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Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research

Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR) is an independent social science research centre whose mission is to develop and publish research-based insights for the benefit of decision-makers in public and private institutions as well as for the general public.

NIBR's vision is to further develop urban and regional research as an inter- and multidisciplinary field of study with a global perspective, thereby strengthening the institute's position as one of the foremost Norwegian and leading European environments for urban and regional research.

Organisation

NIBR has sixty-five researchers who span the social sciences and planning disciplines: sociology, political science, economy, demography, anthropology, geography, architecture, engineering and land-use planning. 40% of NIBR's researchers have academic qualifications equivalent to PhD-level or higher.

NIBR is a private foundation. Most of its income is derived from national and international commissions. A smaller amount comes in the shape of an annual basic allocation from The Research Council of Norway and goes to the development of strategic programmes and competence-building. The institute's annual turnover is approx. NOK 65 million.

Clients

NIBR offers action-oriented, decision-support research and analyses for clients in the public and private sectors and competes for research contracts in Norway and abroad.

NIBR's major clients are The Research Council of Norway, Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Norwegian Agency for International Development Co-operation (Norad), Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Children and Family Affairs and the local government sector.

Research activities

NIBR's core competence is in urban and regional research. This is a wide inter- and multidisciplinary field of social science research, encompassing i.a.:

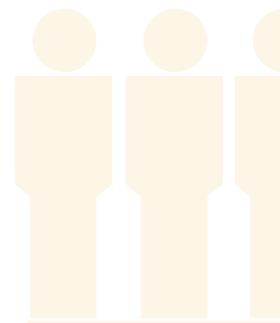
- analyses of social conditions and societal changes in urban and rural areas, and across regions, sectors and levels;
- analyses of regional development and innovation, housing and city planning and management, and the development of democracy and welfare within and across local communities;
- territorial analyses of society, coupled with studies of sustainable development

The research activities at NIBR are organised in four departments:

- Department for International Studies in Development, Transition and Migration
- Department for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies
- Department for Housing and Environmental Planning Research
- Department for Welfare, Democracy and Governance Research

NIBR's international relations are extensive, and our international commitments are growing steadily year on year. NIBR works with partners in each of the Nordic countries and the rest of Europe. NIBR's commitment to developmental research and research partnerships has resulted in institutional and research partnerships with several university and research centres in Asia, Africa, Eastern and Central Europe.

As one of Norway's environmental research establishments, NIBR uses its expertise in the social sciences to promote an integrated, knowledge-based approach to environmental challenges and issues associated with economic growth. NIBR is a member of the Environmental Alliance, a group of leading Norwegian environmental research establishments. NIBR is also a partner in the Oslo Centre for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Social Research (CIENS), a collaborative research partnership of independent research establishments and the University of Oslo. The centre is based on shared scientific strategies and research programmes; partners work together on research and information and reside in the same environmentally friendly building in the Research Park at Blindern in Oslo.



Waiting for a New Research Institute Policy...

Despite high productivity in 2007, a stable, robust economy continues to prove elusive for NIBR. One of the main reasons lies in the obscurity of the regulatory and policy environment under which independent institutes must operate and an unfair, government-regulated competitive environment. There is an acute need for an integrated, predictable policy for the non-university institute sector.

NIBR celebrated its fortieth anniversary in 2007. The Annual Report illustrates the breadth of NIBR's scientific output in the jubilee year. Our bids for new commissions were largely successful, with 190 commissioned projects at various stages of completion last year. The funding from the Research Council of Norway increased. More than 100 independent scientific works were published as articles, monographs, books, working papers and editions of our in-house series. We published two numbers of *Regional Trends* in a new edition. The results of NIBR's research were given wider publicity in 150 papers and lectures, and we collected more than 800 media items featuring NIBR during the year. We recruited many new staff in 2007, important to staff renewal. Nevertheless, the end-of-year balance shows a significant operating deficit. The most important factor here was the unanticipated increase in reported pension liabilities.

The Institute can handle these economic problems in the short term. But there is cause for concern over the longer term not for NIBR's professional standards or academic production, but the wider regulatory environment – constraints we share with most members of the Norwegian non-university institute sector. Many autonomous institutes like us are finding it difficult to maintain a robust, stable economy even in a situation of high productivity levels. The problems stem from two circumstances.

- Government policy has skewed competitiveness in the domestic and international contract market – which accounts for 80-90 per cent of our financial platform;
- Neither we, nor the authorities or other funding bodies know whether to classify the research institutes as players in the private market or as academic institutions with important social responsibilities.

Some examples might help to illustrate the situation. We calculate hourly rates in the same way as consultancies do – all items of expense are included (direct wage, social expenses, pension fund contribution, percentage

of administrative costs, percentage of operating costs in terms of premises and fixed assets, and capital costs, depreciation and amortization costs and capital wear). And as set out in the rules and directives, we are not allowed to take any part of the annual basic allocation to subsidise commissions. It is largely the basic grant – about 10 per cent of our turnover – which funds our purely academic ambitions. In addition, the basic grant must compensate funding shortfalls from EU projects (like the 7th Framework Programme, ERDF-funded commitments with national co-funding) and other international commissions (i.a. World Bank) whose hourly rates are simply too low. We are compelled at times to agree rates at about half our normal hourly rate.

Now similar regulatory and financial constraints provide a level playing field in competitive terms, and here we compete with other institutions and Norwegian and Nordic consultancies in a reasonably fair marketplace. The funding situation of institutes classified as administrative bodies with special powers is frequently of an entirely different order. In addition to this, certain essential costs are usually not included in those institutions' financial reports (office rent, pension liabilities).

We compete with universities and colleges for Research Council funding, and increasingly across a wider range of commissions. These bodies often use partial price estimates and seek to offset only supplementary costs – sometimes only wage and social costs – never the costs of capital wear or depreciation because items like these are not required under the accounting principles for the public sector. Competition is further skewed because the legislation provides for using the annual basic allocation to subsidise fundamental research if the university or college considers the project of sufficient interest.

Are research institutes social institutions or private firms? Some institutes, selected apparently on a random basis, were required last year to file a tax return so that the authorities could levy a capital tax. NIBR was one

of them, and we duly filed our tax return for the years 2004-6. As yet we have not received a tax bill. Capital taxation of research establishments is being discontinued in 2008, however, under a legislative amendment of December 2007. At the same time, the SINTEF verdict paves the way for the income of establishments designed to make a profit to be taxed; research institutes registered as foundations will consequently be treated as private sector limited companies in respect of taxation. This tax liability was later confirmed by the Minister of Finance in a letter to Parliament.

We often encounter both competitors and partners in Europe that operate as purely public establishments or institutions whose basic funding amounts to 50-80 per cent of their revenue, and which they are allowed to use to part-finance contract projects. When NIFU STEP (Norwegian Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education) carried out a comparison of the financing structures of institutes in various European countries, many of them, it was found, were far less transparent than comparable places in Norway. Further, “estimates of public allocations to research institutes show that Norwegian institutes receive a smaller proportion of public allocations than institutes in Denmark, the Netherlands, Sweden and Germany”. And to the Norwegian principle that forbids use of the basic funding to underwrite commissions, the 2004 report concludes dryly, “To the best of our knowledge, other countries do not impose similarly harsh restrictions in this area”.

What is nurtured is the client-supplier relationship between the research institutes and important clients like government departments and directorates. Informal flows of information may in many situations be considered in breach of the tender regulations. The contracts put in front of us usually concern the purchase of consultancy services to which is appended words to the effect that the “client” retains ownership rights to the material generated by the project, and determines the extent to which information shall be made known. This breaks with the research principle of public access to research findings. The service-procurement mentality of the government determines the budgetary constraints of each individual project, with little time for fundamental research or scholarly dissemination. In the longer term, it could undermine the ability of the institutes to deliver what the clients want, i.e., research-based, practical information, generated by state-of-the-art theory and method.



Jørn Rangnes
Director General

The last white paper on research (St.meld.nr.20 (2004-2005) *Vilje til forskning*), attempted several rudimentary analyses of the regulatory environment such as the impact of the shrinking annual basic allowance on competence building and competitiveness, and the competitiveness of Norwegian institutions relative to foreign. The problem, however, is the failure to get beyond these partial analyses. As a result, neither the white paper nor other initiatives – such as the Research Council’s report on a new financing system for the non-university institute sector – are translated into political and economic action. The government is about to re-examine the new funding system, but whatever the outcome, adjusting indicators and changing the weighting will simply not come close to solving the fundamental problems of the sector.

Committee members from two of the then opposition parties appended a clearly worded annotation to the research white paper.

“The committee members from the Socialist Left Party and Centre Party are of the opinion that an increasingly production-related mode of financing with ever sharper competition in the research sector is a route these parties would caution against. This may damage permanency and thereby the institutions, rather than strengthen them. It would be preferable, according to these members, to aim for a basic funding ratio of around a third for the non-university institute sector.”

The same members proposed a resolution. *“Parliament requests the Government to return with a revised financing arrangement that ensures stability over the longer term for Norwegian research institutes.”* That was back in spring 2005. We are now half way through 2008, and the parties of the members who tabled the resolution have been in power for two and a half years.

In early 2008, the Stjernø Commission recommended in their report a renewal of the higher education structure (NOU 2008:3). The non-university institute sector was not discussed in the report, nor in the Commission’s mandate. The subject was broached, however, and in the chapter on the future institution structure the commission writes:

“It is not the Commission’s business to discuss the non-university institute sector in Norway in general nor its funding and organisation. There is evidence of declining differentiation between the roles of the institutes, universities and university colleges within the research system, which could suggest the need for a closer investigation of the balance between the two sectors [...] One should avoid taking steps to align the institute and the university sectors more closely in the absence of a thorough analysis, and it would be advisable to wait until a new structure for the university sector is in place.”

