

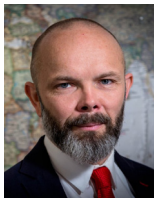
SMALL STATES AND SHELTER THEORY: ICELAND'S EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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Ever since the United States closed its military base in Keflavík and refused to bail out Iceland during the 2008 financial crisis, Iceland has been seeking shelter provided by other world actors. Iceland works closely with NATO and its neighbouring states on security and defence, puts greater emphasis on Nordic cooperation, has signed a free trade agreement with China and applied for the EU membership, yet later annulling its application.

This roundtable will examine the importance for small states to seek political, economic and societal shelter provided by larger states and regional and international organisations. It will discuss a new small state theory – the shelter theory – on the behaviour of small states in the international system, recently published in the book titled *Small States and Shelter Theory: Iceland's External Affairs*.

Speaker:



Baldur Thorhallsson, Professor and Jean Monnet Chair, University of Iceland

Baldur Thorhallsson is Professor at the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Iceland. Baldur is also the Jean Monnet Chair in European Studies and Programme and Research Director at the Centre for Small State Studies at the University. His research focuses primarily on small state studies, European integration and Iceland's foreign policy. He has published extensively in international journals. He has contributed to several academic books and written three books on small states. He holds a PhD (1999) and MA (1994) in Political Science from the University of Essex in England.

Comments:



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Tapio Juntunen is working as visiting researcher at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and as University Instructor in the Faculty of Management and Economy at the Tampere University. His research interests include the history of Finnish foreign policy, security studies and resilience politics as well as nuclear weapons politics and arms control. He has recently published peer-reviewed articles on Finnish foreign policy and resilience politics in journals such as *New Perspectives*, *Resilience*, *Kosmopolis* and *Politiikka*. He also works as an editor of *Politiikka*, the main scientific journal in the field of Political Science in Finland, and is a member of board in the Finnish International Studies Association (FISA).

Chair:



Teija Tiilikainen, Director, FIIA

Teija Tiilikainen is the Director of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA). Previously, Dr. Tiilikainen was the Director of the Network of European Studies at the University of Helsinki (2003–2009). She has also served as Secretary of State at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland from 2007 to 2008. Dr. Tiilikainen was the Special Representative of the Prime Minister of Finland in the Convention on the Future of Europe in 2002–2003. Currently, she is also Editor-in-Chief of *Ulkopolitiikka* – the Finnish Journal of Foreign Affairs.