

Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research

# Annual Report 2003





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## Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR)

is an interdisciplinary social science research centre for urban and regional research. The Institute has a national responsibility for social science environmental research and also works internationally on questions concerning urban and regional research in an environmental and developmental perspective.

NIBR's scientific staff consists of sixty-five researchers whose qualifications span the social sciences and planning disciplines. Research is financed through projects under the auspices of the Research Council of Norway and through commissions that come primarily from central and local government. The Institute is the recipient of research funds from international sources as well.

NIBR is in charge of the Centre for Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment, a centre for research relating to planning and environmental impact assessment in accordance with the Planning and Building Act.

NIBR is a foundation which receives an annual basic allocation from the Research Council of Norway subsequent to allocations by the Ministry of the Environment.

NIBR belongs to The Environmental Research Alliance of Norway, a strategic collaborative venture linking the six leading environmental research institutions in Norway. In addition to NIBR they are NIVA (Norwegian Institute for Water Research); NILU (Norwegian Institute for Air Research); NINA (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research); NIKU (Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research) and Jordforsk (Centre for Soil and Environmental Research). The Institute of Transport Economics (TØI) and Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI) are associate members.



# International research at NIBR

NIBR is an interdisciplinary social science research centre for urban and regional research. Naturally, most of the institute's research portfolio comprises projects relating to Norwegian issues. But our international activities are growing rapidly, and NIBR's goal is to be an active and well-reputed participant in research and scientific networks in the institute's main areas of research. Each of the five research groups at NIBR is involved in international research cooperation and projects, and one of the groups – The environment and development research group – is focusing exclusively on research in an international setting.

This annual report contains a broad overview of NIBR's research both nationally and internationally. Our ambition is that our international activities shall be well linked to our national research agenda. This will secure a solid competence base for our international research at the same time as our international involvement will provide a wider perspective to our national research activities.

NIBR's international research activity is carried out along several dimensions.

We strive:

- to be an important provider of scientific knowledge and analysis to the institutions responsible for Norwegian international development cooperation and support;
- to facilitate extensive participation in Nordic, European and international scientific networks with the aim of improving the scientific competence and research quality of the institute;
- to establish strategic research alliances with the aim of entering into and carrying out high-quality and multi-national comparative research projects.

## Sustainable development in a social science perspective

NIBR is oriented particularly towards applied, social science research to respond to and address the scientific challenges linked to the rapid changes and transitions that society at large is experiencing. Within this setting, questions and problems related to sustainable development within a wider social science perspective are in focus. This refers to the environmental aspects of sustainable development, but the concept of sustainable development also relates to the social and economic organisation of society, and it has political and distributional implications and consequences.

The challenges linked to sustainable development must be perceived and tackled within an international context and perspective. The Norwegian international development cooperation aims to have a central position in this work, and there is a strong need for increased knowledge of the development trends and conditions in the countries Norway is cooperating with. NIBR is studying the dynamics of the development changes these countries are experiencing and the effects of the Norwegian support to improve living conditions; lessen social differences; and develop democratic and efficient governance.

## Central research topics

NIBR's international research focuses on politics and administration in developing countries – particularly countries in South East Asia and Africa, but also in post-Communist states such as Russia, the Balkans and the Baltic states.

Central research themes are:

- political and administrative reforms promoting good governance, social change and development;
- decentralisation;
- state-society relations;
- development of democratic institutions and public participation;

- the role of civil society and NGOs;
- donor-oriented development questions; management of natural resources and environment;
- provision of public services;
- poverty impacts of reform programmes and policy changes; and
- corruption and informal networks.

Since 1994 NIBR has had a framework agreement with the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), and under this agreement NIBR has provided professional advice and research input to NORAD for project evaluation and appraisals as well as for more long term formative evaluation projects on local government reforms (Tanzania and Zambia); institutional capacity building (Southern Africa, Vietnam, Sri Lanka) and public participation in local development (Malawi, Uganda and Tanzania).

An important aspect of the research cooperation is to contribute to the strengthening of institutions and competence building in the countries we collaborate with, and a large number of the projects are carried out in close cooperation with local research institutions and authorities. NIBR has established partnership contracts with research institutions in African and Asian countries as well as in Eastern Europe.

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Director general Jon Naustdalslid

## Network building

During the last decade the internationalisation of knowledge-production and research collaboration has increased tremendously. Extensive international research cooperation – such as the one that is carried out within EU's research programmes – provides good opportunities for participation in comparative research programmes and projects. In order to be included in this cooperation, it is necessary to participate in good and efficient scientific networks and cooperation across country borders. NIBR is currently involved in several EU funded networks and research projects. The strengthened international focus is also a result of changes in the funding agencies' research policy, requiring increased international publication as an essential element to document scientific competence and quality.

The international research activity comprises a series of projects financed by different funding agencies and institutions: The Research Council of Norway; the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Norwegian

Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD); Nordic Council of Ministers; OECD; The World Bank; EU; Council of Europe and FAO.

For the Research Council of Norway NIBR has carried out major projects under the programmes *Public administration in developing countries*; *Administration of fisheries in developing countries*, as well as the *Cooperation programme with South East Europe, Russia and the EU candidate countries*.

A strategic research programme for the institute, granted by the Research Council, accommodates resources for competence building on an individual and group basis in the field of institutional reforms needed for sustainable management of common natural resources, securing biological diversity and the enhancement of local, democratic institutions.



# The Board looks back on 2003

## The Board 2003

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Deputy member  
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The Research Council of Norway appoints the Board of NIBR on the basis of proposals from the Ministry of the Environment (2 members); Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (1 member); the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (1 member) and the Research Council of Norway (1 member). Two members are elected by NIBR's staff.

2003 was yet another year during which efforts to meet the challenges posed by an ever more competitive research market, the falling value in real terms of NIBR's annual government grant and steps to enhance research quality and relevance set the parameters for the Board's work over the year. NIBR's most important asset in dealing with these challenges is an enthusiastic and highly competent staff.

The Board and NIBR's management have focused on developing NIBR's organization and strategy in light of the challenges facing the Institute. We have initiated a strategy and organization development process aimed at raising awareness of NIBR's core values and competitive advantages, building leadership capacity and turning NIBR into a more pro-active research institute. The process will cumulate in a thorough revision of NIBR's Strategy Document in the first half of 2004.

NIBR's tenancy agreement with the Oslo Innovation Centre expires in November 2004. Deciding NIBR's future location was one of our main tasks last year. In connection with this, NIBR worked to establish a new national, interdisciplinary research centre for social and environmental studies at the nearby Gaustadbekkdalen. Whether the centre will ever see the light of day, and whether NIBR will consider the economic terms of the tenancy agreement acceptable, will be clarified in early 2004.

## Research

NIBR's research groups form the organisational backbone of the social science done at NIBR. In 2003, activity was organized across five research groups:

- The regional research group
- The democracy and governance research group
- The welfare and living conditions research group
- The environmental planning research group
- The environment and development research group

On behalf of the Ministry of the Environment, the Institute manages the national competence centre *The Norwegian Centre for Planning and Environmental Impact Assessments*.

This Annual Report demonstrates the breadth of the work pursued by the research groups, which includes shorter and longer-term commissions, applied research projects and broad involvement in the programmes of the Research Council of Norway. It is gratifying to note the increase in NIBR's international engagements in 2003. The Institute participates in several large EU projects and other international projects. Towards the end of the Annual Report the reader will find a complete list of NIBR's projects and clients in 2003.

In 2003 NIBR delivered research for about NOK 52 million. This is about 5 million less than in 2002. The transfer of NIBR's Division North Norway to Norut accounts for much of the decline.

In 2003 more than NOK 15 m, or about 38 per cent of the Institute's total revenue from commissions, came from projects under the programmes of the Research Council of Norway. Revenue from ministries and directorates amounted to about NOK 14 m. One important aspect of ministerial funding was that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation shared joint first place as NIBR's most significant single commissioners, with a total project portfolio in excess of NOK 5 m. They are followed by the Ministries of the Environment and Local Government and Regional Development. Revenue from local authorities remained stable at slightly more than NOK 4 m in 2003.

NIBR's annual government grant fell in 2003 from more than NOK 11 m to under NOK 10 m. The main cause was the 2003 reorganization of NIBR's Strategic Institute Programmes. In a combined move involving NIBR, the Ministry of the

Environment and the Research Council of Norway, the programme 'Urbanization and Regional Development - Terms, Processes of Change and Consequences' was redefined and turned into a new programme 'Regional and Local Community Effects of and Adaptive Responses to Climate Change'. Since it was impossible to initiate work in this programme before the end of the year, a significant share of the programme's funding needed to be carried over to 2004.