Little more than this is said about the non-university institute sector, but the idea is important enough. Aligning the institute sector with institutions of higher education is, of course, important. But we cannot wait until every question connected with the higher education structure has been answered before the institute sector’s regulatory environment and roles are analysed in detail. There is an urgent need to assemble a coherent policy for the institute sector forthwith.

Given the prevailing conditions, there is reason to expect significant, non-controlled structural changes in the institute sector in the next five to ten years. The question is whether the Government wants to influence changes to the knowledge-generating sector in practice, or prefers an uncontrolled “shake-out”, the outcome of which is not necessarily the survival of the fittest or most important scientific centres. I am rash enough to keep on hoping that the Government will eventually set out a clear-sighted, coherent policy for the non-university sector founded on a practical understanding of the sector’s role and working conditions. But the time is running out.

Jørn Rangnes
Director General



NIBR's Board 2007

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The Research Council of Norway appoints the Board of NIBR on the basis of proposals from

Ministry of the Environment (2)
Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (1)
Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities (1)
The Research Council of Norway (1)
Two members are elected by NIBR's staff.

Statement of the Board 2007

The institute

NIBR is a national centre of applied research in the field of local and regional government and environment. The institute works internationally with issues related to the environment and development. NIBR's headquarters are in Oslo.

Status, performance and continued activity

As of ultimo 2007, NIBR has sufficient basis in its project portfolio, human resources and financial standing to continue to work and grow. Nevertheless, the board cannot dismiss the fact that the institute has found it difficult since the beginning of the century to achieve a stable, positive operating balance. This gives us cause for some concern. There was a satisfactory inflow of contracts in 2007, though with some variation across the various research groups. The institute's balance for 2007 is negative, NOK 4,661,285, of which NOK 3,364,817 accrued due to an extraordinary outlay on pension liabilities created by changes in the economic and demographic variables included in the pensions formulas.

Insofar as the tax authorities consider NIBR as a taxable entity, the institute has filed tax returns for the years 2004-06. The board is contesting the authorities' interpretation, and engaged legal counsel in 2006. NIBR has yet to receive the authorities' tax assessment for these years, but will file a tax return for 2007, nonetheless.

The financial statement is submitted under the assumption of continued activity.

Working environment

A Work Environment Committee of six persons including the Director General is in place. The committee convened four times in 2007 and is overseeing the Institute's internal control system with the annual review of the action plan. Sick leave in 2007 was 4.3 per cent. No work-related injuries or accidents were reported in 2007.

Equality

NIBR has worked over several years to encourage and promote good working conditions for both male and female staff. Female staff members were responsible for 46.9 per cent of labour productivity at NIBR in 2007. The proportion of females in executive management positions was 42.8 per cent in 2007, a ratio of 3:7.

External environment

Work at NIBR has no harmful effect on the external environment.

The following points are considered of importance when assessing NIBR's financial status and performance

NIBR's distributable equity fell to NOK 16.3 m as a consequence of the negative economic performance in 2007. Liquidity fluctuated widely across the year. NIBR's tangible fixed assets are largely tied up in investments in own property, cf. annual accounts, n. 12.

No provision has been made in the 2007 balance sheet for possible tax liabilities. Pensions charged against income in addition to contributions to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund (*Statens Pensjonskasse*) grew by NOK 3,364,817 in 2007, and pension liabilities were estimated as of 31 December 2007 to be NOK 4.43 m. Liabilities are estimated on the basis of actuarial principles and should be seen in relation to a simulated management of pension assets, that is, as if the assets were invested in long-term government bonds. There has been an insurance-based shortfall in the pension scheme since 2002; as of 31 December 2006, the shortfall was c. NOK 2.8 m. NIBR signed an agreement with the Norwegian Public Service Pensions Fund in 2004 to regulate the reimbursement of the shortfall over a fifteen-year period, beginning January 1 2004.

In 2005 and 2006, NOK 8,828,063 was invested in the Miljøforskningssenteret / CIENS eiendom ks/as. The figure is essentially an investment in the office space NIBR now occupies. During the construction period, CIENS eiendom created significant added value for Miljøforskningssenteret as. NIBR's share of this added value was recorded as income in the 2006 balance sheet.

Investments in tangible fixed assets amounted to NOK 1,003,368 in 2007, mainly in the form of computing equipment and furnishing for NIBR's new offices. Depreciation and amortisation expenses were NOK 830,368. Technological progress will, it is assumed, require significant investments in the years ahead.

NIBR's prospects remain favourable. Annual loss of NOK 4,661,285 is subtracted from equity.

Oslo, 17 June 2008

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Jørn Rangnes
Director General

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2007. Excerpts

All figures in NOK 1 000

OPERATING INCOME	2007	2006
Income from commissioned projects	25 346	31 575
Founding of research programmes	17 998	14 263
Annual basic allocations	19 444	11 567
National tasks	1 230	1 230
Sale of publications	192	198
Other operating income	1 003	505
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	65 212	59 338
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salary, wages and social security expenses	47 384	42 162
Expenses directly related to projects	12 285	8 998
Expenses relating to premises	5 082	3 088
Depreciation	830	526
Expenses related to information	1 028	487
Other operating expenses	3 406	2 577
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	70 016	57 838
OPERATING PROFIT	(4 804)	1 500
Profits financial items	142	2 441
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	(4 661)	3 941

BALANCE SHEET as of 31.12.2007

ASSETS	2007	2006
Fixed assets	15 005	13 227
Current assets	33 321	33 138
TOTAL ASSETS	48 326	46 365
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Issued equity	5 000	5 000
Accumulated equity	16 372	21 034
Pension liabilities	4 426	1 061
Current liabilities	22 528	19 270
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	48 326	46 365

FORMAL COMPETENCE	2005		2006		2007	
Total number of staff	68		75		72	
Research staff	56		63		60	
Research/person-years	52,8		56,4		58,3	
Research staff, PhD qualifications	19	34 %	23	37 %	22	37 %
Research staff, grade 1	10	18 %	13	21 %	14	23 %

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES	2005		2006		2007	
Articles in academic journals with referee / per researcher	14	0,22	12	0,19	26	0,43
Articles in other professional journals / per researcher	14	0,22	10	0,16	17	0,28
Books and anthologies	37		32		18	
Cronicles and reviews	29		26		27	
NIBR Reports	18		19		25	
NIBR Working Papers	39		38		17	
Papers prepared for academic conferences and seminars	58		45		38	

REVENUES BY SOURCE (ALL FIGURES IN NOK 1 000)	2005		2006		2007	
Annual basic allocation from the Research Council of Norway (NFR)	6 383	12 %	6 286	11 %	6 300	10 %
Strategic Institute Programmes from NFR	4 572	9 %	5 281	9 %	13 241	20 %
Research programs from NFR	13 264	25 %	9 314	16 %	14 210	22 %
Ministries and other government bodies	19 010	36 %	22 409	38 %	15 497	24 %
Counties and municipalities	3 122	6 %	3 988	7 %	3 216	5 %
International funding	5 778	11 %	4 578	8 %	4 259	7 %
Private sources and other operating revenues	1 065	2 %	591	1 %	483	0 %

	2005		2006		2007	
Total revenue	54 584		59 338		65 212	
Revenue per researcher	1 034		1 048		1 087	
Basic allocation per researcher	196		184		324	

Research at NIBR in 2007

Health

Much of NIBR's portfolio is dedicated to studies of health services and health policies. It is an important area of research for all of the four research departments, which work closely together within NIBR and with other national and international research centres.

Research concentrates on 1) policy-making, 2) organisation, management and coordination of policy between levels and sectors, and 3) health policy enactment. Many of the projects are evaluations of government policy implemented at lower government levels and of various local and international trials, measures and reforms.

Health research caters to a range of clients, including local councils, directorates, government departments, The Research Council of Norway and the EU. NIBR has drawn up a strategic institute programme with the theme "public health". The aim is to build specialist research competence on the design and impact of multi-sectoral preventative health programmes.

Non-governmental organisations

NIBR's International Department studies the performance of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) as vehicles of development assistance. We are concerned with how NGOs interact with local authorities and ensure the active involvement of recipients and members in planning, decision making and execution.

Over the past year we have completed several studies of NGOs in light of the government's development cooperation targets. In this connection we looked at the impact of separate projects, and analysed the contribution of Norwegian NGOs to policy targets in recipient countries. We assessed Norwegian NGOs' promotion of key political and social processes in the recipient countries. Whether their input is relevant or not tends to be decided by the success of the Norwegian organisations and their partners in gaining key positions in these processes.

Relations between Norwegian and foreign organisations was the starting point of some of these studies. We explored what Norwegian organisations bring to the partnerships, how the partnerships are configured and what can be done to ensure that they continue after the Norwegian organisations leave the scene. The partnership's dissolution must be planned in advance by the organisation. Partners in the recipient countries frequently expressed gratitude for the opportunity

provided by Norwegian organisations to define the pace and shape of projects and programmes.

We were also interested in how NGOs work with women, minorities and especially *vulnerable groups*. Expertise on work with groups the government neither prioritises nor reaches is often considered the forte of the NGOs. And this indeed, according to our findings, is precisely what they tend to do.

