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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. An increasing number of projects are funded by international sources.

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
- 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 growing steadily year on year. NIBR works with partners in the Nordic countries and several countries in 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 institutes, 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 institutes 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 an environmentally friendly building in the Research Park at Blindern in Oslo.

Research at NIBR: Stability and flexibility

The non-university research institutes – the so-called institute sector – work in an unpredictable and shifting environment. This is the result of conscious political decisions – at the national and international level – and the absence of an integrated, coherent policy for the sector. An increasingly competitive marketplace is obviously a challenge to the institute sector. There are changes in the regulatory and economic environment as well, a handful of examples being the European Union's detailed competition rules, The Norwegian Research Council's recently introduced basic funding system and the growing number of bidders in the market for contracts. Applied social research is no longer the province of research institutes; private consultancies, colleges and universities are now competing for the same projects. The positive aspect of competition is that it gives all comers a chance to show what they are good for in areas which, in principle, are open and accessible to all. Fair competition, however, depends crucially on a level playing field. At present, that is far from being the case. One of the reasons can be found in the unequal terms under which various institutes work. They include basic funding, tax and pension liabilities, office rent, equity, etc. Another reason is the way the institute sector competes with others for contracts, organisations which often operate under much less stringent terms. Over the shorter term, this is something we can not do much about. The various institutes devise different strategies to cope with the challenges. They have different partnership mechanisms, operate in different contract markets and develop different scientific specialities. The latter is not the least important.

NIBR's answer has been to meet the challenges with a blend of professional stability and flexibility. The Institute's stability is provided by a regional and a political dimension. Both have been cornerstones of the Institute since its inception 42 years ago. NIBR's regional research is characterised by penetrating studies of regional conditions and dynamics of regional progress – national and international. Regional development is about political commitment in tandem with economic, social, demographic and environmental factors in a territorial perspective. It includes innovation and learning within and between enterprises. NIBR's other professional underpinning, the political dimension, is reflected in the Institute's analyses of policy mechanisms and political values. NIBR has long led the field in the study of public planning and organisation of the public sector, in the enactment and implementation of

public policy and the challenges associated with coordination and collaboration between levels of government and different sectors. The modern term for this way of managing society is governance, but the object is the same: political steering and administration, participation, legitimacy and democracy.

The political sectors and geographical areas studied by NIBR vary widely. This speaks to the flexibility dimension of our research. Many projects explore issues here in Norway, but our portfolio of international projects – on the European Continent, in Asia, Africa and Latin America – is growing. Not only does this give us an opportunity to study social conditions in far-flung countries and regions, we can use the knowledge to make interesting comparisons. NIBR is also flexible insofar as our research transcends sectors – that is, we cover many areas of policy. Over the past years NIBR has been involved in environmental research, though today, an equal amount of attention is paid to other areas of policy, not least public health, housing and climate policy, where organisational structure, mode of government, coordination and regional development occupy centre stage. Here too, comprehensiveness facilitates fruitful comparison across policy boundaries.

We need to mention a third aspect of NIBR's research to round out the picture. Our research strategy is characterised by *close proximity to practice* and by *cross-disciplinarity*. Our analyses of social change, social processes and outcomes are usually based on close empirical study. Our national and international research can access a rich body of data and complementary methodologies. Few research institutes in Norway can exhibit as much expertise on society in terms of our municipalities and counties. This includes everything from demographic expertise to knowledge of nature, environment and local political and administrative organisation and service delivery. When it comes to cross-disciplinary studies, NIBR has always been at the forefront of developments. Long before the Research Council and other clients began to urge collaboration across research fields and disciplines, NIBR was already doing cross-disciplinary research. It is indeed the policy of the Institute to promote and encourage the scientific staff to adopt a wide scientific horizon to ensure thorough, fruitful analyses.

NIBR's research in 2008 mirrors this commitment. Our three largest clients in 2008 were the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Local Government and

Regional Development, and the county councils. This is evidence of established position at all levels, local, regional, national and international. Our projects cover a vast geographic area. We have, for example, evaluated democracy promoting measures in Øvre Eiker and Tanzania. Many of the projects depend precisely on expertise at NIBR on the structuring of the public sector and organisation of regional development. One example is the study of the impact of demographic centralisation, a project funded by the Ministry of Local Government. The Ministry of the Environment is funding several of our strategic institute programmes, but our client base includes several other important sector ministries and directorates.

There was breadth in the various policy areas studied by NIBR in 2008 as well. NIBR conducted, for instance, several evaluations of projects under the Mental Health Action Plan and of preventative public health work, housing policy for the disadvantaged, coal mining on Svalbard, Norway's policy on coastal zone management and administrative reform in Ukraine. In many of these projects we combine our basic expertise on regional political processes and many different political sectors. The presentation below (page 10) of important research projects reflects the broad scope of our work.

As mentioned, NIBR has four research departments. They are NIBR's scientific backbone. But we also work across departments. Our multi-departmental work varies more often, both in terms of the issues studied and the people involved. But they give us an opportunity to deepen our expertise in particular areas and respond rapidly to changes in demand. Important social science in the immediate future will revolve around climate studies, including the challenges of governance and co-ordination. Other studies focus on urbanisation processes and place attractiveness. They will benefit from our accumulated expertise in regional development, place studies and public service delivery. Each of these areas continues as a separate programme in 2009.

Given the fiercely competitive contract market, it is particularly important for the individual institute to maintain and develop knowledge and know-how in particular fields. A clear scientific identity can be used as a compass for priority setting at the Institute on matters relating to acquisitions and recruitment, while at the same time making the Institute stand out from the crowd as a distinctive centre of excellence. We will



Hilde Lorentzen
Acting Director General

be the preferred partner and service provider simply by being better in certain core areas. NIBR is meeting these challenges with a blend of scientific stability and flexibility. We think it is a sensible way forward, but to remain a leading research institute, we must continue to improve our capacity to change with the changing environment.