NIBR's government grant is small. In 2003 it represented about 18 per cent of budgeted turnover. Although the actual spending value of the basic grant has long been dwindling, it has nevertheless importantly funded research initiated by NIBR itself, competence and network-building and the strategic development of the Institute's key research areas. These developments in government funding are of much concern to the Board. In our opinion, if NIBR's government grant continues along this path, it will endanger NIBR's ability to act as a free and independent research institute.

NIBR is a member of a number of professional networks, and several projects were carried out in collaboration with other research institutions in 2003. The Institute is a member of the Environmental Research Alliance of Norway (ENVIRA) together with NIVA (Norwegian Institute for Water Research), NILU (Norwegian Institute for Air Research), NINA (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research), NIKU (Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research) and Jordforsk (Centre for Soil and Environmental Research).

NIBR's annual grant also funds the strategic institute programmes, of which there were five in 2003:

- Regional and local community effects of and adaptive responses to climate change
- Sustainable development - planning and management challenges
- Environment and development - Institutions for sustainable development

- Environmental impact assessments (an ENVIRA programme)
- Management of large drainage basins (an ENVIRA programme)

International work is becoming increasingly important for NIBR. The Institute is involved in several EU projects and work to secure international projects for the Institute resulted in several highly significant commissions, especially in Africa and Asia. In all, revenue from NIBR's international engagements in 2003 provided more than NOK 11 m, or more than 20 per cent of total turnover.

### Organisation and staff

NIBR's staff put in 65.8 person-years in 2003. The shortfall from the year before is mainly due to the transfer of NIBR's Division North Norway to Norut. Scientific staff put in 52.8 person-years and management personnel 13. With regard to the gender ratio, the female proportion of research staff grew to 47.3 per cent last year, and is now 52.4 of all staff. At the end of the year, the management team comprised 3 women and 5 men. NIBR was pleased to welcome four new members of staff in 2003; only one person resigned.

NIBR's staff has considerable and wide-ranging experience and is highly competent. More than 70 per cent have qualifications corresponding to the job titles Researcher II or I. At the turn of the year, eight members of the scientific staff were involved in PhD work and one was awarded his PhD. The Board notes that the continuing decline in the real value of our government grant makes it increasingly difficult for the Institute to support PhD training as well as other forms of competence building. This is a matter of concern for the Board.

### Financial performance

NIBR's total turnover in 2003 was NOK 52.2 m. Overall operating revenue was made up of NOK 39.9 m from commissions and 10.4 m from the annual grant. About NOK 0.7 m came from national assignments; financial income

was NOK 0.8 m, income from sale of publications amounted to NOK 0.6 m. The accounts show a deficit for the year of NOK 1.6 m.

The negative result is an expression of the difficult project market and high costs. The Board is actively meeting these challenges. Among the steps taken are a strategy and organization development process aimed at strengthening NIBR's competitive advantages. The Board will be following this process carefully.

### Prospects and challenges

The Board is convinced that NIBR has an important part to play as a source of essential information for decisionmakers and the public at large both here in Norway and, increasingly, internationally. Society needs independent research centres of NIBR's calibre, able to deliver critical, problem-centred and practical information for government bodies and politicians and to contribute to public debates.

That said, the terms under which non-university research institutions in general, and NIBR in particular, are obliged to work make it extremely difficult to operate with a profit. The non-university institutions in Norway are in many ways at a crossroads. If society wants dynamic, user-focused research institutions in the future, the regulatory and financial climate needs to be changed to allow them to deliver independent, professional research and to operate with a profit. This translates at a minimum into an increase in our annual grant. NIBR's annual grant, or more exactly that portion of it NIBR can spend freely, is now at an all-time low of NOK 6.5 m. That is close to 11 per cent of budgeted turnover. But the authorities should also consider other economically constraining factors for the Institute, such as VAT on research, terms of cooperation with institutes of higher education and other research bodies, and the regulations for public tendering.

Research policy will decide what the future will hold for the non-university institute



In front from left: Tora Aasland, Trine Monica Myrvold, May-Britt Nordli, Greta Billing. Second row: Halvor S. Karlsen, Sigrid Skålnes. Behind: Jørgen Amdam, Jon Naustdalid.

sector, including NIBR. NIBR's Board looks forward with considerable interest to the Report on Research, due out in 2005, and hopes that its publication will result in a better climate for the non-university institutes and for NIBR than we enjoy today.

In 2003 NIBR initiated an internal strategy and organization development process aimed at clarifying NIBR's role and ensuring that future developments result in professional and financial growth. NIBR's staff has participated in this process with enthusiasm. The level of enthusiasm, expertise and experience represented by NIBR's staff will be our most important asset in dealing with future challenges. The Board would like therefore to take this opportunity to thank everybody at NIBR for their contribution and dedication in 2003!



# Annual accounts 2003

Exerpts – all figures in NOK 1000

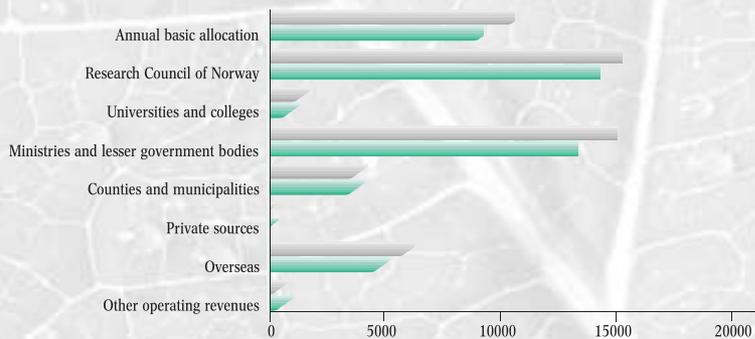
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Assistant director is in  
charge of accounting and  
finances.

	2003	2002
<b>Operating income</b>		
Income from commissioned projects	39 919	43 598
Annual basic allocation	10 484	11 267
National tasks	720	2 015
Sale of publications	491	596
Other operating income	632	149
<b>Total operating income</b>	<b>52 246</b>	<b>57 625</b>
<b>Operating expenses</b>		
Salaries, wages and social security expenses	35 203	37 481
Expenses directly related to projects	9 585	11 267
Depreciation	1 014	942
Expenses relating to premises	5 335	5 704
Expenses relating to publications	486	829
Other operating expenses	3 025	3 108
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>54 648</b>	<b>59 331</b>
<b>Operating profit</b>	<b>(2 402)</b>	<b>(1 706)</b>
<b>Profits financial items</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>853</b>
<b>Net profit for the year</b>	<b>(1 616)</b>	<b>(853)</b>

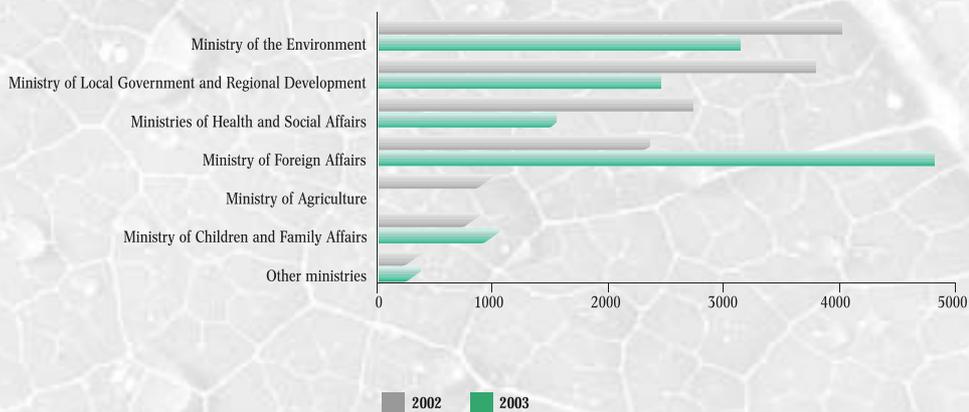
## Balance sheet as of 31.12.2003

	2003	2002
<b>Assets</b>		
Fixed assets	3 020	2 867
Current assets	36 309	34 794
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>39 329</b>	<b>37 661</b>
<b>Equity and liabilities</b>		
Issued equity	5 000	5 000
Accumulated equity	15 281	16 897
Pension liabilities	700	1 673
Current liabilities	18 348	14 091
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>	<b>39 329</b>	<b>37 661</b>

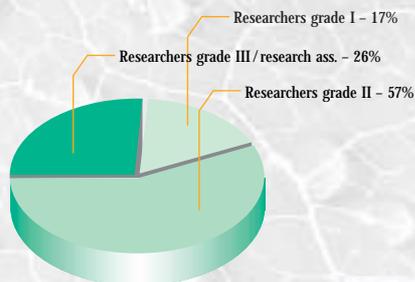
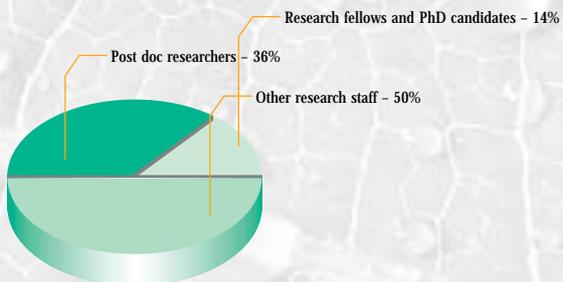
Revenues by source  
2002 and 2003  
(all figures in NOK 1000)



Contracts by ministries  
and related agencies  
2002 and 2003  
(all figures in NOK 1000)



Formal competence of research staff



# We address issues related to regional development at the national and international level

The regional research group addresses issues related to regional development in the wider sense of the term. Studies of development in the private sector, systems of production and innovation, demography and the labour market, together with the regional impact of public policies and planning and governance systems make up core research interests.