Quality of the built environment

NIBR has been studying the quality of our neighbourhoods along with the processes underlying the observable results for a long time. Taking as our starting point the policy of high density housing, we completed several studies in 2007 of the quality of new housing developments in some selected cities. Many of the housing projects investigated were characterised by small, poorly designed outdoor spaces, diminutive floor spaces, often accompanied by poor sunlight and daylight possibilities – despite the emphasis in local council policy documents on quality of the built environment and immediate surroundings.

We also studied universal design in old and new development projects. Universal design is a priority area, but has proved difficult to implement in housing developments, public buildings and public outdoor areas. We carried out cost-benefit assessments and studied the construction processes and developers' evaluations. We looked at local council policy documents and decision making in connection with new developments, and at how improvements could be made at all junctures of the process.

We began a developmental assignment in which we map qualities and characteristics of the housing stock in light of a distribution perspective. In 2007 we took further steps in this project by mapping the housing stock in the Grorud Valley.

Urban regions, competence bases and innovation policy

Economic globalisation and emergence of the knowledge economy increase regional exposure to competition. The regions respond by attempting to formulate an innovation policy that strengthens growth capacity and attractiveness. Conditions have so far stimulated innovation and consumer-related growth, particularly in major cities, often described as attractive and creative knowledge economy growth centres. In a country like Norway, with its special economic and habitation

structure, these changes present great challenges when it comes to achieving policy targets such as increased regional value creation in all parts of the country and balanced inter-regional growth. In addressing these challenges, it is often said, what one needs is an aggressive regional innovation policy able to adapt to the particularities of the various regions, particularly the many small and medium sized urban regions with their own speciality and opportunity structure in different parts of the country.

Urban Regions, Competence Bases and Innovation Policy (2006-09) is a Norwegian Research Council funded project (under the Demosreg Programme), the aim of which is to learn more about the particular features and advantages of small, medium-sized and large urban regions in terms of innovation and economic growth. Which factors accelerate/slow down innovation and job creation in the different regions? How should policy be designed to accommodate different regional conditions while at the same time facilitating national regional development policy goals? The project is still in the analytical phase, but various publications will appear in 2008-09 discussing these issues and the project's provisional findings and results. NIBR is working together with Agder University College and NIFU STEP (Norwegian Institute for Studies in Innovation, Research and Education), and an international group of experts and leading researchers in the field.

Local management of large protected areas

Several local councils were involved in a local management trial of large, newly established protected areas. The aim was to galvanise local support for conservation and achieve a better balance between use and conservation of natural resources. NIBR was in charge of the evaluation of local management of the Blåfjella – Skjærkerfjella National Park and Setesdal Vesthei – Ryfylkeheiane protected landscape. Local management accentuates economic growth and political involvement in management. The evaluations did not find evidence of increased support for conservation in the two areas. The municipalities tend to place fewer constraints on motor vehicles in protected areas and on minor developments than central environmental authorities like to see. Most of the dispensation applications related to minor interventions and presented no particular problem. It is the small number of difficult projects that give rise to controversy. The perennial opponents are on the one side advocates of resource use, and on the other the wild reindeer industry, Sami reindeer

industry and urban outdoor leisure and environmental interests. Each of the latter is a minority with little leverage to affect the local management of conservation areas. NIBR's evaluation recognises a need for management arrangements that give minority interests a real say in the management of conservation areas.

Regional and social impact of climate change

The strategic institute programme on the social impact of climate change ended in 2007 with the publication of the national survey of *climate change actions and attitudes in Norwegian municipalities*. Local authorities in Norway have done little to put in place measures, nor have many of them drafted a climate action plan. This in part can be explained by the lack of clear government guidelines. At the same time, two thirds of the mayors have revised their opinion on the climate change issue over the past five years, and increasingly believe climate change is a reality. The same proportion believe Norway should do more to reduce climate gas emissions.

In the sub-project *Climate and Justice* we explored attitudes of Norwegian and Chinese students towards environmental protection. The Chinese students displayed a strong will to protect the environment and wanted China to act to reduce climate gas emissions. Developed countries, they believed, had a responsibility to help developing countries economically to prepare for a changed climate.



NIBR's Research Departments

Department for Housing and Environmental Planning Research



The department's activities relate to studies of the Norwegian planning system and include the Centre for Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment. Central themes include studies of the Planning and Building Act as a policy instrument, and planning processes as a means of development. The municipality as a player and arena of social development is an important thread running through in our research. The department pursues studies in three core areas.

Environmental Planning Research

Over time, the department has built up a solid repertory of expertise in planning processes and the Planning and Building Act as a planning and policy instrument. This includes the development of methods, evaluation of planning as a policy vehicle, and challenges related to decision making processes, participation and democracy. The department also conducts analyses of land and resource management and nature-based business development, and explores relations between land use, outdoor recreation and public health.

Housing research

Within housing research we study performance in the housing and property market, and the impact of housing policy on the social and economic integration of vulnerable groups. We conduct studies of housing policy mechanisms and evaluations and studies of the small, but important rental sector in Norwegian municipalities. We analyse housing policy instruments, focusing in 2007 in particular on economic support arrangements. We explore housing standards and policy goals relating to matters such as densification, universal design and environmental building standards. We are also engaged in studies of sustainable housing and the connection between life style and housing consumption.

Urban development and place research

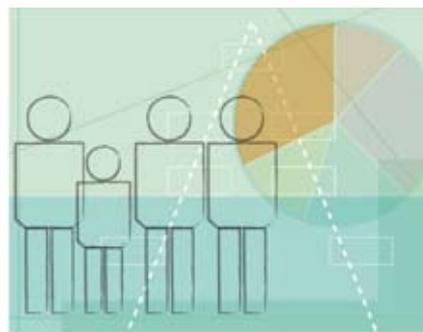
The department also works in the area of urban and semi-urban development. Place studies at NIBR explore the social, cultural and economic environment in small communities, small towns and peripheral zones around major cities. High-

lights of 2007 include the work we did to develop and test methods of socio-cultural place analysis which link place development and economic growth. We tested the method in various housing projects in the Grorud Valley in Oslo. Another important theme for the department is sustainable urban development. The department is a member of several national and international networks.

In 2007, the department hosted the 8th Nordic Environmental Social Research Conference (NESS), and a Nordic seminar on Nordic Cooperation in Housing Research (NSBB).

Dr. ing. Berit Nordabl is Research Director.

Department for Welfare, Democracy and Governance Research



The department's core competence stems from knowledge of the public sector's organisation, and how the latter impinges on political participation, governance, policy making and division of responsibilities and tasks. The department pursues these themes within a number of policy areas, particularly in the health and welfare, environment, housing and education sector.

The department addresses the academic challenges associated with studying politics, political processes and political debates. What we aim for is to align political issues with scientific perspectives so that research findings enhance both practical knowledge and scientific understanding. The department's research projects cover all stages of policy making and policy enactment and include empirical and normative analyses. One area of particular importance concerns democratic challenges to the political systems. We look at problems connected with different levels of government and apply both qualitative and quantitative analytical methods.

Research focuses largely on issues associated with the organisation of the public sector and how it affects in particular

- Political participation
- Governance

- Policy making
- Division of responsibilities and tasks in the public sector

Dr. polit. Hilde Lorentzen is Research Director.

Department for International Studies in Development, Transition and Migration



The department studies politics and forms of government in several countries in Africa, South and South-East Asia, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe and Latin America. We are particularly interested in the impact of reforms and measures targeting individuals and households at the regional and local level. Many projects are micro-studies, often comparative, and usually involve a multi-disciplinary team. The department's researchers are highly experienced in the study and evaluation of various forms of development cooperation and collaborative projects between Norwegian and foreign institutions and organisations. We work frequently with foreign centres of expertise on joint commissions.

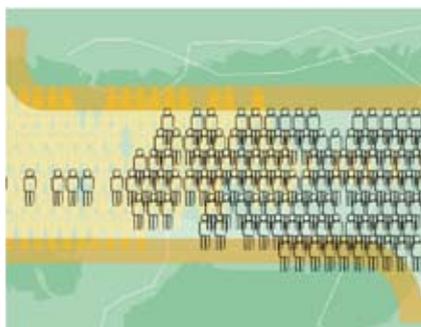
Research is closely aligned to activities in the other departments at NIBR. The department's knowledge of particular countries and core expertise link up with the specialist competence of the other research departments.

The department has the following core research areas:

- Decentralisation, government reforms and institutional analyses
- Research on civil society
- Poverty and vulnerable groups, marginalisation and exclusion mechanisms, gender and equality
- Distribution and social policy, regional policy and urban development
- Management of natural resources
- Conflicts

Dr. polit. Arne Tesli was Research Director.

Department for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies



The department carries out research and prepares reports for clients in Norway and abroad. Studies tend to concentrate on regions and the dynamics of regional growth and development. Regional development entails an interplay of political action and factors of an economic, social, demographic and environmental nature in a territorial perspective, including innovation and learning within and between enterprises. International activity includes analyses of social and territorial relations and developmental features in Europe and in other regions of the world.

The department also performs evaluations, perspective analyses and impact assessments of the territorial effects of social change and policies at various levels. We study welfare-related sectors, the economy of regional and local government, dispositions and economic aspects of the housing sector and housing market. We investigate the welfare and social policy field, often with a focus on living conditions, housing standards and political interventions for the eldest segment of the population and the permanently infirm.

Further studies highlight relations between nature and society. The leading concern here is the local and regional implications of climate change and relevant political strategies.

