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Kjartan Ólafsson is a lecturer at the faculty of social sciences and law at the University of Akureyri in Iceland where he teaches research methods and quantitative data analysis. He played a key role in the design and implementation of the 2010 EU Kids Online study which has become the reference point for many later research projects within media and communications focusing on children. He is currently a member of the management committee of the EU Kids Online thematic network and on the steering group of the Global Kids Online project. He has been a visiting academic at Edith Cowan University in Perth, Australia, Masaryk University in Brno, The Czech Republic, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore in Milan, Italy, Universitetet i Oslo in Oslo, Norway and UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti in Florence, Italy.

Academic positions

2006 –	Lecturer	University of Akureyri, Faculty of social sciences and law
2011 – 2014	Lecturer (part time)	Masaryk University, Faculty of social studies
2010 – 2011	Survey research officer (part time)	London School of Economics and Political Science
2000 – 2006	Lecturer (part time)	University of Akureyri, Faculty of humanities and social sciences
2000 – 2006	Researcher	RHA: The University of Akureyri Research- and Development Centre
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Administrative duties

2014 – 2017	Head of faculty	University of Akureyri, Faculty of social sciences and law
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