Where these core research areas converge arise questions related to the exploitation of natural resources, localization parameters, local and regional identity, regional development in an international perspective and new theories of regional development.

Principal research areas:

- Business development, production and innovation systems
- Impact of migration patterns and education choices on settlement patterns and the labour market system
- Impact of public policy and the public planning and management system
- Utilisation of natural resources and localisation factors
- Factors affecting local and regional identities
- New theories of regional development
- Method development

## The ESPON Network

In June 2002, the EU Commission approved the ESPON 2006 Programme – Research on the Spatial Development of an Enlarging European Union. ESPON is an acronym for European Spatial Planning Observation Network. The programme is organized under INTERREG III, an initiative aimed at encouraging interregional cooperation in the EU, funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). Together with centres of research in twenty-nine countries, NIBR is also a member of the ESPON Network.

The programme is one in a range of measures designed to realize the European perspective on regional development planning (ESDP) which envisages balanced and sustainable development of EU territory based on the equitable achievement of the following three fundamental goals

- economic and social cohesion;
- conservation of natural resources and cultural heritage; and
- more balanced competitiveness of the European territory.

Derived from these goals are three policy guidelines for regional planning:

- development of a balanced and polycentric urban system and a new urban–rural relationship;
- sustainable development, prudent management and protection of nature and cultural heritage; and

- securing parity of access to infrastructure and knowledge.

The aim of ESPON is to help define what key political goals, guidelines and choices actually mean in territorial terms.

ESPON comprises about twenty studies and feasibility projects. Ten of them are thematic inasmuch as they focus on territorial development, particularly demographic challenges, the situation and roles of the cities, rural–urban relations, access to different forms of infrastructure and knowledge, environmental hazards and the management of nature and cultural heritage. Nine projects are policy-impact studies looking at the territorial impact of sector policies – including infrastructure, agriculture, power, impact of structural and related funds, institutional aspects and instruments – connected, among others, to the introduction of ESDP in the member countries. Two projects explore coordination across subject areas. They build on and evaluate findings of the other projects, with an aim to

- construct and make available systems of data and indicators, territorial typologies, maps, etc.; and
- prepare territorial scenarios.

Each project is managed by a transnational project group, with members from at least three different countries.

Norway became an official member of ESPON in January, 2003. NIBR acts as a

so-called contact point for ESPON in Norway and is responsible for coordinating national undertakings and liaise between ESPON and national centres and users of knowledge. NIBR is also party to two thematic projects on

- the role, specific situation and potentials of urban areas as nodes in a polycentric development, where Nordregio is lead partner, and
- the spatial effects of demographic trends and migration, with the Swedish Institute for Growth Policy Studies (ITPS) in Stockholm as lead partner.

## The urban regions of Østfold in flux

Working together with Telemark Research Institute and the Department of Culture Studies at Oslo University, NIBR has analyzed regional development in the south-eastern county of Østfold. The project was funded under the Research Council of Norway's REGUT programme and comprises a number of separate studies of regional development, business clusters and regional policy. The projects have issued four separate reports, all published in 2003.

In the project we analyze patterns and forces behind regional development in Østfold. The term 'regional development' is taken to mean demographic and commercial developments and certain forms of regionalization processes. The holistic approach we adopted, where endogenous and exogenous perspectives on regional development are integrated, formed a basis for studies of several sub-systems that either constrain or advance regional development. The sub-systems are the commercial system, the demographic and mobility system and the policy making and planning system. The research rests on a multisided conception of 'region' as such and includes studies of economic

Young people are drawn to Oslo like metal to a magnet. Every year 40,000 people are moving to Oslo to try their luck.

Don't think they intend to stay. Before they reach 35, 60 per cent of them will have left the capital again. But that's another story.

'There has been an unprecedented rise in the numbers of people moving to Oslo. Over half of the country's young adults live for some time in one of our four biggest cities. Oslo receives at least half of these,' says migration expert Kjetil Sørli at Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR).

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regions, political-administrative regions and development regionalization on different levels.

Findings confirm how much Østfold has changed over the past twenty years, from a crisis-struck and stagnating industrial region to a vigorous mixed industrial and service economy. Employment patterns continue to labour under the disparity between supply and demand, and structural unemployment persists.

Generally speaking, the major influences on Østfold come from national and international economies and policies, developments in adjacent regions (Oslo to the north and Sweden's Västra Götaland county to the south), and the widely differing speeds of growth the county's five urban regions and their relative attractiveness. Development differentials are caused precisely by variations in domestic, Oslo-based and transregional developments.

But each of the central municipalities and urban regions has distinct development histories, and each has experience of crises and state funding, though to different degrees. That said, they have all seen in the past decade widespread and dynamic developments. Østfold County has offered considerable help, and indeed become more actively involved in development through the establishment of several new joint regional ventures and pushes. All of which has helped underpin the county's and urban regions' capacity to work with others, to grow and attract business and labour.

The county needs to overcome several challenges in relation to its own development capacity, and at the same time the different urban regions need to tackle challenges related to domestic, Oslo-driven and transregional development. It is essential in this situation that the regions devise their own coherent development policy to boost their appeal in terms of housing, jobs and services. More jobs could be found with a more regionally

focused innovation policy. But this relies in addition on closer development collaboration within the regions and across the county and with the wider areas of Eastern Norway and Western Sweden.

Regional theory gives us grounds to consider the Østfold case in relation to endogenous and exogenous factors in combination in this regional development study. Recent regional theory contributions have tended to give priority to the endogenous aspect, and while this has its merits, it can not in isolation explain regional development as such. They do, however, direct attention towards vital processes of change and opportunities for action.

### The Kjensvatn power station construction

Statkraft SF is preparing ways of 'improving power extraction from already regulated and transferred water systems used today by Rana power station'. Planning is afoot to construct a new power station at Kjensvatn in the municipality of Hemnes, Nordland County.

A new station will mean business for local and regional industry for goods and services and would therefore help sustain jobs and even create new ones – mainly during the construction period. We found in our survey that local businesses could supply most of the investments (two-thirds of total investments). Naturally, the two largest municipalities, Rana and Vefsn, have an advantage, but Hemnes has a good range of many of the types of industry likely to be involved as subcontractors.

Using the PANDA model NIBR assessed the socio-economic impact of the plans to construct the Kjensvatn power plant. We ran two alternative models, and the difference between them is for local subcontracts, not surprisingly, widest during the construction period. The high alternative delivered a job effect of 285 jobs during the investment year, the low alternative 59 jobs. As soon as normal



Research director Ove Langeland

operations resume, however, the two alternatives converged, varying between six and nine jobs annually.

The construction of the plant will therefore not lead to substantial changes in terms of production in the long term. Only the power and water supply sectors will see any permanent effect; the effect in other sectors will become marginal by as soon as 2005. Production figures for the region are dominated by activity at Rana and Vefsn but revenue from the operating period will boost activity growth and accumulated value in Hemnes in the longer term too. The construction of the Kjensvatn power station is only one aspect of wider plans under consideration at Statkraft, the impact of which, also on the natural environment, will naturally be more encompassing.



# A changing public sector requires continual knowledge development in the fields of governance and democratic legitimacy

The democracy and governance research group studies issues concerning democracy, forms of governance and organisational changes in local and central public administration. Research centres on the relationship between central and local government, local democracy, political and administrative structure, management and resource use, service delivery and civic involvement at various administrative levels. Evaluations of organisational changes in the public sector represent another key commitment. Thematically, research focuses on concerns related to i.a. health, social and educational services and environmental issues.

Principal research areas:

- Forms of governance and organisation in local and central public administration
- Municipal parliamentarianism
- The district committee system in the cities
- Central control and local management
- Local politics and citizen involvement
- Immigrants and involvement in organisations
- User involvement

## Justifying municipal mergers

Once again, municipal mergers are topping the political agenda. Calls have come from several quarters in favour of wide-ranging mergers, the rationale being the prospect of a more efficient service delivery. Not everybody agrees, however, and several have expressed their concerns for local democracy they feel could suffer as a result. NIBR was commissioned by the Norwegian Association of Local Authorities to explore how municipal mergers are legitimized. Our study looked at democracy concerns on the one side and desires for effective service delivery on the other.