NIBR's Board 2008

From left: Petter Knutzen, Jørn Rangnes (Director General, 2008), Inger Stray Lien, Marit Reitan, Einar Braathen, Matz Sandman. Harald K. Horne and Knut Bjørn Stokke were not present.

NIBR's Board 2008

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NIBR

Deputy

Marte Winsvold
(for Knut Bjørn Stokke)
NIBR

The Research Council of Norway appoints NIBR's board in compliance with NIBR's statutes and nominations by

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

Statement of the Board 2008

The Institute

NIBR is a national centre of applied research in the field of local and regional government and the environment. The Institute has an international presence in the environmental and developmental fields. NIBR's headquarters are in Oslo.

Status, performance and continued activity

At the end of 2008, NIBR's contract portfolio, human resources and financial standing are sufficiently robust to warrant continued operations and development. The project and contract portfolio was good in 2008, though with some variation across the various research groups. Nevertheless, the board cannot dismiss the fact that the decade has been a difficult one for the Institute which has struggled to achieve a stable, positive operating balance. This gives us cause for some concern. Earnings in 2008 were negative, amounting to -NOK 4,533,426, of which NOK 1,982,668 is set aside for future pension liabilities. An internal committee looking into ways of improving NIBR's financial situation has been in work from January 2009.

Insofar as the tax authorities consider NIBR to be a taxable entity, the Institute has filed tax returns for the years 2004–07. The board is contesting the authorities' interpretation of the law, but has filed a tax return for 2008. The Government has done away with property tax for foundations which receive a basic grant from the state. From 2008, NIBR will no longer be taxed on property, and will consequently not accrue property tax liability.

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

Working environment

A six-member Working Environment Committee, including the Director General, is in place. The committee held four meetings in 2008 and is working to implement the Institute's system of internal control and annual audit of the action plan. Absence due to illness was 4.4 per cent in 2008. No work-related injuries or accidents were recorded in 2008.

Gender equality

NIBR has for many years been committed to ensuring a well-functioning workplace for staff of both sexes. 48.6 per cent of labour productivity at NIBR in 2008 was due to

the work of female staff. The proportion of females in executive management positions was 57.2 per cent in 2008, or a ratio of 4:7.

External environment

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

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

NIBR's distributable equity fell to NOK 11.5 mill. as a consequence of the negative economic performance in 2008. Liquidity fluctuated widely across the year. NIBR's assets are largely tied up in tangible fixed asset investments in NIBR's own property, CIENS eiendom KS, cf. annual accounts.

Pensions charged against income and contributions to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund (*Statens Pensjonskasse*) grew by NOK 1,962,668 in 2008, and pension liabilities were estimated as of 31 December 2008 at NOK 6.69 mill. 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.

In 2005 and 2006, NOK 8,828,063 was invested in CIENS eiendom KS and CIENS eiendom AS. Following repayments in 2007 and 2008, NIBR's share of the share capital per 31 December 2008 is NOK 6,692,192. This amount is essentially an investment in NIBR's own office space. In addition, NIBR has a debt of NOK 782,080 *vis-à-vis* the general partner [*komplementar*] in the limited stock partnership [*komandittselskap*], CIENS eiendom AS, of NOK 844,205.

Investments in tangible fixed assets amounted to NOK 1,213,891 in 2008, mainly in the form of computing equipment and furnishings in NIBR's new offices. Depreciation and amortisation expenses were NOK 987,891. Technological progress will, it is assumed, require significant investments in the years ahead.

NIBR's prospects remain favourable.

The annual loss of NOK 4,533,426 is subtracted from equity.

Oslo, 12 June 2009

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Einar Braathen Member		Hilde Lorentzen Acting director

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2008. Excerpts

All figures in NOK 1 000

OPERATING INCOME	2008	2007
Income from commissioned projects	31 548	25 346
Founding of research programmes	16 615	17 998
Annual basic allocations	16 480	19 444
National tasks	1 230	1 230
Sale of publications	126	192
Other operating income	479	1 003
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	66 478	65 212

OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salary, wages and social security expenses	48 945	47 384
Expenses directly related to projects	13 266	12 285
Expenses relating to premises	5 169	5 082
Expenses related to information	988	830
Other operating expenses	3 072	4 434
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	71 441	70 016

OPERATING PROFIT	(4 962)	(4 804)
Profits financial items	492	142
PROFIT BEFORE TAX	(4 471)	(4 661)
Capital tax paid	63	
NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	(4 533)	(4 661)

BALANCE SHEET as of 31.12.2008

ASSETS	2008	2007
Fixed assets	12 283	14 580
Current assets	37 264	33 321
TOTAL ASSETS	49 547	47 901

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Issued equity	5 000	5 000
Accumulated equity	11 539	16 372
Pension liabilities	6 408	4 426
Current liabilities	26 600	22 104
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	49 547	47 901

Accounts of competence 2008. *Excerpts*

FORMAL COMPETENCE	2006		2007		2008	
Total number of staff	75		74		79	
Research staff	63		60		66	
Research/person-years	56,4		58,3		60	
Research staff, PhD qualifications	23	37 %	20	33 %	24	36 %
Research staff, grade 1	13	21 %	14	23 %	13	20 %

PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES	2006		2007		2008	
Articles in academic journals with referee / per researcher	12	0,19	26	0,43	15	0,23
Articles in other professional journals / per researcher	10	0,16	17	0,28	31	0,47
Books and anthologies	32		18		11	
Chronicles and reviews	26		27		25	
NIBR Reports	19		25		35	
NIBR Working Papers	38		17		21	
Papers prepared for academic conferences and seminars	45		38		60	

REVENUES BY SOURCE (ALL FIGURES IN NOK 1 000)	2006		2007		2008	
Annual basic allocation from the Research Council of Norway (NFR)	6 286	11 %	6300	10 %	6810	10 %
Strategic Institute Programmes from NFR	5 281	9 %	7 543	12 %	6 170	9 %
Research programs from NFR	9 314	16 %	14 210	22 %	12 718	19 %
Ministries and other government bodies	29 488	50 %	22 842	36 %	26 719	34 %
Counties and municipalities	3 988	7 %	3 216	5 %	4 764	8 %
International funding	4 578	8 %	4 259	7 %	2 602	4 %
Private sources and other operating revenues	591	1 %	483	0 %	746	1 %

	2006		2007		2008	
Total revenue	59 338		63 909		66 477	
Revenue per researcher	1 052		1 096		1 108	
Basic allocation per researcher	184		231		197	

From NIBR's research 2008

Evaluation of the Mental Health Action Plan

There have been several projects at NIBR in recent years studying aspects of the Mental Health Action Plan (1999-2008). Three reached completion in 2008. These projects, all of which were conducted under the Research Council of Norway's dedicated action plan evaluation programme, explore how the municipal authorities have implemented the plan, and of attitudes to and living conditions for people with mental illnesses.

