



**Lilja Dögg Alfreðsdóttir**  
Minister of Culture and Business Affairs

Date of Birth: October 4th, 1973

Party: Progressive Party

### **Parliamentary Career**

Member of Althingi for the Reykjavík South Constituency since 2016

### **Ministerial Career**

Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade 2016-2017

Minister of Education, Science and Culture, 2017-2021

Minister of Culture and Business Affairs, from 28 November 2021

### **Earlier committees**

Member of the Constitutional and Supervisory Committee 2017

Member of the Economic Affairs and Trade Committee 2017

Member of the Icelandic delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly 2017 (Deputy Chairman 2017)

Lilja Alfreðsdóttir is Iceland's Minister of Culture and Business Affairs and former Minister of Education, Science and Culture and Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade. Ms. Alfreðsdóttir is also a member of the Parliament.

Before her participation in politics, Ms. Alfreðsdóttir served as Deputy Director of the Central Bank of Iceland's General Secretariat and International Affairs Department. Since her graduation from Columbia University, Ms. Alfreðsdóttir, has been a central banker, apart from temporary secondments to Iceland's Prime Minister's Office as a Special Liaison and previously, to the International Monetary Fund's Nordic-Baltic Executive Office as an Advisor.

Ms. Alfreðsdóttir holds a master's degree in International Economic Policy from Columbia University and received a Fulbright grant during her studies. She holds an undergraduate degree in Political Science from the University of Iceland. She also studied at the University of Minnesota and Ewha University in Seoul. Ms. Alfreðsdóttir has written numerous articles on economic and educational affairs in Icelandic papers and international journals. In addition, Ms. Alfreðsdóttir has held presentations on economic affairs in the United States and Europe.