With regard to democratic ideals, the study looks at the impact of municipal size on the public's sense of belonging and identification with their municipality, political activity and turn-out at the polls. The study shows that size and mergers only exert a limited influence on these aspects of democracy. Inasmuch as the major anti-merger argument has been the likelihood of weakened democratic qualities, the study shows that this would result only to a very limited degree.

The study also found that service delivery is precisely the key issue in local merger debates, particularly the geographical distribution of service delivery within the envisaged enlarged municipality. Discussions by Parliament on municipal mergers tend to focus on ideological arguments related to the possible impact on local democracy. The local debates, on

the other hand, tend to ignore this aspect altogether, with the practical pros and cons attracting the most widespread attention.

It is argued that assessments of the impact of municipal mergers on local services must consider the structure of the services. Economy-of-scale gains will depend on the types of service and their cost structure. While there would be clear economy-of-scale gains in central and sector administrations, in the school and kindergarten sectors other factors than municipal boundaries affect costs. At the same time, some services could achieve quality gains from mergers, despite the limited economy-of-scale potential.

## The use and protection of valuable natural and cultural landscapes

New protected areas are being given the stamp of approval all the time, also in areas with thriving commercial activity. One of the issues concerns how to achieve the best balance of use and protection. The democracy and governance research group and the environmental planning group have conducted several joint studies addressing the ability of land use planning, nature conservation and partner-based agreements to balance use and protection in the management of valuable natural and cultural landscapes. The studies cover both land and coastal areas and look at landscape conservation areas and how ANR (agricultural, natural and recreational) areas are dealt with in municipal plans.

One conclusion is that natural values are more likely to be conserved by landscape protection authorities than by land use planning authorities, particularly by preventing building developments. In the ANR areas, housing and business developments are permitted. In contrast, use and protection tend to clash more severely in the protected areas. Landscape protection permits traditional forms of agriculture and fishing. New, non-traditional businesses, such as farm tourism and fish farming, are considered incompatible. Landscape protection is a static form of protection, and county officials lack the means to assess the impacts of such measures. The result is that landscape protection may hamper local commercial growth even when the businesses involved harbour no threat to protected areas.

Conservation authorities do not seem to give priority to procedures that avert or prevent public opposition. Management strategies are sometimes not in place, and advisory joint committees that bring together conservation authorities and other implicated parties often fail to work optimally. Where they do work, they have proved relatively successful deflecting conflicts, achieving reasonable concessions and promoting wider understanding of conservation. The study concludes that rather than focusing on central or local management, it would be more conducive to put in place procedures and bodies that ensure that local interests are actively involved and heard, and place more weight on local know-how and preferences.

## Mayors want fewer municipalities

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Most Norwegian mayors think Norway has too many municipalities. Over 40 per cent of them would like to see their municipality merge with neighbours. Researcher Leif Arne Heløe doubts whether mergers will have a negative effect on democracy. 'On the basis of current knowledge, it would not be very likely. At the same time, it depends on which aspects of democracy you're thinking about,' says Heløe, researcher at Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR).

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The study also looked at partner-based management on the basis of use and protection plans. This solution builds on agreements between the government and property owners. Success is contingent on giving the property owners real influence, on clearly defined responsibilities for management and conservation, and on compensation of property owners for losses sustained. The short duration of the

agreements is a weakness, and property owners would probably never have agreed to contemplate the partnership without the threat of conservation hovering in the background. This indicates that partner-based management is not a particularly realistic alternative to land use planning.

### The national competence-building plan for mental health

The democracy and governance research group heads three of the six projects at NIBR in which aspects of the national competence-building plan for mental health are being evaluated. The plan is accompanied by central government funding earmarked for local mental health service work. Local authorities have in return to prepare plans and ensure that all action taken is lawful.

The object of the first project is to assess the impact on local authorities of central government controls. The project explores the management by local authorities of their mental health services. The competence-building plan assumes that action to improve services for members of the public suffering from mental health problems will take place within extant service structures, and that new special units shall not be put in place for this segment of the population. The plan also stresses the need to achieve coherent and coordinated services. The study finds as an initial observation that the plan has indeed caused local authorities to take mental health more seriously, but that most have gathered competence within a separate unit or service. Where local authorities have a separate unit, steps have been taken to coordinate service delivery. The cultural sector, the kindergarten and school services tend not to be involved in the mental care work.

The second project explores steps taken to involve the public in the way mental health services are delivered. The project covers all four levels of service delivery and focuses on how the professions deal with clients' right of participation and



Research director Hilde Lorentzen

whether, and to what degree, clients participate on bodies and committees. Preliminary observations indicate that clients are relatively frequently involved in first line local authority services, but considerably less so in second and third line delivery.

The third project explores competence and competence-building in the mental health service. The competence-building plan envisages a formidable rise in jobs at all levels in the mental health service. The project assesses the action of local authorities to recruit workers and build competence. The project also looks at the dilemma facing local authorities between breadth and specialisation for clients of mental health services.



# We aspire to generate new knowledge to promote positive change in our modern, welfare society where structural change is the order of the day

The welfare and living conditions research group aspires to generate new knowledge to promote positive change and expose harmful trends in our modern, welfare society where structural change is the order of the day. We study childhood, family relations, social inequality, social and cultural processes of change, marginalization, integration and distributive aspects of public policy. We also carry out evaluations of public services, plans, pilot schemes and prevention in the health and social sectors and the wider field of cultural policy.

Our investigations revolve frequently around people's sense of identity and belonging. We study young adults, violence and gang formation, in addition to the social implications of children's and young people's use of new technology.

Principal research areas:

- Living conditions and socio-demography
- Welfare schemes – public and voluntary – including care of the elderly and housing
- School development, technology and social implications
- Children, adolescents and the family, including child protection and mental health
- Immigration and refugee-related issues, ethnicity
- Issues related to cultural policy
- Issues related to gangs and violence
- Prevention

## Incidence of partner violence in Norway

This is a joint project involving NIBR and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology at Trondheim. It is funded by the Research Council of Norway and Norwegian Women's Health Association. By the end of 2003, Statistics Norway had collected all the data. 7800 women and men aged 18–59 across the country were asked to respond to a questionnaire sent to them through the ordinary postal service. About 4600 of them responded. The main findings of the survey will be available by mid-2004, and the project completed at the end of the year.

The object of the study is primarily to chart the incidence of partner violence in Norway. National surveys have been conducted in several countries already, but this is the first of its kind in Norway. The study will chart the experiences of men and women of physical force as an aspect of conflict management among couples. The incidence of violence is studied in terms of entire life spans and twelve-month periods. The study will also survey the situations in which physical force between partners occurs, in an effort to determine the causes and context in which it occurs. Response strategies – such as the use of social networks and public services – to episodes of physical force and violence are also examined.

In addition to this main study, data have been collected from several Norwegian crisis centres to establish what type of violence clients of the centres have suffered. The data will allow us to determine the accuracy of our registers of victims of this type of violence. A further objective is to classify key identity traits of victims of violence among the general public and crisis centre clients.

## Alternatives to care homes in Northwest Russia

The number of children in care homes in Russia continues to escalate despite official intentions to find alternative forms of care. What would be required to ensure the development of alternatives to institutional care in Northwestern Russia? This is the overriding question posed by a joint Russian–Norwegian study, of which NIBR is lead partner.

There are few alternatives to care homes for orphans in this region. The Russian authorities – municipal, county and national – are pursuing a child protection policy aimed at cutting the number of children in care homes and increasing the numbers of different types of foster home and small institutions with a more family-like structure. The project also seeks to inform involved Nordic parties on Russian policy and the experiences of Russians, and to inform Russian professionals of alternative ways of caring for children than that provided by traditional care homes.

The circumstances under which children and young people live have high priority in the Nordic countries' collaboration with Northwest Russia. The project is part of the Nordic Council of Ministers' Nordic Action Plan for Children and Young Adults in the Adjacent Areas. The pilot phase was completed in 2002, and from 2003 a full-fledged joint project with Russian, Norwegian and Swedish researchers and

professionals has been under way. It is due to end in 2005. Field work has been conducted at city and regional levels in Archangelsk, during which interviews were made with politicians, professionals and representatives of the authorities. NIBR is working together with the Department of Psychology and Social Work at the University of Pomor, Archangelsk, and Moscow State University. Researchers from the three institutes have prepared jointly the NIBR Report 'Orphans in Russia. Policies for Family-like Alternatives'. In this connection, a seminar was arranged in late 2003 at St Petersburg for experts and professionals from Russia, Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

## Progress, current status and challenges in local authorities' nursing and care service delivery

In an extension of our evaluation of the government's Action Plan for Care of the Elderly, the Norwegian Association of Local Authorities commissioned NIBR to report on Progress, current status and challenges facing local authorities' nursing and care services.