The project on the *Organisational impact of local authorities' work in relation to the Mental Health Action Plan* began in 2001. Three surveys of all Norwegian municipal authorities (2002, 2005 and 2008), and two rounds of case studies in six municipalities allowed us to chart progress in mental health care as a municipal service. Although municipalities face significant challenges with regard to ensuring good coordination and collaboration in the field of mental health, mental health care in most municipalities became a clearly defined area of responsibility during the lifetime of the action plan.

A study of *Public attitudes to and knowledge of mental health and psychiatric disorders* also began in 2001.

Almost identical surveys were conducted among a representative sample of the population in 2002 and 2007. The findings show that people with mental illnesses were less likely to face stigmatisation in 2007 than 2002. Commitment and interest have improved over the years, but people are neither more nor less likely to be open about mental illness. Attitudes to mental illness in various sections of the population continue to vary widely.

A project studying the *Living conditions of the mentally ill* was conducted in 2007–08. Using data obtained from Statistics Norway's Health and Living Conditions Surveys of 1998, 2002 and 2005, surveys of municipalities and interviews with municipal officials, we looked at progress in standards of living during the action plan's lifetime. The study found that those suffering from mental illness are significantly more likely to live under poor conditions than the mentally healthy population. There is little evidence to say that living standards for the above mentioned group has improved during the action plan's active period, but there are signs of improved access to jobs for people with mental illnesses. The possibility of meeting others in a social setting has improved during the period. People are brought together primarily by specially organised activities for the mentally ill. Community-wide integration, one of the objectives of the action plan, has not, it seems, been a success.

Designing and improving social housing policy tools

NIBR conducted several studies on behalf of the Norwegian State Housing Bank in 2008 of social housing policy mechanisms. One of the studies looked at the connection between the main economic schemes, i.e. the start-up loan, the housing grant which helps people get a foot on the housing ladder, and the housing allowance. The objective of the study was to find ways in which the three schemes could be made to work better simultaneously, allowing assistance packages to be tailored to the needs of the different disadvantaged households. NIBR designed a model which covered the structure and boundary values of the different schemes. Households varying on characteristics and income were fed into the model, as were living expenses, excluding housing costs. The model showed that the income of many households was very often both too low for eligibility to one of the schemes and too high for another. The model showed how far apart the dif-



ferent schemes function in their current design and content. Often, of course, overlapping mechanisms will not be needed, but the model showed that the design of the schemes simply makes combined action *impossible* whether it is needed or not.

Given the model's versatility, the Housing Bank wants to encourage its use by designers of municipal schemes for disadvantaged families in the housing market. The idea is to encourage municipal authorities to use these schemes to help people buy a place of their own. The Housing Bank monitors the situation facing disadvantaged people in the housing market very closely; the bank was prompted by the Office of the Auditor General (Riksrevisjon) to learn more about the many households which in spite of precarious economic circumstances remain ineligible for assistance under the terms of the various schemes.

NIBR's social housing portfolio also includes information on municipal housing policy, including social profile of the general housing supply and policy towards the most disadvantaged. In 2008 we evaluated the national homelessness prevention strategy. On that occasion we studied in particular the efforts of local authorities for the least well-off homeseekers. Municipal targets are ambitious, and although our evaluation showed that many of them were yet to be achieved, many local authorities are doing a good job creating workable, permanent schemes for the homeless in their areas.

The cost of centralization

NIBR, working together with several other research and assessment groups, completed a research project set up to report on *The cost of centralization* for the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development. The final report was presented to the Ministry in February 2009.

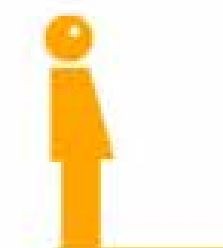
The project's point of departure is political in nature, and rehearsed in, among other places, the Government's Soria Moria Declaration and the latest white paper on rural and regional policy. The underlying assumption is that centralization, economic growth and sustained welfare development are closely interwoven. The benefits of centralization are well documented. In light of this, we were asked to investigate the impact of centralization at the individual, regional and macro level.

It was not, however, exactly clear what was meant by centralization or "the cost of centralization". *Centralization* was therefore defined as centralisation of the

population. In other words, migration from rural to central areas of the country is greater over time than migration in the opposite direction. Centralization is in that sense a macro phenomenon, or the sum of individual location decisions. We have not analysed the causes of centralization, but we do highlight structural factors of importance to migration decisions (work, education opportunities etc.). We therefore interpreted the *cost of centralization* as the (negative) impact of an increasingly centralized residential pattern affecting individuals, regions and the nation as a whole.

