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His work focuses on select European political economies to study the interrelation between financialization, aestheticization and politics. He is interested in understanding the lived experience of capitalism, how it is shaped by capitalist institutions and the politics of articulating and implementing financialization strategies. He is working on two case studies: the contradictions of the Social Democratic Swedish case and the island micro-political economy of Iceland (with Eirikur Bergmann, Bifrost University, and David Berry, Swansea University). He has recently intensified his interest in regional integration, especially the financial dimension, focusing on both Europe and South America. He typically seeks to periodise the historical background to contemporary developments and events in these cases. In this research, he is inspired by a range of critical approaches, concepts/notions and methods, including Regulation Theory, hegemony, aesthetics and aestheticization, semiosis and ethnography. He also develops methods for the analysis of this data, including most recently Critical Grounded Theory (with Felix Hauf, Goethe-University of Frankfurt).

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