In line with the targets set out in the Action Plan, institutional care – i.e., places at retirement homes – has declined. The building of new nursing homes has been moderate, though by 2005 almost half of all nursing home places will provide single room accommodation, either through upgrading, modernization or built from

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## Norwegian couples questioned about violence

7800 women and men are being asked to answer more than 50 detailed questions on violence in relationships. This is the biggest ever survey in Norway on partner violence. Up to now, studies like this have tended to concentrate on violence against women. 'What we'd like to see now is for men to speak about their own experiences as victims of violence,' says Thomas Haaland (NIBR). The researchers hope that people's responses will say something about the causes of violence, whether some groups are more likely to be victims than others, and whether public assistance is adequate. In the longer term, the researchers hope the survey will help prevent violence.

scratch. The Action Plan has instituted the domiciliation of care policy, and is very largely a sheltered housing reform. By 2005 there will be 26,000 such housing units, and six out of every ten person/years in home care will be spent on people living in nursing and sheltered accommodation provided by local authorities.

In a parallel development, capacity in the home care services grew by 30,000 person/years over the past fifteen years. As the twofold increase in the person/year-client ratio indicates, the nature of the work changed too, towards more intensive care. It has been one of the ways of making it possible for everybody to live at home as long as they want, one of the founding reasons for the reform, and has also reinforced residents' autonomy and sense of dignity.

Following this introductory description we discuss particular challenges related to consolidating and extending these positive developments in the nursing and care services in a national perspective:

**Secure local councils' ability to fund services.** The most important challenge is to ensure that local authorities have sufficient funding for the necessary additions to the services. In the period 2002-05, NOK 4-5 billion will need to be found to service the residential units introduced during the period.

**Procure adequately trained personnel.** The care sector will need 30,000 new person/years in the period ending in 2020, on top of current staffing. It is therefore essential to train and retain the roughly 40,000 who lack relevant qualifications through capacity-building measures and professional development schemes. The challenge here will be to persuade young people to opt for a career in a field with something of a lacklustre reputation.

**Fortify and extend the functions of residential care.** The refocusing towards residential care is the most sweeping change to affect the care services in recent times. But politicians and the public are unconvinced that residential care provides complete security at all times of the day and night. There is also little awareness of the cost differentials between residential and nursing home care.

**Develop the future functions of the nursing home.** Most nursing homes today are hybrids, based on both medical and residential aspirations. Steps should be taken to integrate nursing homes more smoothly into the chain of services given the new stress on sheltered housing and residential care.

**Develop coherent and communication-intensive management strategies.**

The sector is wide-ranging, diverse and in constant flux. Difficult tasks and clients with different needs add to this complex picture. It needs to be recognized more widely that good care requires good communication, coordination and organization.

**Devise a coherent and integrated payment system.** The traditional distinction between institutions and residential care services, between health and social services is functionally a thing of the past. The services are generally gathered together under a joint operational management with responsibility for organizing coherent service delivery for each client. The regulations, funding arrangements and payment rules have not kept up with recent developments, however. The challenge here will be to establish an integrated and service-neutral payment system for the care services.



Research director Sidsel Sverdrup



# We study issues connected with framework conditions underlying sustainable development, land use and resource management, and the practice and development of the Norwegian planning system

The environmental planning research group studies issues connected with framework conditions underlying sustainable development, land use and resource management, and the practice and development of the Norwegian planning system. Focal issues are urban development, i.e., land use, transport and housing policy, cultural artefact conservation, outdoor life and environmental impact assessments. The group represents several different disciplines and runs the Centre for Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment.

Principal research areas:

- Planning theory and the planning system
- Environmental impact assessments
- Sustainable development and environmental policy
- Land use, mobility and travel patterns
- Urban structure, building structure and urban development
- Lifestyles, housing models and urban life
- Management of natural landscapes and resources

## Housing planning and housing policy

Housing planning and housing policy are two aspects of an extensive area of study, one which the environmental planning research group intends to give precedence in the immediate future. Some years ago we published a study on local authorities' housing policy. We described it then with the help of terms like fragmentation and reaction. One of the local authorities involved in the study – Asker, a municipality just south of Oslo – recently adopted a pro-active approach to its senior residents, the over-fifties. As a part of this commitment, we are currently conducting a study on housing preferences of the municipality's senior citizens of the future (50+). A similar study, covering the entire country, is also under way, funded by the Norwegian State Housing Bank. The objective here is to facilitate a more forward-looking and pro-active housing policy for the older segment of the population.

We have also been working hard to develop a wider range of residential solutions through communal living: the development of a more flexible type of housing. We call it Housing+ or 'homes with plus factor'. We are working to popularize solutions like this in the Norwegian housing market. Over the past

year we have also published a historical study of 'the good dwelling' in the second half of the twentieth century. It was for this work Jon Guttu was awarded his PhD by the Oslo School of Architecture last autumn. His thesis charts the evolution of the idea of the ideal home among planners in debates held in the professional media between 1945 and 1990. What influenced the planners? What did they look to, and what did they try to resist? How did they argue their views? And what were the wider social implications and challenges?

## Culture as an element or driving force in urban development

Over the past twenty years discussions on culture planning have remained at the top of the urban policy agenda in virtually every country in the world. Interurban competition is sharper than ever, and one way of creating a city image is by concentrating on the broad sweep of culture (architecture, sport, museums, attractive housing, and an appealing, informal urban life style). Statsbygg – The Directorate of Public Construction and Property – has inaugurated culture planning in Bjørvika – where Oslo's new opera will be built – and is preparing a general 'set of guidelines' for culture planning. NIBR has been appointed project

leader in this effort, and we are working closely with Oslo School of Architecture. The towns of Odda and Narvik are included in the project as case-studies. Both places want to use culture in a strategy to regenerate former industrial seaboard areas. The important questions are: What is culture? What is urban culture? How can cultural activities be established in the area before and during regeneration? How can different places use culture as a competitive strategy? And when culture is a major aspect of every city council's development strategy, how can any one city differentiate itself from the fray?

Culture planning will doubtless remain a policy priority for many cities over the next ten–fifteen years, to compensate mounting de-industrialization. The challenges are many, not least when it comes to developing a unique cultural profile. It will take time and require large-scale investments. Expectations are often unrealistic, however, because, among other things, local institutional capacity for strategic culture planning is simply inadequate. We want therefore to give priority to this area of study, where our expertise in cultural heritage planning, urban and planning research, management studies and building and planning regulations will serve as a solid platform.

Research project on city life: Neighbourhoods not particularly well adapted to modern city dwellers.

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Urban citizens are not particularly concerned about their neighbourhoods or local areas. Nevertheless, local area planning is still based on old ideas about life in long-gone communities, according to NIBR researcher John Ploger. He is calling for a sharper focus on urbanity. 'People who live in cities, who aren't bothered about their neighbourhood, spend their social life with friends wherever they happen to live. I believe they have been forgotten by urban planners and urban politicians,' he says.

Aftenposten, November 29th. 2003

## Management of natural and cultural heritage

One of the most important reforms aimed at modernizing the public sector since the 1980s concerned the way in which responsibilities are defined and distributed. Major responsibilities in cultural and environmental protection and conservation were decentralized during the 1990s. Over the past few years the environmental planning research group has worked on a range of projects in this area. Among these cases are the delegation of authority to Akershus county council to adjudicate in matters concerning objections and appeals, and the delegation of responsibility to local authorities for the management of protected areas in the Setesdal-Ryfylke uplands.

These studies have not produced clear answers regarding the local management of the environment, nature and cultural heritage. There is evidence that local authority action depends on the institutional constraints and remit of each separate area of responsibility. It means, for instance, that while local authorities may adopt a liberal approach to development interests in land use planning, at the same time they are succeeding in their management of protected areas in compliance with the spirit of the guidelines. Responsibility, it seems, is taken seriously by local authorities. But many municipalities don't want wider powers in environmental and cultural conservation and protection matters unless there's additional funding.

We have explored the requisite elements of an integrated coastal management and planning that takes into account both the needs of nature-based industry and of natural values. This we did by studying how these values are safeguarded by management procedures laid out in the Planning and Building Act and the Nature Conservation Act. We found that conservation was given considerable

attention in relation to commercial interests in the management of landscape conservation areas, but relatively less in local authorities' coastal zone plans.

