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Vigdís Finnbogadóttir became the world's first democratically elected female head of state when she was elected President of Iceland in 1980. In addition to serving as President until 1996, she has been a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Languages for almost two decades, and held numerous other official positions both in Iceland and internationally. She was a founding chair of the Council of Women World Leaders and chair of COMEST, the World Commission on the Ethics of Scientific Knowledge and Technology, within UNESCO. As well as numerous orders and distinctions she has received from countries throughout the world, Vigdís was awarded 21 honorary doctorates from universities in the Americas, Asia and Europe. See www.vigdis.is for details.



Jonas Gardell

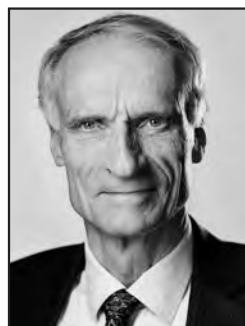
Jonas Gardell was born in 1963 and made his highly praised literary debut in 1985 with the novel *Passionsspelet/The Passion Play*, a novel about homosexual love. Since then he has published several books, plays and other texts. He is one of Scandinavia's most popular stand-up comedians and a highly appreciated playwright. In his books he portrays all kinds of human beings, the humor is natural and obvious as is also pain and sorrow. In Jonas Gardell's writings there are no taboos, he moves with preciseness between the big and the small, between dreams and stern reality. Jonas Gardell's books have been translated into 13 languages.

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Bertel Haarder

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Connie Hedegaard

With two decades of experience in international and domestic executive policy making ***Connie Hedegaard*** holds several key positions in support of a low-carbon and green economy. She is the former European Commissioner for Climate Action from 2010 to 2014. Prior to her position as Commissioner, she was the Danish Minister of Climate and Energy from 2007 to 2009, and Danish Minister for Environment from 2004 to 2007. Hedegaard accepted the position as Director at Danfoss A/S in 2016. She is also Chairman of the OECD's Round Table on Sustainable Development and the Chairman of the Board of the sustainability foundation, the KR Foundation, and the green think tank CON-CITO.

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Karin Helander

Øystein Holter was born in Oslo in 1952 and is married, and father of four children. Having worked with gender research over many years, he feels privileged, as a researcher (and as a man), to witness major social change. He participated in studies of work democracy and work life reconciliation at the Work Research Institute in Oslo in the 1980s and 90s, and in Nordic and European projects later, and became a professor at the Centre for Gender Research, University of Oslo, in 2007. Recently, he has worked in survey research, creating a model for a detailed gender equality survey that has been adapted in other countries, including Poland (2015). His books in English include *Can Men Do It* (2003), and *Gender Equality and Quality of Life* (with Helge Svare and Cathrine Egeland, 2009).



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Christina Jutterström

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Naser Khader

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Deeyah Khan

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Mininnguaq Kleist

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Hugo Lagercrantz



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Claus Meyer

Claus Meyer is the co-founder of the renowned restaurant, Noma, which has been voted the best restaurant across the globe in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2014. In addition to being a chef, Meyer is a professor, has authored 14 cookbooks, and was the host of Meyer's Kitchen from 1991 to 1998, and most recently, host of season 5 of New Scandinavian Cooking. Meyer also has a number of businesses, including the Melting Pot, which was started in 2013 to help establish food schools in South America, and chocolate and fruit supply companies. He is an affiliated Professor, Lecturer and Culinary Advisor at the Department of Food Science and Food Chemistry at the Royal Veterinary and Agricultural University.

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Per Stig Møller

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Arne Nerjordet and Carlos Zachrison

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Johan Rockström

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Jeff Risom

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Elísabet Ronaldsdóttir



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Signmark

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Kristin Skogen Lund



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Paola Ivana Suhonen is the multi-talented designer behind the independent Fashion/Art brand Ivana Helsinki from Finland; leading the rapidly growing brand of exciting new design talent from the Finnish capital that has been named as 'World Design Capital' for 2012. Highlighted by uniquely feminine, Finnish hand knits and original print designs – the Ivana Helsinki women's label is now regularly seen within the pages of all the international fashion magazines, as well as gaining celebrity fans including Helena Christensen, Juliette Lewis, Peaches Geldof, Beth Ditto and Maja Ivarsson. Suhonen's signature style melds Slavic rough melancholy and pure Scandinavian moods with stories from her own experiences in life. She is also the newly appointed Creative Director for the U.S.-based magazine, *Love Contemporary*. Having recently moved from New York, Paola now lives and works in Los Angeles where she also studies cinematography at the famous AFI.



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Steen Thomsen



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