The impact of centralization as a process, we conclude, is often complex and varied. The "cost of centralization" is impossible to state in a general, simple or straightforward formula. We have, however, managed to identify certain effects of centralization, of which the most important are:

- Centralization is not perceived as a problem at the level of the individual. This is because people are generally happy with their chosen place of residence, wherever it happens to be. But over the longer term, centralization could result in the "thinning out" of some places, as communities lose institutions such as schools, childcare facilities and shops providing essential goods. This includes the more informal interpersonal networks. Because centralization is a slow process, it is not something people notice on a day to day basis.
- Centralization as a process entails transaction costs by creating a gap between population size and community infrastructure. In rural areas, the infrastructure will be geared to serve a larger population; in urban areas, the target population will be smaller. As the pace of centralization rises, the gap will widen and the transaction costs will rise.
- At the same time, market-based funding of network infrastructure could lead to a shortfall in investment in the same infrastructure in rural areas, as demand is insufficient to cover the investment costs. This affects all users of the network, non-rural dwellers as well.
- Decentralization undermines municipal finances in rural areas both in terms of revenue and spending per capita. In urban areas, revenue per capita rises, but we have not found irrefutable evidence for an effect on spending per capita.
- The environmental impact of centralization varies, depending on the indicator. At the same time, our analysis found that local factors are just as important to an area's environmental status as the settlement structure.



Evaluation projects in Eastern Europe

Norway is a well-known quantity in the eastern parts of Europe, due among other things to the many modernisation projects funded by Norwegian authorities. One characteristic of the Norwegian assistance is the high number of organisations: Norwegian government bodies, educational institutions, professional groups and NGOs run projects in cooperation with partners and authorities in the “recipient country”. Many projects provide training in some form or other: seminars, programmes, study visits.

NIBR has completed several evaluations of Norwegian and Nordic project activities in Northwest Russia and the Western Balkans. One of the questions posed by these evaluations is whether the projects have had the desired effect in the communities in which they were run.

On the positive side, the projects have on several occasions been useful, introducing new working methods into the health service and municipal administration, for example. Norwegian-Russian collaboration in the High North has created in certain places robust and dynamic relations between experts and professionals in northern Norway and northwestern Russia. The evaluations found that successful results depend on taking the time needed. The longer-term view is essential. There are, nevertheless, certain common themes insofar as nearly all of the projects underestimated what they needed to know about the recipient country. This explains why many project owners were far too often unable to report much more than the project’s completion and whether they held the prescribed number of training programmes for the prescribed number of participants. Too rarely are they in a position to estimate how much the participants learned and whether they put their new skills to use. The actual outcome of the projects therefore remains somewhat in the dark, and it is impossible to say anything concerning the longer term impact.

At the practical, operational level, knowing too little about the country has had adverse effects. Virtually without exception, the problems facing the projects were unanticipated by the project owners who struggle to make sense of the situation. In this, they are helped neither by their local partners nor government connections. As a rule, the problems result from inadequate preparations. Those involved in the project fail to ask themselves whether the project is necessary or, indeed, wanted. Eastern European states have a well-established, robust system of laws and regulations, funding mechanisms, institutional arrangements and professions. To promote innovation by means of project work, it is essential to learn about pre-existing solutions in the recipient country. We found repeatedly that the most successful projects were working hand in hand with ongoing governmental reform efforts.

NIBR's Research Departments

Department for Housing and Environmental Planning Research



The department is highly diverse and also includes the Centre for Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment. The department has defined three core areas of research:

Environmental planning research

The department has developed a significant body of knowledge over the years on planning processes and the Planning and Building Act as a planning and policy mechanism. This includes method development, evaluation of planning's regulatory effectiveness, and challenges associated with decision making processes, participation, democracy and effectiveness. The department analyses land use and resource management, and nature-based business development. We also study the interconnections between land use, outdoor recreation and public health. Cultural heritage and cultural artefacts fall under our concept of the environment. The department is an active partner in coastal planning and helps partners address challenges to planning policy arising from an ecosystem-based approach to land-use management. The department has a research fellow whose PhD work straddles the borders between planning and public health.

Housing research

The department is responsible for following up the Institute's commitment to housing research. We study the functioning of the housing and land markets, the connection between housing policy and social and economic integration of vulnerable groups into mainstream society. We conduct analyses of housing policy mechanisms, and in 2008 financial assistance schemes were at the centre of attention, not least support and funding programmes to help low-income households

become property owners. We also studied the rental market, looking in particular for evidence of ethnic discrimination. A third focus was on sustainable home construction and the connection between life style and housing consumption.

The department also studies housing standards and quality, and whether policy targets are reached in areas such as densification, universal design and environmental standards in the built environment. In partnership with the Department of Landscape Architecture and Spatial Planning at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, we ran training programmes for government officials on physical quality and densification.

Urban development and place studies

The department also works in the area of urban and semi-urban development. We are involved in the development and reputation building of small places, small towns and peri-urban residential areas. We draw on methodological advances in socio-cultural place analysis. We also use on data on place development and economic growth in studies of successful development projects in small places. In 2008 we were also involved in place development processes in municipalities where tourism is a key industry, looking in particular at place perceptions among children and adolescents.

Another important area of interest at the department is sustainable urban development. The department is affiliated to national and international networks in this field of study. In 2008, we strengthened our presence in the COST network, focusing on urban development and land use management.

Dr. ing. Berit Nordahl 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 the impact of organisational structure on political participation, governance, policy making, responsibilities and duties. The department pursues these issues in several policy areas, especially health and welfare, environment, housing and education.

The point of departure for studies at the department is the academic challenge of studying politics, political processes and political debates. We attempt to align political issues with scientific perspectives to generate practical knowledge and promote wider scientific understanding. All stages of policy making and policy enactment are studied and analysed empirically and normatively. We are particularly interested in democratic challenges to the political systems, and look at problems connected with different levels of government. Both qualitative and quantitative analytical methods are used.

Research focuses largely on the effect of the structure and organisation of the public sector on

- Political participation
- Governance
- Policy making
- Responsibility and task definition in the public sector

Dr. polit. Hilde Lorentzen was Research Director.

Department for International Studies



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 processes of change, reforms, the introduction of new mechanisms and the difference they make at the local and regional level. Many projects are conducted as micro-studies, often comparative, and usually by a cross-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. As a rule, we work with organisations based in the countries in question.

The Department's research is in close contact with the work of other departments at NIBR. The department combines its own specialist knowledge and core expertise of particular countries with that of the other research departments, among other things by drawing on lessons learned by local government administrations and local democracies from practising the 'Nordic model'.