## Putting a value on recreation

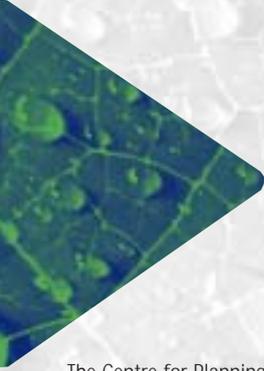
Estimating the value of something is an important element in the management of the natural and cultural environment and in the execution of environmental impact assessments, conservation processes and in the development of land use norms and environmental standards for local authority planning. That said, what we put value on remains a social construction, and is a process with subjective predilections, and whose outcome is influenced by the hierarchy of ideals that govern official evaluation procedures, the methods involved and how official evaluation procedures are practised by the individual authorities. The aim of this project, funded under the Norwegian Research Council's programme Changing Landscapes, is to explore evaluation in practice in terms of variables such as basic values, methodology, place in the management hierarchy and culture. We investigate what in the estimation of experts, authorities and members of the public is considered of recreational value.

We conduct case-studies and a survey of visitors to, and residents of areas in the vicinity of Vansjø in Østfold county and Grimsdalen in Oppland county. This will enable us to make a survey of the views of central and local authorities and members of the public on the use and management of the areas and related disputes. The goal is to seek out discrepancies between forms of professional expertise and value priorities and the extent to which these differ from the views of the public in general.



Research director Arvid Strand





The Centre for Planning and EIA works on planning and environmental impact assessments in compliance with the Planning and Building Act. It manages a network and information service for central and local authorities, private consultancies and researchers involved in planning and EIA studies.

The Centre organizes courses and seminars and publishes a newsletter. Researchers work with important national and international actors. The Centre also houses a library and a collection of EIA documents. The Centre's electronic network connects central and local government, research bodies, NGOs and private consultancies.

The Centre was established in compliance with the wishes of the Ministry of the Environment, and is organized under the environmental planning group.

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## Environmental planning in developing countries

Information from studies in one place can often prove beneficial for other parts of the world. Our researchers are becoming increasingly involved in undertakings outside Norway. We have recently completed a commission in Africa to establish a common set of priorities and strategies in the use and conservation of natural resources within and adjacent to Lake Victoria and to promote socio-economic growth locally and more widely in the three countries that share borders with the lake. Studies of the socio-economic and health-related impact of water pollution, as well as its impact on water resource management, have already started in several areas.

In Uganda NIBR is party to a project aimed at determining the social impact of the pollution of specific water sources. The studies we conduct of water management in the area will provide grounds for recommendations to improve management. Over the past five years NIBR has been working alongside the Norwegian Institute for Water Research and the Sri Lanka Department of Fishery on a pilot study to promote the development and implementation of an integrated coastal zone project in the district of Hambantota in Sri Lanka. The objective is to build capacity among local authorities and organizations to assume more of the responsibility for resource management in the coastal areas.

Poverty remains one of the major challenges in developing countries. NIBR is lead partner of several joint projects aimed at developing farming cooperatives in Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania and Uganda. This particular formative process study is funded by the Royal Norwegian Society for Rural Development and the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation, and involves national research centres and cooperatives in these countries. In Sri Lanka, NIBR heads a similarly designed pilot project in the production of fruit and vegetables for export. Our locally based partners in this undertaking are the University of Colombo and the Faculty of Horticulture (Wayamba) at the University of Agriculture.

## Planning as a way of promoting physical activity

NIBR is responsible for two projects under the Research Council of Norway's programmes in the area of sport and fitness. In the first project we have studied the impact on children's play and other forms of social activity of the spatial dimensions, design and conditions of outdoor areas and equipment in schools. Schools vary widely with regard to the outdoor facilities they are able to offer their pupils, a circumstance which clearly affects pupils. Lack of sufficient space makes children passive. Certain activities (generally football) tend also to push other forms of activity to the sidelines. Boys are therefore more likely to be active than girls.

The other project explores the balance between government targets in the area of sport and physical activity and the actual planning and practice that take place on the ground. We follow the planning procedures as they lead up to the construction or upgrading of facilities and areas for physical activity, and what happens when people start using them. There is a widening gap between expressed policy intentions to ensure inclusiveness and increasing specialization and commercialization. It also involves new constellations of policy means between new types of players forming new alliances.

Since the early 1970s, government sports policy has promoted 'sports for everybody', i.e., to give as many people as possible an opportunity to participate in sporting and other physical activity. Since the early 1990s, there have been clear planning requirements regarding the building of new local and county facilities. Planning as a policy instrument appears, in other words, to be growing in significance as a method to reach general policy targets ranging from easier accessibility for wider sections of the public to the use of sports grounds and facilities. At the same time, the relation between planning and use of sports grounds seems to become more complicated the greater the involvement of new players and alliances. The use of the facilities becomes less predictable and privatized – partly commercialized – as new purpose-built arenas generally require for-profit funding, and partly individualized as the character of sporting facilities as a public good appears to be losing out in a number of ways.

## The Centre for Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment

In 2003 the Centre had a new Nordic focus in addition to work related to Norwegian planning, fact-finding studies and research. The Centre arranged a conference for Nordic researchers on sustainable development in extension of Nordic environmental ministers' Sustainable Development Action Plan. Working with other Norwegian and Nordic research centres the Centre helped prepare a Nordic symposium on current status and challenges facing local planning authorities. Both arrangements attracted broad attendance from each of the Nordic countries. The Centre also arranged four meetings on planning theory, focusing especially on planning and liberalism, dilemmas in democratic planning, local environmental research and American experiences with integrated land use and transport planning.

The Centre organized six seminars and conferences altogether and published two newsletters. Researchers attached to the Centre wrote three articles and delivered thirty lectures and presentations. The Centre's electronic network which links 560 subscribers is used actively by the Centre and others to circulate information on activities related to planning.

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### The trouble with high-rise buildings

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Tower blocks in Oslo – madness or vital modernisation? Opinion divided.

#### *Enough tower blocks*

Several city politicians want to solve Oslo's chronic space shortage by putting up tower blocks. But NIBR researchers Lene Schmidt and Jon Guttu are not convinced. The uncertainties connected with a commitment like this are considerable, they say.

Teknisk Ukeblad, April 12th. 2003



# We study politics and administration in developing countries, particularly countries in South East Asia and Africa, but also in post-Communist states such as Russia and the Baltic countries

The environment and development research group studies politics and governance in developing countries, particularly countries in South East Asia and Africa, but also in post-Communist states such as Russia and the Baltic countries. Central themes are decentralisation, state-society relations, environmental and resource management, central and local public administration, democratisation and political participation, administrative reforms and social change. Many of our studies are comparative and qualitative. We also conduct formative process research on Norwegian development cooperation projects.

Principle research areas:

- State-society relations
- Management of the environment and natural resources
- Public administration / public services and decentralisation
- Democratisation, national and local political participation
- Political/administrative reforms promoting good governance, social change and development

## Informal networks and corruption in Central and Eastern Europe

At the end of 2002 NIBR received funding from the Research Council of Norway for a three-year project to study EU-conditionality, informal networks and corruption in the spheres of public procurement, political party funding, lobbying activities and the judiciary in the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Bulgaria and Romania. The project got under way in March 2003 and is a joint venture with the Centre for Social and Economic Strategies, Charles University, Prague, the Faculty of Police and Security Studies, University of Ljubljana, Vitosha Research, Sofia, and the Romanian Academic Society, Bucharest.

EU anti-corruption conditionality has not had the desired impact, neither in countries waiting for admission to EU (the Czech Republic and Slovenia) nor the EU-applicants (Bulgaria and Romania). There are several reasons for this, the major reasons being a prevailing 'culture of informality' as well as a general lack of political commitment to anti-corruption reform in these countries.

We have chosen to explore the relationship between informal networks and corruption in public bidding, funding of political parties, lobbying and the judiciary since it is here corruption poses a particular threat to democracy and transparency. NIBR hopes to add to the comparatively little

that is known about informal networks in the region because effective anti-corruption action is wholly dependent on such knowledge.

During late 2003 and early 2004, NIBR and its partners conducted 360 interviews with nine categories of elite actors in the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Bulgaria and Romania. Roundtable conferences are planned for each of the countries in the spring of 2004, where issues that have arisen during the interviews will be discussed. Quota-based opinion polls will be conducted with the same types of respondents in the autumn of 2004.

## Study of the World Bank Poverty Programme in Malawi

Since the end of the 1980s, the World Bank has been running an extensive programme to fund small infrastructure projects (wells, classrooms, road improvements) in rural areas in developing countries. The programme has been implemented outside normal government channels, apart from the involvement of local authorities. Local authorities approve the technical standards of the projects prior to implementation. The role of public authorities was restricted as they tend to lack sufficient capacity to implement projects of this nature.

