



## Thorvaldur Gylfason

### A short CV

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Thorvaldur Gylfason is Professor of Economics at the [University of Iceland](#) and Research Fellow at [CEPR](#) (Centre for Economic Policy Research) in London and [CESifo](#) (Center for Economic Studies) at the University of Munich. He is also a Research Associate at the Center for U.S.-Japan Business and Economic Studies at New York University and a Fellow of the European Economic Association. He has published over 100 scientific papers in international journals and books and over 40 scholarly articles in his native Icelandic, in addition to fifteen books, including seven collections of essays in Icelandic, and almost 500 articles for newspapers and magazines. After obtaining his doctorate in economics at [Princeton University](#), he worked as an economist at the International Monetary Fund ([IMF](#)) in Washington 1976-1981. He was Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs at Princeton 1986-1988 and Senior Research Fellow at the [Institute for International Economic Studies](#) at Stockholm University 1978-1996. He is one of three authors of *Understanding the Market Economy* (Oxford University Press, 1992), which has appeared in seventeen languages, soon eighteen, including Russian and Chinese. In recent years, he has been a frequent consultant to the International Monetary Fund and the European Free Trade Association ([EFTA](#)). This work has included extensive lecturing at the [Joint Vienna Institute](#) in Vienna, in all parts of Africa, and elsewhere. He has also worked for the European Commission in Brussels. In 1996-1997, he led the SNS Economic Policy Group in Sweden. Its report appeared in Swedish and English (*The Swedish Model under Stress: A View from the Stands*, SNS Förlag, 1997). His book *Understanding Economic Growth* (SNS Förlag, 1998) reappeared as *Principles of Economic Growth* (Oxford University Press, 1999). His television series, *To Build a Nation*, which deals with aspects of the history of economic ideas in Iceland, was shown on Icelandic State Television in 1998. His current research is mostly in the field of economic reforms and growth. He is editor of the [European Economic Review](#) and associate editor of several other economics journals. He writes a weekly column for *Fréttablaðið*, Iceland's largest newspaper, and also contributes regularly to *Lesbók Morgunblaðsins*, the weekly review of Iceland's second largest newspaper, as well as *Vísbending*, Iceland's leading business weekly.