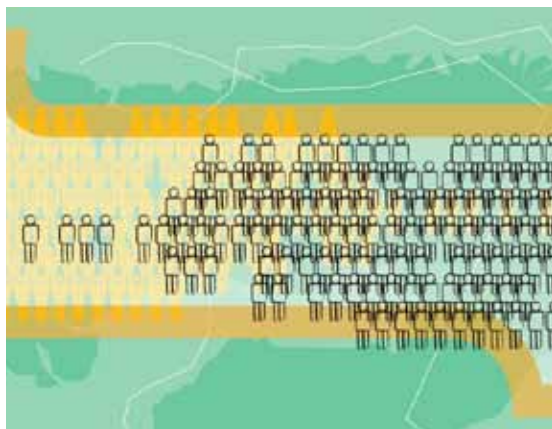
The department pursues research in the following key areas:

- Decentralisation, government reforms and institutional analyses
- Civil society studies
- Poverty and vulnerable groups, marginalisation and exclusion mechanisms
- Health and HIV/AIDS
- Women and equality
- Evaluation

In the past few years, this work has increasingly taken us to countries where there has been or is armed conflict.

Dr. polit. Arne Tesli was Research Director until 14 February 2008. Marit Haug, PhD, is Research Director from 15 February 2008.

Department for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies



The department conducts studies and prepares reports for clients in Norway and abroad. Regions are studied in terms of economy and demography and dynamics of regional growth. International comparative studies of territorial issues and developmental patterns are of central importance. Regional development and the development of regions entails an interplay of political action and factors of economic, social, demographic and environmental nature in a territorial perspective. This includes innovation and learning within and between enterprises.

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 sectors, the economy of regional and local governments' economy, and economic aspects of the housing sector and housing market. We also conduct studies for clients in the field of welfare and social policy.

The department is actively involved in the study of nature–society issues. The main theme here is the local and regional implications of climate change and political strategies in this area.

The department has expertise and experience in the following key areas:

- Business, network and innovation analysis
- Territorial studies – integrated perspectives on regional development
- Economy of the public sector and local government finances
- Demographic and socio-demographic studies
- Evaluation of regional policy and political cooperation at the regional level
- Living conditions of different segments of the population and associated challenges
- Territorial development in Europe and OECD area
- Analysis of social and territorial conditions in relation to regions within and outside Europe

Cand.sociol. Olaf Foss is Research Director.

Strategic Institute Programmes

Funded over the annual basic allocation, the strategic institute programmes are important elements of the work done at NIBR to strengthen scientific capacity and the international profile of the institute's key research areas. Activities include theoretical and empirical studies. Research findings are carefully vetted and refined prior to publication in the form of scientific articles. One of the main purposes of the institute programmes is to support capacity building and researcher training, especially PhD candidates, who generally pursue their doctoral studies in connection with important contract projects. There is an emphasis on developing research networks and strengthening domestic and international research partnerships.

Public Health

This cross-disciplinary programme brings together researchers specialising in welfare, planning and governance studies. The programme started in 2006 and will end in 2010. The main question concerns the planning system's ability to promote somatic and mental health in the population as a whole and in specific groups. Special projects are currently investigating the organisation of public health work in the municipalities and evaluating the processes by which public health is incorporated in the planning and planning processes. We are also studying the environment and sustainability as aspects of public health planning and how knowledge in health and social sector is incorporated into plans following tighter regulations on transparency. Ethical and political dilemmas encountered in preventative work are also dealt with under the strategic institute programmes.

Senior Researcher Marit Helgesen leads the programme.

Foresight for Regional Planning and Sustainable Regional Development

NIBR's strategic institute programme *Foresight for Regional Planning and Sustainable Regional Development* started in 2006 and is due to end in 2010. The intention of the programme 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 expertise of relevance to potential clients. "Foresight" designates forward-looking processes based on broad participation and a combination of scenario building and coordination.

NIBR began working with Hedmark County Council and the Eastern Norway Research Institute in 2008 on the Foresight programme called *Innlandet*. NIBR and the Work Research Institute are helping Vest-Agder County Council run an INTERREG Foresight project to promote regional innovation planning in a number of European regions. NIBR is developing a Foresight project for climate adaptation in cities and urban centres on the Baltic Sea. The scenario project "Regional Norway anno 2030" is another key undertaking. Emphasis is given to engaging with the international research community by publishing in the professional media and attending conferences.

Senior Researcher Jan Erling Klausen leads the programme.

Strategic Block Grant from Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

The Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development disburses a strategic block grant to NIBR intended for longer-term competence-building in the areas of economic modelling and database development at the regional level, municipal organisation data, housing research, migration analyses and research dissemination. The grant is also earmarked to facilitate knowledge sharing and scientific dialogue between NIBR and the Ministry. The programme began in the last quarter of 2006.

In 2008, as in the two preceding years, the development programme for housing research concentrated on 1) the role of local government in housing policy; 2) migration and housing policy challenges; 3) knowledge of the housing markets and interplay between market and authorities; and 4) new housing developments: planning, standards and cost allocation. In 2008, NIBR ran several important projects under each of these headings. The programme has been used largely to enable researchers to write papers on the projects and present findings at international conferences. The programme has therefore made it possible for us to increase our international presence in housing studies and establish relations with colleagues in other European countries.

Joint Institute Programmes under the Environmental Alliance

NINA (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research) is lead partner in the strategic institute programme **Nature 2020+**, where NIBR is joined by 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 seeks to build expertise in the research community in scenario methodology. The project focused in 2008 on the two island communities of Vega and Smøla, where scenario-based foresight studies were conducted. They looked at a variety of change factors. Following this work, colleagues at NINA, aided by input from researchers from other institutes as co-authors, prepared two working papers setting out lessons learned from the projects in the two municipalities. The programme commenced in 2006 and continues until 2010.

Senior 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 in a research programme on the impact of extreme weather events on the natural environment and local communities and what local councils are doing to prepare for extreme weather events. On the basis of the data, procedures will be drafted to help systematise municipal efforts. CICERO leads the programme; the other partners in addition to NIBR are NIVA, Bioforsk, NIKU, NILU and NINA.