The study found that the Malawi programme does benefit local people in

general. Their incomes grew in connection with road and other infrastructure works such as new classrooms and improved water supplies. Improvements came rapidly as well. But they are drops in the ocean in comparison with the amount of work needed to reduce poverty in the country. The study was unable to measure the long-term impact of the programme in the form of improved teaching facilities and improved access to water.

Aid programmes are increasingly recognizing that they have to reach the poorest of the poor. While the programme's distribution profile was satisfactory nationally and regionally, only certain sections of the local communities reaped the benefits from the improvements, and they were the groups with the most powerful chiefs. These chiefs were expert in lobbying for programme-funded projects for their communities. In twenty of twenty-six studied communities, over half of the projects went to one of the local council's five chiefs. This illustrates the power and continued influence of the system of chiefdoms in places where efforts are being expended to establish state institutions and advanced, bottom-up systems for popular participation.

The study was conducted by an independent team of researchers from the Centre for Social Research, Malawi, the Institute of Development Studies, UK and NIBR.

Anonymous monetary gifts to political parties are corruption, according to researcher.

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Corruption is far more widespread in Norway than most people imagine. Parliamentary parties dispute whether monetary gifts should be made public, when and which parts of the parties should be obliged to disclose their benefactors. Åse Grødeland, a researcher at NIBR, believes that anonymous gifts spell corruption.

Dagsavisen, December 11th. 2003

## Reforms and social processes of change in Vietnam: What happened in the fishing communities?

Industrial and economic reforms in Vietnam started as far back as the early 1980s. 1986 marked the official inauguration of Doi Moi – the central reform push. Vietnam has seen wide-ranging economic and social changes since then, but reform of the public sector centrally and locally has lagged behind.

Since 1997 NIBR has been working on several projects – mainly concerning processes of change in fisheries and fishing communities – alongside Vietnamese research institutes. These projects have mainly focused on change in fisheries and fishing communities.

Reforms in Vietnam lead to a dynamic development in the coastal areas with a rapid growth in production and export within the fisheries and marine aquaculture. From being organized as multifunctional cooperatives, coastal fisheries were transformed into small, household fishing holdings. The trade chain is well organized, it provides loan capital and market information for the fishermen. Coastal fisheries in Vietnam could be said to be driven by market forces. New market openings result in a higher rate of investment, often with credit from the trade chain, and rapid rises in fishery activity.

In addition to developing the coastal fleet, the Department of Fisheries has been funding an ocean-going fishing fleet development programme. Thus far, however, the programme has run into numerous difficulties, with the ocean-going fleet competing with the coastal fleet for the same fish resources.

The result is budding overfishing. Higher prices used to compensate the fishermen's smaller catches, but fishing communities along the coast are finding it increasingly difficult to get by. The present resource management structure is unable to meet these new demands. In November 2003, the Vietnamese Parliament approved a new fisheries act. Norway provided technical assistance during the bill's preparation, and will continue to do so in the drawing up of regulations and provisions. The civil service will need more capacity if it is to implement the act and monitor compliance.

These changes have not only affected the fisheries. Other coastal businesses are becoming increasingly lucrative. The tourist trade is growing rapidly and production capacity in the marine aquaculture business is expanding too. The popular committees and organizations retain their official status, but in terms of practical politics they need to work with the new players on the economic stage.

NIBR entered into a partnership in 2003 with the Centre for Applied Geography, Hanoi University of Education, with a view to analyzing three elements of these processes of change:

1. Migration, demographic growth and regional development in coastal areas;
2. Rights and access to coastal resources;
3. Role of local institutions and popular committees in social and business development and poverty alleviation.

This project builds on two earlier NIBR projects, one on the impact of economic reforms on Vietnamese fishing communities (1997–2004), the second on knowledge in fisheries management (KNOWFISH), an EU-INCO project (2002–2004).



Research director Arne Tesli



# Strategic institute programmes

NIBR's Strategic institute programmes, whose purpose is set out in NIBR's Strategic Plan, play a central role in NIBR's human resource development efforts and in promoting NIBR's international orientation. The programmes cover theoretical and empirical research and the interpretation and publication of findings. By supporting PhD projects – generally in connection with quite comprehensive projects – the strategic programmes also encourage competence-building at the individual level. Reinforcing relations with other institutes and network-building nationally and internationally are also priority areas. The annual basic allocation funds the programmes.

## Sustainable development – planning and management challenges

Since the concept of sustainable development was launched by the World Commission for Environment and Development, scientists, politicians and the public have delved its substance and arguments, its implications for policy design and practical politics, and its redistributive impact on present and future generations.

This programme addresses this international debate from the point of view of substance, scientific and methodological approaches and working practices. We aim to generate knowledge about the ecological, political, social and redistributive implications of the concept of sustainable development through the spatial/territorial perspective embraced in the 'urban and regional research' paradigm. Themes pursued within the programme include ecological/ environmental, social/welfare and redistributive/ generational aspects of sustainable development in light of political objectives, practical politics and natural imperatives.

The programme includes studies of, i.a.:

- Changing global and international frame conditions, driving forces and players and their effects on and consequences for policy in Norway aimed at promoting sustainable development at macro and micro levels.
- Factors and mechanisms facilitating sustainable management of natural resources and the environment, land use and preservation of biological diversity.
- Management capacity and mechanisms for sustainable development.
- Social and redistributive implications of mounting sustainability in development.
- Sustainable policies and practices and quality, use and implications of knowledge.

Arvid Strand chairs the programme.

## Environment and development – institutions promoting sustainable development

The aim of this programme has been to support NIBR's competence-building strategy in the areas of environment and development, especially as relates to the study of local and national natural resource management systems and regimes and the interplay between them. The programme studies connections between environmental and developmental concerns, public administration and management regimes.

Further issues relate to developing countries, especially Norway's main development cooperation partners and countries in Eastern Europe, where the emphasis is on cross-country comparison. The programme funds PhD research, and helps expand and maintain our connections with the Barents region, the Baltic States and Third World countries such as Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Vietnam, Zambia and Malawi.

Central themes are, i.a.:

- Institution-building and evaluation of civil service reforms.
- Management of common lands, natural resources and the environment.
- The development of terminology and methodology for development cooperation research.
- Living conditions in the North.

Arne Tesli chairs the programme.

## Regional and local community effects of and adaptive responses to climate change

The UN Climate Panel has published wide-ranging and powerful evidence to support the claim that human activity is the most important cause of global warming over the past fifty years. There is no doubt at all that the lengthy half-life of climate gasses and the slow reaction of the climatic system to mounting concentrations will spawn extremely long-term consequences. Even if emissions were stabilized at current levels, policies and measures that help society to *adapt* to the consequences of climate change require reliable knowledge now.

Climate research in Norway and globally has focused on the physics of climate change. Despite the many unsolved issues still in need of answers in this type of research, it is increasingly clear that the social sciences are lagging behind. Climate change will present society and people with new and largely unknown challenges. We need to understand how climate change will affect society and, not least, what action society can take in response to these processes of change.

This particular strategic institute programme aims primarily at developing internationally competitive expertise on research into the regional and local social impact of climate change and adaptive action taken regionally and locally in response to that impact. Climate change will present many different challenges and require different forms of response from different types of regions and local communities. Existing and newly established institutions will need to respond to the new challenges of climate change. Success depends on good analytical models and instruments for effect studies and studies of society's response to climate change.

In compliance with the conditions attached to the funding of the strategic institute programme, NIBR will conduct a coherent, interdisciplinary pilot study in one region in preparation for subsequent area studies in several Norwegian regions. The area studies will address issues and themes including:

1. Development of indicators to quantify climate effects to the extent possible;
2. Development of regional economic models which can link indicators of socio-economic development, climatic conditions and sustainable development;
3. Studies of the response of economic actors and individuals to climate change, including issues concerning the distributive aspects of climate concerns;
4. Studies of institutions in relation to climate change and what it necessitates in the way of political and administrative governance.

Other studies will include the regional dimension of Norwegian climate policy enactment and adherence to international climate treaties.

Terje Kleven chairs the programme.

## Joint institute programmes under ENVIRA

The Environmental Research Alliance of Norway brings together the resources of NIBR, NIVA (Norwegian Institute for Water Research), NILU (Norwegian Institute for Air Research), NINA (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research), NIKU (Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research) and Jordforsk (Centre for Soil and Environmental Research). NIBR is involved in two programmes under ENVIRA.

The first focuses on **Environmental impact assessments** and the need for more knowledge in this area in Norway. As it is a multi- and cross-disciplinary project, it provides an opportunity to develop and test methods of relevance to cultural heritage studies and the natural and social sciences. NIBR is the coordinating partner.

Key objectives of the programme are:

- To generate knowledge and build competence in EIAs within ENVIRA.
- To pave the way for qualitatively improved EIAs, among other things by upgrading theoretical knowledge and improving a methodology that facilitates the practical implementation of the precautionary principle.
- To strengthen the status of the EIA institution within environmental management and planning circles.