In recent years the department's project portfolio has included the following main research areas:

- Business, network and innovation analyses
- Analyses of national and regional economies and territorial effect studies
- Territories – integrated perspectives on regional development
- Welfare sectors, economy of the public sector and local government finances
- Demographic and socio-demographic studies
- Evaluations of regional policy and political cooperation at the regional level
- Living conditions of different segments of the population and associated challenges
- Service, centre and place analyses
- Living conditions and challenges affecting various segments of the population

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Strategic Institute Programmes

Funded over the annual basic allocation, the strategic institute programmes are an important part of NIBR's efforts to underpin academic excellence and develop our international profile within the institute's priority areas. Activities include theoretical and empirical studies while research findings are subject to detailed analysis and published as scientific articles. One of the main objectives of the institute programmes is to foster staff development and researcher training, especially in the field of PhD projects which generally take place in connection with comprehensive commissions. There is an emphasis on developing research networks and strengthening domestic and international research partnerships.

Regional and Local Effects of, and Adaptation to, Climate Change

The programme ended in 2007. Work in the final two years focused on four projects.

- *Trade in greenhouse gas emissions credits under the Kyoto Protocol: Local and regional implications.* The project sought to improve knowledge and understanding of the trading scheme in practice, the trade in emission credits and the political processes emerging in response to the trading scheme.
- *Municipal action on climate change* explored and analysed ongoing and planned action aimed at stemming greenhouse gas emissions and coping with projected changes.
- *Economic impacts of extreme weather – flood damage studies in the aftermath of extensive flooding in Nord-Trøndelag, autumn 2005.*
- *Climate change and social justice* looked at attitudes of young adults in Norway and China to procedural and distributive justice in connection with action on climate.

Senior Researcher Geir Orderud leads the programme.

Public Health

The programme brings together researchers from welfare, planning and governance studies. The programme started in 2006 and will end in 2010. The main question concerns the ability of the planning system to promote/obstruct somatic and mental health in the population as a whole and in specific groups. Special projects are currently investigating the organisation of public health services by local authorities and evaluating public health in planning and planning processes. We are also studying the environment and sustainability as aspects of public health planning and how health and social sector know-

ledge is incorporated in plans following a tightening of regulations on transparency. Ethical and political dilemmas encountered in preventative work in a historical perspective are also a field of study.

Senior Researcher Guri Mette Vestby leads the programme.

Foresight for Regional Planning and Sustainable Regional Development

The strategic institute programme *Foresight for Regional Planning and Sustainable Regional Development* started in 2006 and is due to end in 2010. The aim is to understand better the challenges and opportunities inherent in the foresight methodology at the regional level and consolidate NIBR's position as a national centre of relevance to potential clients. "Foresight" stands for forward-looking processes based on broad participation and a combination of scenario building and coordination.

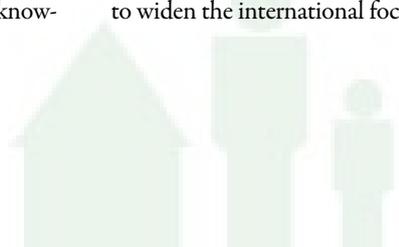
NIBR and the Research Council of Norway arranged a conference on foresight in 2007. Attended by about 120 participants, mainly from county councils, the research and education sector and central government, the programme included group work and presentations by experts from PREST at the Manchester Business School, among others.

Senior Researcher Jan Erling Klausen leads the programme.

Strategic Block Grant from Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

NIBR receives a strategic block grant from the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development that goes to funding competence building in the development of economic models and databases at the regional level, municipal organisation data, housing research, migration analyses and research dissemination. The grant is also earmarked for knowledge exchange and scientific dialogue between NIBR and the Ministry. The programme began in late 2006.

In 2007, the development programme for housing research concentrated on 1) the role of local government in housing policy, 2) migration and housing policy challenges, 3) information on housing markets and relations between market and authorities, and 4) new housing developments: planning, standards and cost allocation. NIBR is conducting studies within each of these areas, and the programme has given us an opportunity to develop a thematic platform at the end of each project and to widen the international focus of our housing research.



Joint Institute Programmes with members of the Environmental Alliance

NINA (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research) heads *Nature 2020+*, a strategic institute programme between NIBR, NIKU (Norwegian Institute for Cultural Heritage Research), CICERO (Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research), NIVA (Norwegian Institute for Water Research) and NILU (Norwegian Institute for Air Research). The programme performs scenario-based foresight studies for biological and socio-cultural components in connection with the entire Glomma watershed area. A scenario/foresight approach highlights specific change factors and how they could affect different ecosystems. In addition to ecological conditions, the programme will look at social, cultural and political factors and their overall implications for the Glomma watershed area. The programme commenced in 2006 and continues until 2010.

Researcher Kjell Harvold represents NIBR on the programme's steering committee.

The strategic institute programme *Adapting to Extreme Weather in Municipalities* brings together the natural and social sciences under a research programme on the impact of extreme weather events on the environment and local communities and what local councils are doing in preparation. On the basis of data, we will work out procedures for systematising municipal efforts. This joint project involves CICERO, NIBR, NIVA, Bioforsk, NIKU, NILU and NINA. CICERO is lead project partner.

Senior Researcher Geir Orderud represents NIBR on the programme's steering committee.

NIBR is partnering NINA and NIKU on the strategic institute programme *Changing Patterns of Outdoor Recreation*. NINA is programme coordinator while NIBR is responsible for the sub-project *Outdoor Recreation and Land Management*, which focuses on peri-urban outdoor recreation, especially in coastal areas, peri-urban woodlands and continuous corridors. We show how the public use these areas and the ability of different mechanisms to preserve the areas for public recreation. Kristiansand and Bodø were chosen as case-study municipalities, and the programme's results will be published in 2008.

Researcher Knut Bjørn Stokke leads the sub-project and represents NIBR on the programme's steering committee.

NIKU is lead partner on the programme *Cultural Monuments and Cultural Environments along the Coast and Integrated Coastal Management*. NIBR, NINA and Bioforsk are project partners. The programme aims to generate knowledge and facilitate understanding of cultural monuments and cultural milieu as elements of integrated coastal management. Knowledge in this area is fragmentary and totally inadequate as a practical planning tool and decision making background. An important part of the programme is the study of local knowledge and opinions of the importance of cultural monuments and cultural milieu, and how planning and decision making authorities manage to balance various interests.

Researcher Ragnhild Skogheim is NIBR's project leader for the programme.

Interdepartmental Programmes

Interdepartmental programmes at NIBR are strategic undertakings involving more than one research department. They organise and promote competence building in areas defined by the implicated departments. Work under the interdepartmental programmes strengthens and profiles NIBR as a centre of excellence in these areas. In 2007, the institute had four interdepartmental programmes in operation:

- Migration and integration research
- Place Research
- Governance
- Comparative Territorial Research in the European/OECD area

Migration and Integration Research (MIR)

Migration and integration studies (MIR) is a multi-disciplinary field involving more than fifteen researchers and several research projects at NIBR. Migration and integration processes are of increasing importance in several areas of society. The priority area offers an opportunity to consolidate expertise at NIBR on international migration processes, and integration of immigrants and their descendants in Norwegian society. Researchers represent a wide diversity of experience and disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, political science, economy and planning. Work focuses in particular on

- Transnational networks, migration and relations between sender and receiver countries
- Demographic developments and regional differences
- Integration and segregation, particularly in the housing market
- Public and private services and actions – issues concerning discrimination and rights
- Changes in Norwegian society resulting from immigration and greater ethnic and cultural complexity

The programme is led by a core group consisting of Nora Gotaas (coordinator), Susanne Søholt, Arne Tesli and Aadne Aasland.

Place Research

Applied research promoting an integrated approach to place and economic development underlies the various place research projects in which NIBR is involved on the place research front. These studies explore issues related to local place identity, reputation and image as well. Efforts are directed at developing methodologies and refining analytical tools. A guide to socio-cultural place analysis has been drafted. NIBR's commissions for local and regional authorities frequently touch on one or more of the main modules of place research:

- Place identity and image building
- Process analysis of place development
- Habitation, migration and sense of belonging
- Place and economic development
- Place as physical environment

Programme coordinator is Senior Researcher Guri Mette Vestby.

Governance

This programme seeks to strengthen NIBR's place as a leading national centre of governance research. Both within a Norwegian and a European setting, policy coordination by network governance is increasingly emphasised where hierarchical government by public institutions was the conventional approach. Public authorities are not necessarily playing a less significant role, but they are assuming new ones, acting increasingly as initiators, coordinators and members of networks. Generally referred to as a movement from *government* to *governance*, there is a growing need for studies of changing forms of social governance and coordination. In the business community and private sector new network and partnership-based forms of coordination are emerging, as interest in 'corporate governance' grows. The study of governance involves several areas of the social sciences, including legitimacy, democratic participation, social efficiency and political control. The programme allows researchers to study governance across disciplines, departments and empirical fields of interest.

NIBR's governance research covers a wide range of policy areas, but can be situated within the following main themes:

- Local democracy and governmental challenges
- Multilevel governance
- Promoting democracy in the South and East – governmental challenges
- Regional development and governmental challenges

The programme is coordinated by Researcher Gro Sandkjær Hanssen.

Comparative Territorial Research in the European/OECD area

The purpose of this interdepartmental programme is to promote studies of territorial and developmental patterns in Europe and the OECD area, while securing a lead position for NIBR in comparative territorial research. The rate of globalisation, integration in Europe and, not least, EU expansion in Eastern and Central Europe, makes it even more urgent to study European processes of change and Norway's role in Europe. Studies under the programme include territorial impacts of social change in various areas and the effect of sector policies. Central programme themes are

- Territorial potential for growth and territorial imbalance – competitiveness and cohesion
- Knowledge economy and regional assets – the appeal of cities and regions
- Sustainable regional development
- Development of rural and territorial indicators and analyses

The programme is coordinated by Senior Researcher Ove Langeland.

