio.org/nordisk/arkiv/mammals-report-final.pdf>

Einarsson, Niels. 2015. When fishing rights go up against human rights. Pp. 151-160 in Gísli Pálsson and E. Paul Durrenberger (eds.): *Gambling debt: Iceland's rise and fall in the global economy*. University Press of Colorado. Boulder.

Einarsson, Niels. 2015. Marine Governance, Fishing and Property Rights in Light of the Constitutional Debate in Iceland. Pp. 91-98 in *Polar Law and resources*, ed. Natalia Loukacheva. Nordic Council of Ministers TemaNord publication on Polar Law and resources, <http://dx.doi.org/10.6027/TN2015-533>

### **Other activities and honours**

Recipient of the Finnish Order of the Lion Cross for contribution to Arctic Science (2013)

Reviews Editor, *Worldviews-Environment, Culture, Religion*, (1997-1998)

Project Leader, Human Dimensions of Arctic Environments, [www.thearctic.is](http://www.thearctic.is), (1999-2000, second phase as International Arctic Science Committee project, 2006-2008)

Member of University of the Arctic Interim Council, (1997-1998)

Manuscript reviewer for *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*, *Human Ecology*, *Polar Journal*, *Ambio*, *Polar Record*.

Application reviewer for Nordic Council Fund on Social Science (NOSS), Academy of Finland (Centres of Excellence in Research, Research Posts and Postdoctoral Research Grants), the Icelandic Research Council, University of Iceland Strong Research Teams and Postdoctoral Grants, the Guggenheim Foundation, National Geographic Research Fund, Marie Curie Fellowships.

Member of preparatory task force for the Nordic Arctic Research Programme (1997-1998)

Evaluation Committee Member of Professorship at University of Iceland Dept. of Anthropology, (2001)  
Referee for associate professor position, University of Iceland (2013)  
Referee for professorship position, University of Lapland (2008)  
Visiting Scholar, Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge, (March 1996)  
Member of Advisory Committee for the Icelandic Chairmanship of the Nordic Council, (1998-1999)  
Academic Liaison for the World Bank European Academic Action Network for Development, (2000-)  
Member of a European Task Force to prepare the European Science Foundation EUROCORES proposal "Histories from the North: environments, movements, narratives (BOREAS)" (2004)  
Panelist expert UN IHDP 2nd Bonn Dialogue on Melting Ice and Vanishing Life in the Arctic, November 2007, UN Campus in Bonn  
Scientific advisor, Arctic Governance Project ([www.arcticgovernance.org](http://www.arcticgovernance.org)) (2009-2010)  
Member of Board, Icelandic United Nations Association, 2008-2010  
Expert reviewer for committees of the Icelandic Parliament on Arctic issues, marine resource governance and constitutional issues, 2005-2013.

**Member of following research projects:**

NordForsk Top Research Initiative funded Impact of Future Cryospheric Changes in the Northern Hemisphere. Climate, Green Growth and Society (GREENICE), with Noel Keenlyside (2014-2016)  
International Polar Year research project: Community Adaptation and Vulnerability in Arctic (CAVIAR) with Grete Hovelsrud Broda (2005-2008)  
International Polar Year project: Arctic Change: An Interdisciplinary Dialog Between the Academy, Northern Peoples, and Policy Makers, with Ross A. Virginia (2007-2009).  
International Polar Year project: Arctic Social Indicators, with Joan Nymand Larsen (2006-2009)  
Northern Narratives: Social and Geographical Accounts from Norway, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, Labrador and Northern Canada (NORSAGA), with Astrid Ogilvie (2005-2008)  
Synthesis of Sea Ice, Climate and Human Systems in the Arctic and Subarctic, with Astrid Ogilvie (2006-2008)  
Common Property and Environmental Policy in Comparative Perspective, with Gísli Pálsson (1993-1997)  
Hunting of Marine Mammals: Cultural Aspects of Resource Management in the Circumpolar Regions, with Arne Kalland (1994-1997).