

## Emergency Management in Iceland and Sweden

Málþing 18. janúar kl. 15-17, Norræna Húsinu

Moderator: Ragnar Þorvarðarson, Chair of the Reykjavík Red Cross Branch

- 15:00 Welcome: Siv Friðleifsdóttir, Chair of the Project Nordic Welfare Watch, Ministry of Welfare
- 15:05 Erna Danielsson, Docent, Risk and Crisis Research Centre, Mid Sweden University  
*Risk and Crisis Research in Social Science*
- 15:35 Carin Björngren Cuadra, Associate professor, School of Social Work, Lund University  
*The Swedish Emergency Management System: The Perspective of the Front Line Staff in Public Social Services*
- 16:05 Coffee
- 16:15 Guðrún Jóhannesdóttir, Project manager at the Civil protection Department  
*Community based disaster risk reduction*
- 16:30 Víðir Reynisson, Chief Inspector, South Iceland Police  
*Preparing, responding and building back better. Joint approach of the south Iceland local authorities for more resilient society*
- 16:45 *Panel discussion: The part played by Social Services in Emergency Management in Iceland*  
Gyða Hjartardóttir, Specialist in Social Services, Icelandic Association of Local and Regional Governments  
Kristján Sturluson, Director of Administration, Hafnarfjörður municipality  
Ragnheiður Hergeirsdóttir, Director, Directorate of Labour in South Iceland  
Stefán Eiríksson, Executive Director, Department of Welfare, City of Reykjavík
- 17:00 Closing

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## **Abstracts**

### **Erna Danielsson, Mid Sweden University:**

#### *Risk and Crisis Research in Social Science*

Researchers at the Risk and Crisis Research Centre (RCR) at Mid Sweden University often take a critical attitude in their research. Risk and crisis in the literature are often described from the view of the emergency organizations; a fire, a missing child, a car accident or a death. Here, another view of risk and crisis will be presented. The main object of the study is “unrecognized crisis management” in broad sense. To meet new demands on resilience and preparedness Erna will also talk about the coming establishment of a crisis lab for research on crisis management, collaboration and crisis communication.

### **Carin Björngren Cuadra, Associate professor at Lund University**

#### *The Swedish Emergency Management System: The Perspective of the Front Line Staff in Public Social Services*

The Swedish emergency management system is outlined with a special focus on the central roles of the municipalities and the Social Services. The discussion will focus on the perspective of Social Services’ staff. Carin will discuss results from her ongoing study on the experiences and assessments of the staff in Social Services regarding emergency management. Furthermore she discusses the staff’s understanding of the concepts “crisis” and “emergencies”.

### **Guðrún Jóhannesdóttir, Project manager at the Civil protection Department**

#### *Community based disaster risk reduction*

In 2008 a new legislation was adopted for Civil Protection in Iceland which promotes risk assessment and resilience in communities. Meeting the requirements of the legislation the Department of Civil Protection and Emergency Management, in collaboration with the Civil Protection districts and local authorities, set out to identify and analyse the disaster risks in the communities in order to reduce the risks they face and building more resilient communities.

### **Víðir Reynisson, Chief Inspector, South Iceland Police**

#### *Preparing, responding and building back better. Joint approach of the south Iceland local authorities for more resilient society*

In the presentation the joint effort of the local authorities in South Iceland and how such project can influence the whole society for taking part in the "Everybody has responsibility" theme of the Civil Protection cooperation is discussed. Preparing for natural disasters is an everyday job for many, but for most authorities and the general public it is not. By influencing local authorities and all there agencies i.e. schools, offices for land use and even sports clubs the ultimate goal for a resilient society can be reached.