International Activity

NIBR enjoys relations with many organisations and bodies, and its international connections and commissions have grown steadily in recent years. NIBR has partners in each of the Nordic countries and in several European countries. NIBR's commitment to development research and research collaboration has resulted in collaborative ventures with several universities and research centres in Asia, Africa, Eastern and Central Europe.

When carrying out concrete projects, we build on a combination of country-specific knowledge, multi-disciplinary social science and intimate knowledge of Norwegian conditions. Many projects are conducted in the field – at the local level as contextualised micro-studies. In countries where we are running multi-year projects, we work closely with local research centres. Essential components of NIBR's international work are reciprocal knowledge exchange, competence and institution building.

NIBR's international research commitment covers the following areas:

- Economic and demographic processes at the regional level and regional impact of public policy and socio-economic change
- Regional inequality, migration, housing and urban development and ethnic relations
- Poverty and vulnerable groups, marginalisation and exclusion processes, gender and equality, conflict
- Decentralisation, government reforms and institutional analysis
- Civil society, relations between public institutions and civil society
- Socio-economic growth and change, distribution and social policy
- Relations between environmental protection, natural resource management, social change and the climate
- 'The Nordic Model' – international dialogue and research collaboration on socio-economic measures and mechanisms

NIBR's research staff possesses wide-ranging knowledge of regions and countries, including

- EU and the OECD area
- Western Balkan states
- Central Europe and the Baltic states
- Russia
- Eastern and Southern Africa
- Horn of Africa and Middle East
- Latin America
- South, South-East and East Asia

The partnership agreement with Norad has been a mainstay of NIBR's international research portfolio since 1994. It was replaced in 2005 by a three-year framework agreement. In addition to projects under the agreement, NIBR was involved in several comprehensive projects funded by Norad, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, various embassies and The Research Council of Norway.

Civil Society

NIBR was involved in several evaluations and research commissions looking at various aspects of NGOs' work in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. The projects entailed studies of NGOs as development cooperation policy vehicles and the results of channelling Norwegian aid through NGOs with regard to recipients, organisations and institutions in partner countries. The following projects are completed:

- Review of aid to South America channelled through Norwegian NGOs
- Evaluation of development cooperation between Norwegian NGOs in Guatemala
- Organisational review of FOKUS, an umbrella organisation for Norwegian organisations working to encourage women to get organised and projects aimed at women
- Collaboration between foreign aid organisations and Sri Lankan institutions providing assistance in the aftermath of the December 2004 tsunami
- Out-phasing strategies for international projects of the Royal Norwegian Society for Rural Development (Norges Vel)
- Collaboration with CARE on formulating a strategy for their work with women
- Evaluation of the indigenous people's organisation AEPDI in Guatemala
- Evaluation of the Norwegian-Russian project supported via the Barents Secretariat 2002-06

Decentralisation, Government Reforms and Institutional Analysis

The point of departure of these studies is the manner in which new measures and reforms are enacted by national and local institutions, and the effect on performance of institutional factors:

- Collaborative research venture with the Hanoi University of Education on the role of local government in poverty alleviation and resource management in coastal communities in Vietnam
- Collaborative research venture with the Centre for International Health Studies, University of Bergen on implementation of effective local HIV/AIDS programmes. The project is being conducted in

collaboration with the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and University of Malawi.

- System of government, natural resource management and the environment: a review of the Norwegian environment programme in Tanzania
- Evaluation of inter-municipal collaboration between Kristiansand City Council and Walvis Bay (Namibia) – for the Norwegian Association of Local Authorities
- Evaluation of Russian–Norwegian healthcare and social work collaboration, 2002–06, for the Ministry of Health and Care Services
- Informal relations and corruption in post-conflict states in the Western Balkan, in collaboration with Argument (Serbia), Pro Media (Macedonia) and Prism Research (Bosnia-Herzegovina)
- (Re-)integration of the Ukraine in Europe, in collaboration with Universität Wien

Poverty and Vulnerable Groups, Marginalisation and Exclusion Processes

These studies address marginalised and excluded groups and analyse the causes of poverty and exclusion and how various measures such as land reform, access to information technology and housing can promote inclusion:

- Success criteria for redistribution of land in South Africa, in collaboration with University of Kwazulu Natal
- ICT and poverty: a local approach, conducted in collaboration with University of Kwazulu Natal
- Land reforms, trust and traditional rights in Malawi, joint project with Bunda College, University of Malawi
- Social exclusion and nation building in Nepal, in collaboration with the Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu
- Critical housing areas in cities. A comparative study of Portugal and Norway
- Friends and Enemies, a study of the conflict in Somalia, in collaboration with the University of Mogadishu and University of Bath

Under these different areas, NIBR addresses issues affecting *women and equality*, the *environment* and countries in *conflict* in the present or at war recently. Conditions for and rights of ethnic minorities is another field in which NIBR increased its inter-departmental commitment in 2007. In addition to these research projects, NIBR conducted several evaluations and participated in capacity building programmes, particularly in connection with environmental impact assessments.

NIBR's international commitment in the *healthcare sector* grew significantly in 2007, both in terms of research and evaluations. NIBR's focus here is on institutional challenges arising from HIV/AIDS as an international priority area.

NIBR strengthened connections with various research communities in Latin America during 2007 as a result of research and evaluation activity. In 2007, NIBR completed a pilot project aimed at developing collaborative relations with research centres in Thailand on issues concerning regional development and consolidation of decentralised government. NIBR is developing a partnership with the Governance Institutions Network International (GINI), Islamabad and National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), Pakistan.

Our collaboration with the China Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD) progressed further in 2007. In December 2007, NIBR and CIRD arranged a comprehensive conference on *China's Comprehensive Rural Reform in the New Stage*. NIBR is working together with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and OECD on a project to establish regional classification systems and regional indicators in China. As a partner in the Oslo Centre for Interdisciplinary and Environmental and Social Research (CIENS), NIBR helped found the SINO-Norwegian Centre for Interdisciplinary Environmental Research (SINCIERE) with the University of Oslo and Chinese Academy of Science.

NIBR completed a study on behalf of the Arriyadh Development Authority in close cooperation with the King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. The study focuses on demographic trends, migration, unemployment and poverty.

NIBR is an active contributor to the European research project ESPON (2002–06, 2007–13), comprising now a total of 31 European nations. NIBR is a partner in several joint projects, co-host of large international seminars, and national ESPON representative in Norway. The institute has, moreover, been a contributor (since 1992) to OECD work on territorial indicators and regional analysis, including peer reviews and benchmarking in the regional policy field through membership of the OECD Working Party on Territorial Indicators and its predecessor, the OECD Steering Group on Rural Indicators. NIBR is also involved in projects under the Sixth EU Framework Programme.

NIBR is a member of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) and one of the executive members of EADI's Working Group on Urban Governance.

NIBR is also party to a network dedicated to migration studies in the Baltic Sea region in collaboration with Fafo Institute for Applied Social Science and the Centre for Migration Research, Poland. NIBR researchers also participate in a HIV/AIDS network focusing on North-West Russia.

Information and Dissemination

NIBR is under a statutory responsibility to present research findings in a comprehensible and useful manner. The researchers participate in public debates insofar as they pertain to the institute's research. NIBR seeks to balance information directed at the general public, clients, the media and users, and national and international journals.

Information is the responsibility of NIBR's resource department, of which NIBR's library is a part.

Reports, Articles and other Publications

Most research projects are reported in one or more of NIBR's own publications. In 2007, 22 reports, 17 working papers and 4 joint reports were published. Reports and joint reports are issued in print, but the working papers are published electronically, and can be accessed from our homepage. While NIBR reports and joint reports have summaries in English and Norwegian, working papers come with a summary in Norwegian only.

In addition to NIBR's in-house publications, scientific staff published widely: 18 articles appeared in peer reviewed journals and 22 in other professional journals, compendia and digests. Staff members wrote/edited 10 books or project reports in other formats, they contributed to 8 anthologies and 3 scientific monographs. Twenty-seven feature articles appeared in periodicals and dailies, together with book reviews, opinions etc.

Information on pending reports is sent to relevant contact persons. Every year the institute updates its thematically organised publications list which goes back several years. It is published at www.nibr.no (click on *Publisering*). A printed version can be ordered from the institute.

Regional Trends

NIBR publishes *Regional Trends*, a journal dedicated to regional research. In 2007, a peer review system was established for the journal. Publications are supported economically by the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development. *Regional Trends* appeared twice in 2007. Copies are also available at www.nibr.no, complete or as separate articles.

Academic Conferences

National and international conferences provide a unique opportunity to publicise research results and analyses. NIBR's scientific staff read 38 papers at inter-

national and national conferences in 2007, gave 103 lectures and presentations at other Norwegian and international seminars and conferences.

NIBR hosts and co-hosts conferences and seminars as well. NIBR organised alone or jointly the following arrangements in 2007:

- China's Comprehensive Rural Reform in the New Stage
- Borderless: Housing and urban development in the Nordic countries
- Regional Foresight Conference. New mechanisms for strategy processes
- The 8th Nordic Environmental Social Science Research Conference (8th NESS)
- Local Authority Planning in Change

Open research seminars:

- *Bill Miller*: Multicultural Nationalism – A Scottish Perspective
- *Marina Kurkchiyan*: Can Corporate Social Responsibility replace Law at the Supply End?

Academic Meetings

Academic Forum is a seminar for informed debate on topical issues of concern to research at NIBR.

