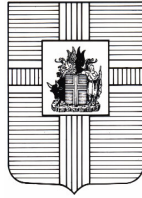


HE Mr Olafur Ragnar Grimsson
President of Iceland



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Born in Isafjörður, Iceland. Son of Svanhildur Ólafsdóttir Hjartar and Grímur Kristgeirsson

1962

Graduation Reykjavík Higher Secondary Grammar School

1965

BA degree, Manchester University, in economics and political science

1970

PhD in political science at Manchester University

Initiated the teaching of political science at the University of Iceland

1970 - 1988

Development of teaching and research at the University of Iceland in the field of political science.
Professor

1966 - 1970

Responsible for television and radio programmes on politics and social affairs

1966 - 1973

On the board of the Progressive Party's Youth Federation

1971 - 1973

On the executive board of the Progressive Party

1974

Stood for parliament on behalf of the Liberal and Left Alliance

1974 - 1978

Alternate member of the Icelandic Parliament

1974 - 1975

Chairman of the executive board of the Liberal and Left Alliance

1978

Elected to the Icelandic Parliament as a representative of Reykjavík for the People's Alliance Party and reelected in 1979

1980 - 1983

Chairman of the People's Alliance parliamentary group

1987 - 1995

Leader of the People's Alliance

1988 - 1991

Minister of Finance in the Government of Steingrímur Hermannsson

Ólafur Ragnar has been a member of various public bodies

- 1966 - 1968 a member of the Economic Council
- 1971 - 1975 sat on the board of the Icelandic Broadcasting Service
- 1972 - 1975 chairman of a committee concerned with the relocation of public institutions
- 1975 chairman of the Icelandic Social Sciences Association
- 1979 - 1990 vice-chairman of the Icelandic Security Commission
- 1983 - 1988 sat on the board of the National Power Company
- 1981 - 1984 member of the Council of Europe Parliamentary Assembly and again 1995 - 1996, responsible for organising the conference on "North-South: Europe's Role"
- 1984 - 1990 chairman and later international president of the international association Parliamentarians for Global Action and sat on its board until 1996. On behalf of the association he accepted the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize in 1987
- Has received a number of international awards

Author of various essays and articles published in both scientific journals as well as Icelandic and international periodicals

1996

Ólafur Ragnar was elected as the 5th President of the Republic and took office on August 1st 1996

2000 and 2004

Re-elected

Ólafur Ragnar married Guðrún Katrín Þorbergsdóttir in 1974

Guðrún Katrín died on October 12th 1998

They have twin daughters, Dalla and Tinna, born in 1975

Ólafur Ragnar married Dorrit Moussaieff 14 May 2003