PRICE PENSION RESEARCH INSTITUTE ICELAND

Annual Meeting of the Pension Research Institute (PRICE) 2026

The Nordic House, 4 December 2026

12.00–12.20 **Welcome and coffee**

12.20-12.30 **Gylfi Zoega reviews the activities of the Pension Research Institute**

12.30-13.30 **Pension system reforms**

Pension reforms: Demographic trends and the business cycle
Ward Romp · University of Amsterdam

13.30–14.00 **Coffee break**

14.00–15.30 **The role of pension funds in the mortgage market**

14.00–14.30 *The Danish system*
Torben Andersen · Aarhus University

14.30–15.30 Panel discussion: Pension funds in the Icelandic mortgage market
Moderator: Jón Guðjónsson · Copenhagen Business School

Participants: Iða Brá Benediktsdóttir (Arion Bank), Jónas Atli Gunnarsson (HMS), Lúðvík Elíasson (Central Bank of Iceland) and Rebekka Ólafsdóttir (Gildi pension fund).

Ward Romp is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Amsterdam School of Economics, University of Amsterdam, and a research fellow at Netspar and the Tinbergen Institute. His research focuses primarily on pension system reforms and the macroeconomic effects of pension funds. He has published numerous articles on the effects of demographic change, pension reforms, and risk sharing across generations.

Torben M. Andersen is Professor of Economics at Aarhus University and one of Denmark's best-known economists. His research has focused primarily on the Nordic welfare model, labor markets, public finances, and pension systems. He has chaired the Danish Economic Council and government commissions on welfare and pensions. He is also Chair of the Board of the Danish pension fund ATP and has advised international organizations, including the OECD, the European Union, and the World Bank. He also chairs the Advisory Board of the Pension Research Institute (PRICE) at the University of Iceland.