Four seminars were held in 2007:

- The regions: What should they do, and how many should there be?
- Transfer and Adaptation of the Nordic Model to Developing Countries
- Strategies against homelessness. From government to governance
- Low density housing in an age of centralisation and urbanisation

2007 saw the institute reach 40, an event that was marked with a special arrangement. The papers read dealt with:

- *Urban and Regional Research – NIBR's contribution in the future*. Anne Kjersti Fahlvik, Executive Director for the Division for Strategic Priorities, The Research Council of Norway
- *Government without borders*. Professor Eva Sørensen, Centre for Democratic Network Governance, University of Roskilde
- *Global perspectives on the environment and growth*. Professor Katarina Eckerberg, Deputy Director, Stockholm Environment Institute

- *Norway 1967–2007. 40 years on the move.*
Researcher Kjetil Sørli, NIBR
- *NIBR 1967–2007. Has the institute made a difference?*
Senior Lecturer Paul Olav Berg, Bodø Graduate
School of Business, Nordland Research Institute

NIBR's Library

NIBR has a well-stocked library of literature pertaining to activities at the institute. At the last count there were 23,000 volumes, and the library subscribed to 180 periodicals and twelve newspapers.

A large and important part of the library's work is to facilitate searches in databases of electronic journals, newspapers and other sources of information on the Internet. The library is party to the Norwegian Archive, Library and Museum Authority's consortia agreements on access to ISI Web of Science and the whole-text base Atekst for Norwegian newspapers.

In addition to conventional lending services, the library provides copies of articles, generally for staff at NIBR, sometimes for others. Many of the latter are college and university students visiting the library in person to make use of its resources.

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NIBR Publications

Most NIBR Reports and Working Papers are published in Norwegian, but NIBR Reports have summaries in English.

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Subsidy model within the framework of the housing grant

An evaluation of the revised model
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Svalbard: Society and industrial affairs 2007

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A view from five districts in Sri Lanka
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A study of three counties
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Homeless in small and medium sized municipalities
Strategies to prevent and combat homelessness
NIBR Report 2007:8

Holm-Hansen, Jørn, Thomas Haaland and Trine M. Myrvold

Multi-cultural child welfare
A review of the research literature
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Holm-Hansen, Jørn, Aadne Aasland and Larisa S. Malik

Health and Social Affairs in Norway and Russia
The cooperation evaluated
NIBR Report 2007:20

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Densification, planning and housing standards in new urban housing
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Presentert på Norsk pensjonistforbunds landsmøte, Oslo 6.6.2007

Brevik, Ivar

Normalisering i revers? Bo- og tjenestesituasjonen 10 år etter reformen
Presentert på Høringskonferanse om utviklingshemmedes levekår 16 år etter reformen, arrangert av Statens råd for funksjonshemmede, Oslo 24.9.2007

Brevik, Ivar

Utvikling og status i Oslos, storbyenes og landets eldreomsorg. Videreutdanning i aldring og eldreomsorg
Presentert på Diakonhjemmets høgskole i Oslo, Oslo 16.10.2007

Brevik, Ivar

Der tida står stille – utvikling og status i Oslos eldreomsorg
Presentert på Fylkeskonferanse om framtidige omsorgsutfordringer, arrangert av Fylkesmannen i Oslo og Akershus, Sundvollen 17.-18.10.2007

Brevik, Ivar

Utviklingshemmedes bo- og tjenestetilbud 10 år etter HVPU-reformen
Presentert på «Veier til egen bolig»:
Norsk forbund for utviklingshemmedes boligkonferanse ved NFUs 40-årsjubileum, Gardermoen 12.-13.11.2007

Brevik, Ivar

Med arbeidsmoralisme i kamp mot fattigdom
Presentert på Nasjonal konferanse: Et meningsfylt liv? Arbeid, velferd og inkludering – også for rusmiddelavhengige, arrangert av Fagrådet innen rusfeltet i Norge, Oslo 14.-15.11.2007

Brevik, Ivar

Utviklingshemmedes bo- og tjenestesituasjon 10 år etter reformen. Er målene i reformen nådd eller satt i revers?
Presentert på konferanse om utviklingshemmede, arrangert av Fylkesmannen i Sør-Trøndelag, Røros 19.-20.11.2007

Dyb, Evelyn

Housing and homelessness after release from prison
Presentert på Staff seminar, arrangert av Department of Applied Social Sciences, University of Sterling, Sterling, Skottland, 6.3.2007

Dyb, Evelyn

Homelessness in the Nordic and Baltic states
Presentert på Nordplus konferanse, arrangert av Institutt for samfunnsgeografi, Universitetet i Bergen, Bergen 13.-14.4.2007

Dyb, Evelyn

Bostedsløses bruk av det offentlige rommet
Presentert på fagseminar for Oppsøkende tjeneste, Oslo kommune, Oslo 28.8.2007

Dyb, Evelyn

Strategier mot bostedsløshet. Fra government til governance?
Presentert på Faglig forum, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 19.9.2007

Falleth, Eva Irene

Styringsformer i byutvikling: fra deltagelse som aktivum i government til deltagelse som strategi i governance
Presentert på konferansen Doing governance research, arrangert av NIBR, Høgskolen i Bodø og Norges forskningsråd, Oslo 22.5.2007

Falleth, Eva Irene

Styringsformer i byutvikling: fra deltagelse som aktivum i government til deltagelse som strategi i governance
Presentert på programsamling arrangert av Norges forskningsråd, Oslo 18.9.2007

Gotaas, Nora

Presentasjon av evalueringsrapport «Rocka stabilitet»
Presentert på seminar og konsert for presentasjon av prosjektet «Musikk i fengsel og frihet», arrangert av Musikkens studieforbund/ Oslo fengsel, Oslo 29.3.2007

Gotaas, Nora

Presentasjon av evalueringsrapport «Rocka stabilitet»
Presentert på samling for fylkesavdelinger i Musikkens studieforbund, Oslo 16.8.2007

Grødeland, Åse Berit

Corruption in Ukraine
Presentert konferanse arrangert av Universitetet i Wien, Wien, Østerrike 18.-20.10.2007

Guttu, Jon

Kvalitetskrav
Presentert på seminar om knutepunktutvikling, arrangert av Byutviklingskomiteén i Oslo kommune, Oslo 4.1.2007

Guttu, Jon

Kritiske kommentarer fra forskningen
Presentert på seminaret Grønne tak, arrangert av Arkitektur- og designhøgskolen i Oslo, Oslo 18.1.2007

Guttu, Jon

Arkitekturkritikk i media
Presentert på konferanse om arkitekturkritikk i media, arrangert av Norsk Form, Oslo 22.5.2007

Guttu, Jon

Pilotarbeid for miljøvennlig byutvikling: Erfaringer og anbefalinger til staten, kommuner og næringsliv
Presentert på Framtidens byer: Klima- og miljøvennlig byutvikling, arrangert av Miljøverndepartementet, Oslo 19.6.2007

Guttu, Jon

Bebyggelsesplanen
Presentert på Boligplanlegging i småhusområder, arrangert av Husbanken og Hageselskapet, Arendal 27.8.2007

Guttu, Jon

Boligplanlegging i byområder
Presentert på seminar om boligplanlegging i tett by, arrangert av Husbanken og Hageselskapet, Oslo 11.9.2007

Guttu, Jon

Kritisk blick på boligutstillinger
Presentert på konferansen Norske boligutstillinger, arrangert av Norsk forening for bolig- og byplanlegging, Oslo 16.10.2007

Hansen, Stig Jarle

Chair for et panel om 'Islam's bloody borders?' på Political Studies Association Annual Conference, Bath, England 11.-13.4.2007

Hanssen, Gro Sandkjær

Bidrar IKT til å styrke lokalpolitikeren – gjennom bedret informasjonstilgang og økt innbyggerkontakt?
Presentert på konferansen Lokalt e-demokrati – forventninger og praksis, arrangert av NIBR, Institutt for medier og kommunikasjon ved Universitetet i Oslo og Høgskolen i Oslo, Oslo 15.3.2007

Harvold, Kjell

Tilbake til naturen?
Presentert på seminar om spredt boligbygging i norske kommuner, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 12.3.2007

Harvold, Kjell

Spredt boligbygging
Presentert på Faglig forum om spredt boligbygging i sentraliseringens og urbanismens tid, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 21.11.2007

Helgesen, Marit Kristine

Hva forskningen sier om brukermedvirkning
Presentert på Statuskonferanse: brukermedvirkning innen psykisk helse – det enkle og det vanskelige, arrangert av Faglig forum Bærum, Sandvika 4.6.2007

Heløe, Leif Arne

Forvaltningsreformen: Hva blir det til?
foredrag på møte arrangert av Fylkesmannen i Nord-Trøndelag og KS, Steinkjer 4.1.2007

Heløe, Leif Arne

Forvaltningsreformen: Liv laga?, foredrag for Høyres fylkestingskandidater, Oslo 19.1.2007

Heløe, Leif Arne

Kommunehelsetjenesten som plattform for folkehelsearbeidet, innlegg på seminar ved Institutt for samfunnsmedisin, Universitetet i Oslo, Oslo 23.5.2007

Hofstad, Hege og Terje Kleven

Konferansierer med små faglig-historiske innlegg mellom foredragene på NIBRs 40 års jubileum, Oslo 19.4.2007

Holm-Hansen, Jørn

Countries in Transition: Recent Developments in Eastern and Central Europe
Presentert på konferansen Scholarship funds under the EEA financial mechanism system: Mobility and academic co-operation between Norway and the new members, organisert av SIU, Bergen 31.1.2007