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

NIBR is working with NINA and NIKU on the strategic institute programme **Changing Patterns of Outdoor Recreation 2004–2008**. NINA is programme coordinator while NIBR is responsible for the sub-project *Outdoor Recreation and Land-use Management*. The focus of this sub-project is outdoor recreation near urban centres, especially in the coastal zone, peri-urban woodlands and continuous corridors. We explain the public's use of these areas and assess the success of various schemes to conserve them for recreation. Kristiansand and Bodø were chosen as case-study municipalities. The results of the investigations were published in 2008.

*Senior Researcher Knut Bjørn Stokke leads the sub-project *Outdoor Recreation and Land-use Management* and represents NIBR on the programme's steering committee.*

NIKU is lead partner of the programme **Cultural Monuments and Historic Sites in the Coastal Zone** under an Integrated System of Coastal Management, other partners being NIBR, NINA and Bioforsk. The main aim of the programme is to learn more about the cultural monuments and historic sites along the coast and help build an integrated system of coastal management. Our knowledge in this area is deficient and fragmentary and inadequate as a practical planning tool and decision making background. An important goal of the programme is to study local knowledge and what cultural monuments and historical sites mean to the local community. We also ask what planning and other authorities do to incorporate these perceptions into decision making.

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

International Activity

NIBR enjoys relations with many organisations and bodies, and our international research portfolio has marked a steady growth in recent years. NIBR works with several universities and research institutes in each of the Nordic countries and other countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Important elements of NIBR's international work include reciprocal knowledge sharing, promoting competence development and institution building.

We have wide-ranging experience of working with and in different countries and cultures. Concrete projects profit from core knowledge of the country and proficiency in its language and knowledge of Norwegian conditions. NIBR's unique advantages lie in our ability to combine knowledge of Norwegian society under headings such as regional studies, governance and local administration with expert knowledge of different countries and their languages. NIBR's international work builds on the Institute's tradition of cross-disciplinary work in the fields of political science, economics, geography and sociology. Many of our projects are conducted at the local level as contextualised micro-studies. We usually work alongside national and local research centres in both research and evaluation projects.

NIBR's international research commitment is concentrated in 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
- Links between environmental protection, natural resource management, economic growth and climate
- 'The Nordic Model' – international dialogue and research collaboration on socio-economic measures and mechanisms

NIBR's research staff include experts on particular regions and countries, including

- EU and 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

NIBR's international work is funded by the Research Council of Norway Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norad, Norwegian embassies, EU, Swedish and Finnish authorities, and several private organisations.

Civil Society

NIBR has conducted several evaluations and research projects for clients looking at various aspects of voluntary organisations' work. Under these projects we assessed among other things how voluntary organisations work as a vehicle of development cooperation and the effect of Norwegian aid via voluntary organisations on recipients, organisations and institutions in partner countries. The following projects are completed:

- Evaluation of Norwegian Save the Children's Russia programme, focusing in particular on performance and outcomes
- Evaluation of the joint Norwegian-Russian project supported by the Barents Secretariat 2002–2006
- Review of Norwegian Church Aid's presence in Eritrea: organisation, structure, systems, technical and administrative capacities and capabilities, quality control, internal organisation and local competence context, collaboration with partners, contextual understanding, risk analysis and relations with head office in Oslo
- Evaluation of CATIE's agricultural projects in Central America

Decentralisation, government reforms and institutional analysis

The studies under this programme investigate how national and local institutions implement new schemes and reforms and how institutional factors affect performance and outcomes.

- In partnership with Norwegian Association of Local Authorities, a joint competence building and local government reform project in Ukraine
- Evaluation of Norwegian Association of Local Authorities work in the Western Balkans, 2002–2007
- Research partnership with Hanoi University of Education investigating the role of poverty alleviation work and resource management in coastal communities in Vietnam
- Government, natural resource management and the environment: A review of the Norwegian environmental programme in Tanzania
- Assessment of how FN organisations and the World Bank work on “demand driven governance”, with particular reference to Nepal
- Review of Centre for Property Rights and Development on behalf of Norad

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
- IT and poverty: A local approach, conducted in collaboration with University of Kwazulu Natal
- Land reforms, trust and traditional rights in Malawi, in partnership with Bunda College, University of Malawi
- Social exclusion and nation building in Nepal, in partnership with the Centre for Nepal and Asian Studies, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu

Health and HIV/AIDS

2008 saw a significant expansion of NIBR’s international commitments in the field of public health, both in terms of research and evaluation. NIBR explores in particular institutional challenges raised by HIV/AIDS as an international commitment.

- Is HIV/AIDS perceived as a public health problem

in northwestern Russia? A joint project involving three Norwegian and three Russian institutions will attempt to answer the question

- Research partnership with the Centre for International Health, University of Bergen, on the implementation of effective local HIV/AIDS programmes. The work proceeds in collaboration with the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and the University of Malawi
- Evaluation of a project run by the Swedish Association of Occupational Therapists in collaboration with the Mechnikov Academy, St Petersburg, to promote occupational therapy in Russia
- Evaluation of collaboration between Swedish and Russian regions (counties and oblasts) to consolidate Russia’s reform of the frontline health service

Conflict and post-conflict issues

NIBR has been particularly engaged in exploring how decentralisation and reforms at the regional and local levels serve to promote stability and peace. The second main issue concerns what civil society can do to speed reconstruction and ensure participation and inclusion in transitional periods between violent conflict and peace.