Arne Tesli is coordinator for the programme.

The programme **Watershed oriented management of large rivers** is a collaborative undertaking with NINA, NIVA and Jordforsk. NINA acts as coordinator. The aim of the programme is to improve and develop the knowledge base for a watershed based management of water courses in Norway. The knowledge acquired will help us design an ecosystem-based management regime based on the principles of sustainable development.

The programme's main tasks are:

- To improve our understanding of biological processes in large, complex drainage areas and the impact of various types exploitation.
- To generate knowledge of the environmental criteria users must comply with and conflicts arising from opposing interests in the large water systems.
- To recommend steps that promote sustainable development and an ecosystem-based management of large, complex water systems.

NIBR's representative on the programme's steering committee is Sissel Hovik.



# NIBR's international activity

NIBR works with a wide range of international institutes and bodies, and cross-border activity has grown in recent years, not least in areas concerning environmental, managerial, developmental and regional issues. The Institute is party to a number of projects and several specialists networks, among them the EU's European Co-operation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST), European Urban Research Association (EURA), OECD and the Joint Nordic Committee on Housing and Urban Research (NSBB). NIBR also collaborates with leading US and European researchers attached to Eurogang, a thematic network for comparative and multi-method research on violent youth groups.

NIBR is a member of the ESPON network together with research centres in twenty-nine different countries. The acronym stands for European Spatial Planning Observation Network. The programme is conducted under INTERREG III and aims at encouraging international collaboration within the EU. It is funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF).

NIBR is represented on a range of influential bodies, including Regional Science Association (RSA), UNESCO and European Urban Research Association (EURA).

Through its involvement in development studies, NIBR has established good working relations with a number of universities and research institutions in the Nordic countries, in Asia, Africa and Eastern and Central Europe.



**AFRICA**  
Projects involving several countries

- Social capital, local government and poverty reduction

**1** Ethiopia

- Country environmental analysis – institutional analysis
- Impact and implications of the work of Norwegian voluntary organizations

**2** Kenya

- Lake Victoria vision and strategy framework

**3** Malawi

- Malawi poverty alleviation sustainability review
- Business experience exchange programme

**4** Mali

- Decentralisation/education in Mali

**5** Mozambique

- Changes in local governance
- Citizens and local elections

**6** Tanzania

- Formative process research, Tanzania
- Lake Victoria vision and strategy framework
- Business experience exchange programme

**7** Uganda

- Lake Victoria vision and strategy framework

**8** Zambia

- Business experience exchange programme

## ASIA

**9** India

- India watershed development project

**10** Indonesia

- Environmental collaboration with Indonesia

**11** China

- Sino-Norway social policy forum

**12** Pakistan

- Pakistani democracy

**13** Sri Lanka

- Formative process research, MONDEP
- Alcohol and poverty, Sri Lanka
- Coastal zone plan, Hambantota
- Impact and implications of the work of Norwegian voluntary organizations

**14** Vietnam

- Fisheries' adaptation and marine resource management under impact of economic reform
- Knowledge base of fisheries management
- Building capacity for development research at the Research Centre for Applied Geography

## EUROPE

Projects involving several countries

- OECD territorial database
- The spatial effects of demographic trends and migration



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- The role, specific situation and potentials of urban areas as nodes in a polycentric development
- Panel of experts, Council of Europe
- European harmonised procedures for quantification of nutrient losses from diffuse sources
- Mid term evaluation of Interreg IIB North Sea Region programme
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NIBR's resource department is in charge of information and the Institute library.

## Reports, articles and other literature

The findings of most research projects are generally reported in one of NIBR's own publications. In 2003, NIBR published seventeen reports and twenty-six working papers. The working papers are published on the web only, and can be accessed at our website. All reports include English and Norwegian summaries. Informative leaflets are distributed in connection with the publications.

A considerable amount of literature from NIBR was published by others. Scientific peer-review journals printed eleven articles and other journals thirty-two articles by NIBR's scientific staff. In addition NIBR researchers either wrote or edited nineteen books and other project reports and provided nineteen contributions to anthologies, compendia and article collections.

Every year NIBR prepares an overview of published literature, ordered by subject matter. These lists can be accessed at our website at [www.nibr.no](http://www.nibr.no); follow the 'publications' link. It may also be ordered in print from NIBR.



## Regional trends

NIBR's Regional trends is a periodical focusing on a wide range of issues of regional research interest. The contributions derive from commissioned and self-financed projects. There were two editions of Regional trends in 2003. The Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development supports the issues financially. Annual subscriptions (two numbers) cost NOK 150 and can be ordered at NIBR. Separate editions are also available.



## NIBR aktuelt

NIBR aktuelt (NIBR news) provides up-to-the-minute information on current projects at the Institute. It was published twice in 2003. The first dealt with welfare studies and the second with international research. NIBR aktuelt is free and can be ordered from the Institute.



## Conferences

Conferences, national and international, are hubs of information exchange. NIBR's researchers attended seventy-five conferences and seminars at home, and delivered sixty-seven papers at conferences abroad.

NIBR also arranges conferences and seminars, the three most important in 2003 being the

1. Nordic Conference on Sustainable Urban Development, Oslo, 15-16 May 2003;
2. Network on Local Politics in Developing Countries. 2nd Annual Conference: Public Policies Meet Local Politics, Oslo, 21-22 October, 2003;
3. Politics and Poverty, Norwegian Association for Development Research (NFU) Annual Conference 2003, Oslo, 23-24 October, 2003.

## Public arrangements

**Academic Forum** is the name given by NIBR to its open seminars at which we address contemporary issues of relevance to research at NIBR. Seven such seminars were held in 2003 on the following issues:

1. Differentiated employers' social security contribution. Who should the grants go to?
2. Changing role for government. What sort of state are we heading for? What sort of state do we want?
3. Building and Planning Act Review Commission: a new act – and new practices?
4. Is the government a better proprietor than the county councils? The hospital reform in focus.
5. Municipal mergers: freely or by force? Reason or emotions?
6. On the lookout for the good life. Are the prevention programmes pointing us in the right direction?
7. Oslo – City of Knowledge. Research cluster with potential?

## NIBR gathering 2003

On November 12, 2003, clients, partners, colleagues and friends gathered at NIBR for the first of what we hope will become an annual event at the Institute. The event represents a social and professional opportunity to present important research in a congenial atmosphere. The topic for this year's gathering was Networks and Social Change, and was illuminated with four current Norwegian and international studies.

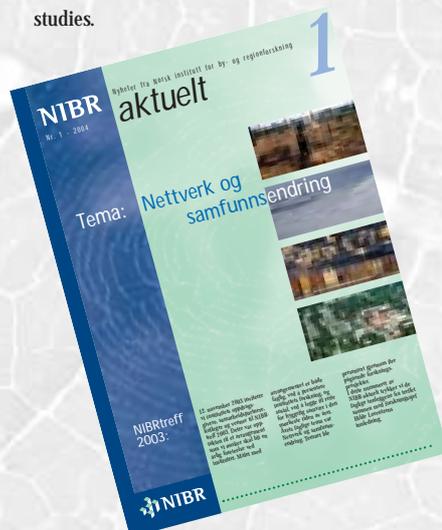
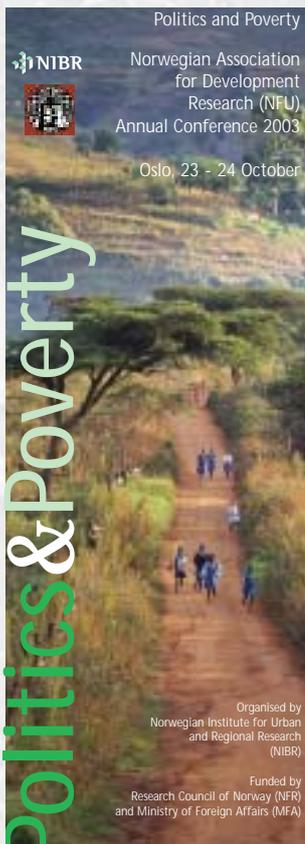
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NIBR's library houses 24,000 titles within the disciplines represented at the Institute. The library subscribes to about 180 journals and 12 newspapers.

An important part of the library's information and reference service involves searches or search assistance in bibliographic and other databases on the Internet. The library is party to syndicate agreements on access to ISI's citation databases Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Science Citation Index and finally the whole-text base Atekst for Norwegian newspapers.

Besides lending literature, the library copies articles in response to in-house and external orders. Many of this latter group are college and university students for whom our collections at NIBR provide valuable source material.

Collaboration with other libraries affiliated to the Environmental Research Alliance of Norway runs smoothly. ENVIRA is a consortium devised to make economies-of-scale savings regarding subscriptions on printed and electronic journals etc.



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