Holm-Hansen, Jørn

Sem'ia kak reintegratsiia detei zhivushchikh v uchrezhdeniakh razlichnogo tipa – iz praktiki Norvegii i drugikh evropeiskikh stran (Family-like reintegration of children living in institutions – the practices of Norway and other European countries)

Presentert på konferansen "Reintegration into families of children living in institutions: social, economic and budgetary consequences", arrangert av The Regional authorities of Volgograd, the Russian Ministry of Health and Social Development, and the DG III of the Council of Europe, Volgograd, Russland 12.-14.9.2007

Holm-Hansen, Jørn

Preduprezhdeniie sotsial'nogo sirotstva, i reintegratsiia detei zhivushchikh v uchrezhdeniakh razlichnogo tipa – iz praktiki Norvegii

Presentert på konferansen "Reintegration of children living in institutions into families/ Preventing social distress among children and families: Effectiveness and efficiency of management", arrangert av The Regional authorities of Briansk, the Russian Ministry of Health and Social Development, and the DG III of the Council of Europe, Briansk, Russland 12.-14.12.2007

Holm-Hansen, Jørn

Evaluation of the cooperation in health and social affairs with Russia. Time is ripe for a partnership

Presentert på konferansen Academic collaboration in the health sector: Russia – Norway, arrangert av Faculty of Medicine, University of Oslo, Asker 21.-22.11.2007

Klausen, Jan Erling

The governance of climate change (keynote speech)

Presentert på the 8th Nordic Environmental and Social Science Research Conference (NESS), arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 18.-20.6.2007

Klausen, Jan Erling

Verktøy for regional strategibyggning

Presentert på konferansen Regional foresight. Nye virkemidler for strategiprosesser, arrangert av NIBR og Norges forskningsråd, Oslo 29.-30.10.2007

Medby, Per

Er universell utforming lønnsomt?

Presentert på konferansen Med søkelys på eldre og bolig – Omsorgsmeldingen og boligbygging, arrangert av Norske Boligbyggelag (NBBL), Oslo 27.3.2007

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Kommunalt psykisk helsearbeid for voksne: utviklingstrekk i opptrappingsperioden: hvilke konsekvenser gir funnene for kommunale tiltak fremover?

Presentert på konferansen Psykisk helsearbeid for voksne i kommunane – kva er utfordringane framover? Arrangert av Helse- og omsorgsdepartementet, Oslo 2.2.2007

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Demokrati i motvind: lokaldemokrati mellom storpolitikk og lokalpolitikk
Presentert på Svalbardseminaret, arrangert av Longyearbyen lokalstyre og Sysselmannen på Svalbard, Longyearbyen 5.2.2007

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Kommunalt psykisk helsearbeid for barn og unge
Presentert på Mestringsseminaret 2007, arrangert av Voksne for Barn, Oslo 9.2.2007

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Kommunenes psykiske helsearbeid – Opptrappingsplanen har begynt å virke!
Presentert på konferansen Kommuner og psykisk helsearbeid, arrangert av Norsk sykehus- og helsetjenesteforskning, Oslo 12.-13.2.2007

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Stortinget og kommunene: Stortingets styringsbehov og kommunalt handlingsrom
Presentert på Stortingets lærerkurs, arrangert av Stortinget, informasjonsseksjonen, Oslo 26.3.2007

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Kommunepolitikken mellom lokal handling og statlig styring
Presentert på Kurs for Stortingets omvisere, arrangert av Stortinget, informasjonsseksjonen, Oslo 21.5.2007

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Evaluering av Storbysatsingen – noen betraktninger underveis
Presentert på Erfaringskonferanse psykisk helse, arrangert av Sosial- og helsedirektoratet, Oslo 23.11.2007

Nordahl, Berit

Bostedsløshet i et governance-perspektiv
Møte-/innleder på Faglig forum om bostedsløshet, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 19.9.2007

Nordahl, Berit

Spredd bosetting i sentraliseringens tid
Møte-/innleder på Faglig forum om spredt boligbygging i sentraliseringens og urbanismens tid, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 21.11.2007

Nordahl, Berit

Samhandling mellom myndighet og marked: Nye forutsetninger og endrede roller. Hva er fruktbare modeller?
Presentert på NTNU Fagdagene: Byforming 07- Styring, virkemidler og gjennomføring, arrangert av Tekna/NTNU, Trondheim januar 2007

Nørve, Siri

Bostedsløse i små og mellomstore kommuner – strategier i arbeidet med å forebygge og bekjempe bostedsløshet
Presentert på «På vei til egen bolig» Samarbeidsforumet i Troms, arrangert av Husbanken Bodø, Tromsø 24.10.2007

Nørve, Siri

Bostedsløse i små og mellomstore kommuner – Strategier i arbeidet med å forebygge og bekjempe bostedsløshet
Presentert på Kommuneneettverkssamling «På vei til egen bolig», arrangert av Fylkesmannsembetene i Buskerud og Vestfold og Husbanken Region sør, Drammen 25.10.2007

Nørve, Siri

Bostedsløse i små og mellomstore kommuner – Strategier i arbeidet med å forebygge og bekjempe bostedsløshet
Presentert på «På vei til egen bolig» Samarbeidsforumet i Nordland, arrangert av Husbanken Bodø, Bodø 31.10.2007

Orderud, Geir Inge

China's interest in the Nordic Model: NIBR's experiences
Presentert på seminaret Transfer and Adaptation of the Nordic Model to Developing Countries, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 7.3.2007

Orderud, Geir Inge

Klimaendringer og helseeffekter – med fokus på Osloregionen
Presentert på konferansen Tilpasning til klimaendringer i Osloregionen, arrangert av CICERO, Oslo 3.12.2007

Ruud, Marit Ekne

Beboerundersøkelsen i Oikos Nomos
Presentert på avslutningsseminar Oikos Nomos, arrangert av Sintef Byggforsk, Oslo 15.2.2007

Ruud, Marit Ekne

Sosiokulturelle stedsanalyser
Presentert på seminar om stedsanalyser, arrangert av Oslo kommune, Plankontoret for Groruddalen, Oslo 1.3.2007

Ruud, Marit Ekne

Sosiokulturelle stedsanalyser
Presentert på temakveld i Romerike historielag, Skedmo 14.3.2007

Ruud, Marit Ekne

Urban change in critical neighbourhoods
Presentert på seminaret «Charing experiences in integrated interventions in critical areas: the Norwegian experiences», arrangert av Instituto Nacional de Habitação, Lisboa, Portugal 28.3.2007

Ruud, Marit Ekne og Bård Isdahl

På taket, i gården, i parken. Uterom i by
Presentert på Kjenn-din-by-vandring på Grønland/Nedre Tøyen, arrangert av Oslo bymuseum / Norsk Form, Oslo 7.9.2007

Schmidt, Lene

Eldres boligpreferanser – felleskapsløsninger og servicetilbud
Presentert på årsmøte i Statens Seniorråd, Oslo 18.4.2007

Schmidt, Lene

Skolegården, jungel eller lufttegård?
Presentert på seminar arrangert av Høgskolen i Telemark, Bø 25.4.2007

Schmidt, Lene

Skolegården, jungel eller lufttegård?
Presentert på seminar arrangert av Høgskolen i Telemark, Notodden 17.9.2007

Stigen, Inger Marie

Statlig eierskap og foretaksorganisering i spesialisthelsetjenesten
Levert til konferansen Helseforetaksreformen – en alternativ evaluering med fokus på lokalsykehusene, arrangert av Folkebevegelsen for lokalsykehusene/Attente helse, Oslo 3.9.2007

Stokke, Knut Bjørn

Friluftsliv og arealforvaltning. Resultater fra en studie av planlegging og forvaltning av urbane friluftsområder i Kristiansand
Presentert på Brukerseminar Friluftsliv, arrangert av Norsk institutt for naturforskning, Oslo 7.6.2007

Stokke, Knut Bjørn

Lokal tilpasning til klimaendringer
Presentert på journalistkurs, arrangert av CICERO, Oslo 12.9.2007

Stokke, Knut Bjørn

Hva er erfaringene med 15 år med kystsonerplanlegging i Norge?
Presentert på Nasjonal konferanse Verdiskaping i kystsonene – Forskning, forvaltning og kunnskapsbehov, arrangert av Norges Fiskarlag, Bergen 29.-30.11.2007

Søholt, Susanne

Urban developments as multicultural processes. Experiences from Norwegian pilot projects
Presentert på seminar om byutvikling i Lisboa, arrangert av ISCTE/University of Lisbon og NIBR, Lisboa, Portugal, 26.4.2007

Søholt, Susanne

Hvordan fremme et inkluderende bomiljø?
Keynote speaker på konferansen Boligsosial forvaltning – visjoner, utfordringer og gode løsninger, arrangert av KBL, Boligbygg og Husbanken, Oslo 15.-16.10.2007

Søholt, Susanne

Møtestader som integrasjonsarenaer – kva og korleis?
Presentert på Kulturdykk 2007, arrangert av Norsk kulturforum Rogaland, Suldal i Rogaland, 24.-25.10. 2007

Søholt, Susanne

Kunnskap og erfaringer – medvirkning i by- og tettstedsutvikling
Presentert på seminar om medvirkning og deltakelse i Groruddalssatsingen, arrangert av Husbanken og IMDI, Oslo 4.11.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

Befolkningen sentraliseres. Hvorfor?
Presentert på seminaret Mindre sentralisering med Soria Moria?, arrangert av PANDA-gruppen, Olavsgård 26.1.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