- The decentralisation dimension of peace and conflict. This project seeks to establish whether decentralisation helped promote a solution of the conflict in northern Uganda
- Decentralisation as a conflict-resolution strategy. The question asked here is whether decentralisation helped forge a solution to years of conflict in Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Philippines, or whether forms of decentralisation created further grounds for conflicts.
- Service delivery and state building in fragile states. The project will chart parameters impacting local service delivery modules in Somalia
- The Muslim brotherhood. The study seeks to shed light on the impact of the Muslim Brotherhood on peace and reconciliation work in regional and local processes
- Gangs and political violence in Kenya. The project explores recruitment, political dimension and internal political dynamics of the biggest Kenyan gangs (Mungiki and Taliban)
- Implementing ILO Convention 169 in Nepal. The project explores how ethnic organisations in Nepal use the ILO Convention on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to promote the interests of indigenous people’s rights

Women and equality

NIBR has worked for many years in women's studies and gender equality, especially in relation to development cooperation. These efforts made progress in 2008 as well.

- Interim evaluation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' action plan for women's rights and equality in development cooperation
- Analysis of the work to promote women's rights and equality by multilateral development banks
- Training and competence building in leadership for women belonging to ethnic minorities in Vietnam
- In 2007 and 2008, NIBR piloted a project to promote collaboration with research centres in Thailand in the area of regional development and decentralised governance. NIBR is currently negotiating a partnership with Governance Institutions Network International (GINI), Islamabad and National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA), both in Pakistan.

Activity in China

NIBR continued to work with the China Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD) in 2008, and we co-hosted an important dialogue conference in December 2008. NIBR initiated a partnership with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) on creating regional classification systems and regional indicators in China. The project is being continued by CASS.

ESPON and OECD

NIBR is an active contributor to the European Spatial Planning Observation Network ESPON (2002–2006, 2007–2013), comprising now a total of 31 European nations. NIBR is involved in several joint projects, is co-host of important international seminars, and is ESPON's national representative in Norway. The institute has, moreover, been a contributor (since 1992 without break) to OECD activities centring on territorial indicators and regional analysis, including peer reviews and benchmarking activities in the field of regional policy by 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 EU Research Framework Programme.

European Research Networks

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 also belongs 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 is finally involved in a HIV/AIDS network in northwestern Russia.

Interdepartmental Programmes

Interdepartmental programmes at NIBR are strategic undertakings crossing departmental boundaries. They organise and concentrate competence building in the various areas defined by the participating departments. They are also intended to consolidate and develop science at NIBR, make NIBR known as a centre of excellence in the field and market our expertise. In 2008, the institute worked on four interdepartmental programmes:

- 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 research programme involving more than fifteen researchers and several research projects at NIBR. Migration and integration processes are playing increasingly important roles in many sectors of society. These studies facilitate learning at NIBR on international migration processes and integration of immigrants and their descendants into mainstream Norwegian society. The programme's researchers come with a wide range of experience from different disciplines, including anthropology, sociology, political science, economics and planning. The following themes represent the main fields of study:

- 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 mechanisms – issues concerning discrimination and rights
- Changes in Norwegian society resulting from immigration and increasing ethnic and cultural complexity

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

Place Research

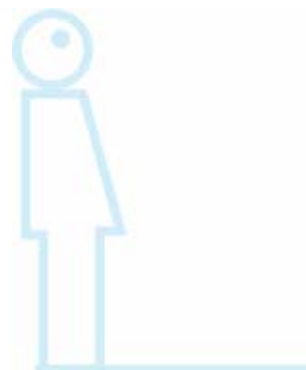
Applied research facilitating an integrated approach to place development in regions, urban and semi-urban areas underlies the various place research projects in which NIBR is involved. These studies explore issues related to local place identity, reputation and image. The programme engages in particular with methodology development, participation and refining analytical tools. These place analyses are fed into planning and image-creation processes. Many of NIBR's projects for local and regional authorities touch on one or more of the main modules of place research:

- Place identity and image building
- Process analysis of place development
- Population distribution, migration and sense of belonging
- Place and business development
- Place as physical environment

Senior Researcher Guri Mette Vestby coordinates the programme.

Governance

The purpose of this cross-cutting programme is to promote NIBR as a leading national centre of governance studies. Both in a Norwegian and a European context, network governance has attracted mounting attention as a means of societal coordination, in place of hierarchical government by public institutions. The role of public authorities is not necessarily declining in importance, but it is changing. Authorities are increasingly required to act as initiators, coordinators and network participants. Generally referred to as a movement from *government* to *governance*, there is an urgent need to study the changing forms of societal government and coordination. In the business community and private sector new network and partnership-based forms of coordination are also emerging, along with a growing interest in 'corporate governance'. The study of governance touches on several subjects of social scientific interest such as legitimacy, democratic participation, efficiency and political steering. Under the programme, researchers draw on multiple 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
- Governance challenges facing democracy building in the South and East
- 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 development patterns in Europe and the OECD area, while building a leading position for NIBR in comparative territorial research. The increasing rate of globalisation, integration in Europe and, not least, EU expansion in Eastern and Central Europe, demands further study of processes of change and Norway's role in Europe. Studies under the programme investigate the territorial impact of social change in various areas and the effect of sector policies. Central programme themes are

- Territorial development potentials and territorial imbalance – competitiveness and cohesion
- Knowledge economy and regional advantages – the appeal of cities and regions
- Climate change and sustainable regional development
- Development of rural and territorial indicators and analyses

The programme is coordinated by Senior Researcher Ove Langeland.

Information and Dissemination

NIBR has a statutory duty to provide information in a comprehensible and user-friendly form. Scientific staff participate actively in public debates on issues of relevance to the institute's research. NIBR seeks to provide information adapted to the needs of the general public, media and clients and to the scientific community by publishing in periodicals nationally and internationally.

NIBR's Resource Department, which also runs NIBR's library, is in charge of information.

Reports, articles etc.

Most research projects are reported in one or more of NIBR's own series. In 2008, NIBR published 35 reports, 21 working papers and 3 joint reports. Reports and joint reports are issued in print and electronically; working papers are only published electronically. All 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, the work of our scientific staff resulted in 15 articles in peer reviewed journals and 31 in other professional journals, compendia and digests. Staff members wrote/edited four books, project reports in other formats, six contributions to anthologies and one scientific monograph. Twenty-five articles, review, commentaries and the like appeared in periodicals and newspapers.