Bosetting, flytting og pendling i kommunene og i storbysonene
Presentert på seminaret Spredt boligbygging i storbyenes randsone, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 12.3.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

120.000 i Sogn og Fjordane i 2020. Er det mulig å realisere et slikt mål?
Presentert på Førde Forum, Førde 26.3.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

Norge 1967-2007: 40 år på flyttefot
Presentert på NIBRs 40-årsjubileum, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 19.4.2007

Sørli, Kjetil og Guri Mette Vestby

Unge voksne i Vest-Telemark: busetting, stadkvalitetar og flytting
Presentert på seminaret Fråflytting i Vest-Telemark. Kan vi snu flyttestraumen?, arrangert av Vinje kommune, Vinje 4.6.2007

Sørli, Kjetil og Guri Mette Vestby

Hadelandsregionen: bosetting og befolkning
Presentert på seminaret Bo- og etablererregionen Hadeland, arrangert av Regionrådet for Hadeland, Jevnaker 24.8.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

«Og bakom synger demografien ...»
Presentert på forskerseminar – Grenseløst: Bolig- og byutvikling i Norden, arrangert av Nordisk Samarbeid for Bolig og Byforskning (NSBB) og NIBR, Oslo 18.10.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

Folk og barn i by og land: barnebosetting og sentralisering gjennom siste generasjon
Presentert på høstmøte i Norsk demografisk forening, Oslo 24.10.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

Flytting og bosetting i rekrutteringsfasen – sett i lys av arbeid, inntekt og utdanning
Presentert på seminar for Statistisk sentralbyrås arbeidsmarkedsseksjon, Leangkollen 5.11.2007

Sørli, Kjetil

NIBRs bo- og flyttemotivundersøkelse 2008: opplegg, utforming og problemstillinger
Presentert på lunsjseminar i Regionalpolitisk avdeling i Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Oslo 8.11.2007

Tesli, Arne

Hva er «godt nok» når det gjelder kvalitet på konsekvensutredninger?
Presentert på konferansen Vann i konsekvensutredninger, arrangert av Norsk Vannforening, Oslo 9.10.2007

Tesli, Arne

Nordisk modell – eksempler på norsk-kinesisk samarbeid
Presentert på seminar i tilknytning til Stortingets kommunalkomité's besøk i Kina, arrangert av den norske ambassaden i Beijing, Beijing 20.9.2007

Tesli, Arne

EIA standards and processes, and the authorities' role
Presentert på konferansen Petroleum Development and Operations, arrangert av Petrad Stavanger, Stavanger 6.11.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Byers attraktivitet – Hokksund i fokus
Presentert på seminar om byutvikling i Hokksund, arrangert av Øvre Eiker kommune, Hokksund 7.2.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Sosiokulturelle stedsanalyser. Perspektiver og innhold
Presentert på seminar om stedsanalyser, arrangert av Oslo kommune, Plankontoret for Groruddalen, Oslo 1.3.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Hva skaper attraktive byer? Larvik i fokus
Presentert på folkemøte om Larviks byutvikling, arrangert av Bylista, Larvik kommune, Larvik 27.3.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Identity and images of places in place development projects
Presentert på seminar om byutvikling i Lisboa, arrangert av ISCTE/University of Lisbon og NIBR, Lisboa, Portugal, 26.4.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Stedskvaliteter, stedstilørighet og unges bostedsvalg
Presentert på seminar om kreativ stedsutvikling i småsamfunn, arrangert av Buskerud fylkeskommune i samarbeid med Husbanken, Rødberg i Numedal 3.5.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Stedsutvikling. Perspektiver og tema
Presentert på seminaret Område- og stedsutvikling som satsingsområde i Husbanken, arrangert av Husbanken, Solør 6.9.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Om rekruttering til næringsliv og by. Image og omdømme som fenomen
Presentert på seminaret Kampen om de kloke hodene, arrangert av Bergen Næringsråd og Bergensscenarier 2020, Bergen 14.9.2007

Vestby, Guri Mette

Stedsforskning for stedsutvikling i byer og tettsteder
Presentert på seminar om stedsutvikling i Buskerud, arrangert av Buskerud fylkeskommune, Krødsherad 17.10.2007
Vestby, Guri Mette

Byers attraktivitet. Den historiske dimensjonens betydning for byers image og identitetsprosjekter
Presentert på konferansen Samfunn i endring – kulturarens betydning, arrangert av ABM-utvikling, Norsk Kulturråd, Riksantikvaren og Norges forskningsråd, Lillehammer 30.10.2007

Aasland, Aadne

Paneldebattleder på konferansen NORIA meets Russia: Nordic-Russian Collaboration in Research and Researcher Training, arrangert av NordForsk / St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russland 11.-13.11.2007

Projects

Projects are listed under the relevant department. Under each department, project leaders are listed alphabetically and projects chronologically.

Berglund, Frode

Election project
Institute for social research

Reimbursing medicines
Association of Pharmaceutical Industries

Local elections – participation and representation
Norwegian Association of Local Authorities

Feiring, Marte

Outreach in the municipalities
Oslo City Council

Integrated, coordinated career and education guidance
Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion

Career guidance for inclusive working life
Confederation of Norwegian Business and Industry

Regional partnerships for career guidance – a pilot scheme
Ministry of Education and Research

Helgesen, Marit

The role of knowledge in construction and regulation of health and education politics
Université Catholique de Louvain (CERISIS)/EU

Heløe, Leif Arne

Splitting the county governorship – assessments and criteria
Ministry of Government Administration and Reform

Holm, Arne

Government targets and local autonomy
SINTEF Building and Infrastructure

Homelessness in small and medium sized municipalities
Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion

Housing associations and housing policy
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Hovik, Sissel

How to make it
The Research Council of Norway

Alternative management models – final comparison
Directorate for Nature Management

Consultancy arrangements
Danish Institute of Governmental Research, Denmark

EEA and the municipal sector
Norwegian Association of Local Authorities

Klausen, Jan Erling

Governance for sustainability
Landeshauptstadt Hannover/EU

Voluntary work in the major cities
Oslo City Council

Kristofersen, Lars B.

Children at risk and flexible services
The Research Council of Norway

Alternatives to orphanages in Northwest Russia
Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark

Lorentzen, Hilde

Allocation of tasks and responsibilities between local and regional government and unitary government
Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Myrvold, Trine Monica

Organisational impact of local authorities' work in relation to the Mental Health Action Plan
The Research Council of Norway

Public attitudes to and knowledge of mental health and psychiatric disorders
The Research Council of Norway

Local government in Longyearbyen
Longyearbyen Local Government

Increased city budgets
Norwegian Directorate of Health

The impact of the Mental Health Action Plan on the living conditions of people with psychiatric disorders
The Research Council of Norway

Stigen, Inger Marie

ICT and local democracy
University of Oslo/Research Council of Norway

Pathfinder Programme – An evaluation
Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Regional committees in the Norwegian Medical Association
Norwegian Medical Association

Governing public health services
International Research of Stavanger (IRIS)/
The Research Council of Norway

Competence 2015
Norwegian Directorate of Health

Appointing council commissioners – a trial
Oslo City Council

Winsvold, Marte

Electronic initiatives: The public's right to table motions before the local council in matters relating to the council's work
Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

E-pilot project in Norwegian Municipalities
Fraunhofer Gesellschaft München

Department for Housing and Environmental Planning Research

Barlindhaug, Rolf

Survey end user
Norwegian State Housing Bank
Construction Cost Programme

Shared custody – A survey
Institute for social research

Subsidy model within the framework of the housing grant
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Relations between housing policy instruments
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Brattbakk, Ingar

Information on tenants and tenancies allowed under the Tenancy Act
Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Dyb, Evelyn

FEANTSA International network for studies of homelessness
Norwegian Directorate of Health

Homeless survey 2007
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Falleth, Eva Irene

Trial evaluation – Local management of protected areas – Blåfjella Skjækerfjella
Directorate for Nature Management

Alternative management models – Final comparison
Directorate for Nature Management

Management approaches to urban development
The Research Council of Norway

Guttu, Jon

Dwelling quality, quality of life and sustainability
SINTEF Building and Infrastructure

Development and information work
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Environmentally friendly urban development – Pilot projects
Ministry of the Environment

Outdoor spaces in densely built up urban areas
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Grorud Valley housing stock survey
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Hanssen, Martin A.

Harmful algal blooms in Ugandan lakes
Norwegian Institute for Water Research

Taking account of health when planning and conducting impact assessments
Norwegian Directorate of Health

SEA evaluation of Interreg IV C
Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Environmental impact assessment
Engerbøfjellet
Norwegian Institute for Water Research

Harvold, Kjell A.

Low density housing and demographic trends
The Research Council of Norway

Highway 2's importance to the Glåmdal region
Glåmdal Regional Council

Kleven, Terje

European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research – Urban civil engineering, member, technical committee
The Research Council of Norway

Motor traffic and society
Directorate for Nature Management

Democracy, government and regionality
The Research Council of Norway

Nordahl, Berit

Local councils and housing supply
SINTEF Building and Infrastructure

Urban sustainability
The Research Council of Norway

Næss, Petter

Residential location and travel in a large Chinese city
Volvo Research Foundation

Nørve, Siri

User survey of council officials dealing with rental support applications
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Participation and accessibility in buildings
Norwegian Association of the Hard of Hearing

Universal design and life span standards as municipal policy
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Universal design action plan to ease accessibility
Ministry of the Environment

Ruud, Marit Ekne

Norwegian Resource Centre for Housing, Sundland, Drammen
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