Information on new reports is sent to a network of contact persons. Every year the institute updates its thematically organised publications list which goes back several years. It can be accessed at www.nibr.no (click on *Publications*). 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 put in train for the journal. Publications are supported economically by the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development. *Regional Trends* appeared once in 2008. Copies are available at www.nibr.no, complete or as separate articles.

Academic Conferences

National and international conferences provide a unique opportunity for researchers to make their findings and analyses more widely known in the scientific community. NIBR's scientific staff read 27 papers at international and national conferences in 2008, held 118 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, among others, in 2008.

- Public Health: What is the impact of planning and landscape?
- The 4th Sino-Norwegian Social Policy Forum: "New Starting Point of China's Rural Reforms: Equalization of Urban-rural Basic Public Services and Urban-rural Integration". Arranged by NIBR and the China Institute for Reform and Development, Haikou.
- Workshop on "Local Government Reform in Ukraine". Arranged by NIBR and the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities, Oslo.
- "Towards Sustainability in Urban Transformation, Governance Cultures and Housing Policies". Arranged by NIBR and Nordic Seminar for Housing and Urban Research, Helsinki.

Debate and Information

Academic Forum (Faglig Forum) provides a platform for informed debate on issues of relevance to research at NIBR.

Four debates were held in 2008.

- Housing standards and the outdoor space in the high-density city
- Russia in transition: Effect on joint Norwegian-Russian projects in the High North
- Does involving the local community make urban planning more democratic and efficient?
- Attitudes to mental illness. Do public information campaigns make any difference?

NIBR's Library

NIBR has an excellent library which caters to the needs of researchers at the institute. At the last count we had 23,000 volumes, and subscribed to 180 periodicals and twelve newspapers.

One of the library's most important duties is to facilitate searches in the 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 makes copies of articles on request, generally for staff at NIBR, but sometimes for outside users. Many of the latter, among them students at colleges and universities, also make use of the collections at NIBR.

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

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«Bo- og tjenestetilbud for utviklingshemmede 10 år etter HVPU- reformen, presentert på konferansen Velferdssamfunnet – ser vi mulighetene? Arrangert av Høgskolen i Harstad i forbindelse med høgskolens 25 års jubileum, Harstad 23.9.2008

Brevik, Ivar

«Velferdsstaten for fanger», presentert på møte om Kriminalomsorgsmeldingen: Straff som virker – mindre kriminalitet – tryggere samfunn (St.meld.nr. 37(2007-2008), Domus Nova, Oslo 27.11.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

Kommentarer til og innledninger/innlegg og paneldeltaker med innlegg på KROM, Norsk organisasjon for kriminalreforms årlige seminar, Spåtind 10.-13.1.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

«Betingelser og muligheter for å få bolig etter løslatelse fra fengsel», presentert på kriminalpolitisk seminar, arrangert av Institutt for kriminologi og retts sosiologi, Universitetet i Oslo, Oslo 30.1.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

«Løslatt og hjemløs», presentert på Fagkonferanse i Boligbygg, arrangert av Oslo kommune, Boligbygg, Oslo 27.3.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

«Strategier mot bostedsløshet – fra government til governance?», presentert på Arendalskonferansen, arrangert av Kommunenes Sentralforbund og Husbanken region sør, Arendal 4.6.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

«The present situation of surveys on homelessness», presentert på MPHASIS – National meeting for Norway, arrangert av Husbanken strategikontor og University of Dundee, Oslo 13.6.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

«Studenter – vanskeligstilte på boligmarkedet?», presentert på seminar på Stortinget om studentboliger, arrangert av Venstres stortingsgruppe, Oslo 8.8.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

«Vanskeligstilte på boligmarkedet», presentert på seminar i SVs bystyregruppe i Oslo, Oslo 25.8.2008

Dyb, Evelyn

«På vei til egen bolig», presentasjon av evalueringen «På vei til egen bolig» for fem departement og underliggende etater, arrangert av Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Oslo 11.12.2008

Feiring, Marte

«Kartlegging av organisering av partnerskap på nasjonalt nivå», presentert på konferansen Partnerskap for karriereveiledning, arrangert av Karriere Akershus og Utdanningsdirektoratet, Oslo 22.-23.1.2008

Feiring, Marte

«Evaluering av regionale partnerskap i Nordland», presentert på konferansen Partnerskap for karriereveiledning, arrangert av Karriere Akershus og Utdanningsdirektoratet, Oslo 22.-23.1.2008

Gotaas, Nora

«Profesjonalisering og forebygging i oppsøkende ungdomsarbeid», presentert på nasjonalt forskerseminar innen rusmiddelforskning, arrangert av FHI, SIRUS, SERAF, KOFOR, Vetre, Asker 27.-28.11.2008

Gundersen, Frants

«Et indikatorsystem for midlene over kap 551 post 60», presentert på fagseminar om Post 60: Evaluering og utvikling av effektindikatorer, arrangert av Oxford Research og Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Nannestad 6.6.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Fortett med vett», møteleder på Faglig forum, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 30.1.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Boligmassen i Groruddalen, resultater av en kartlegging», presentert på Husbankens frokostmøte, Oslo 13.3.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Fortetting i norske byer», presentert på fylkesplanseminaret Fylkesplanens mål og strategier, arrangert av Østfold fylkeskommune, Fredrikstad 21.4.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Fortetting i eksisterende boligområder», presentert på interkommunalt byggesaksseminar, arrangert av Sola kommune, Sola 23.4.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Fra koop til kapital», presentert på TAB-konferansen 2008: Har Oslo en boligpolitikk?, arrangert av Oslo kommune med flere, Oslo 22.5.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Fortett med vett», presentert på seminar om byromskvaliteter, arrangert av Husbanken region vest, Bergen 3.6.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Uterom i tett by – «fortett med vett»», presentert på Norske Landskapsarkitekters forenings høstkonferanse, Drammen 18.9.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Fra Pipervika til Bjørvika – hva har vi lært?», presentert på Vi baker byen, arrangert av Norsk Form / Forskningsdagene, Oslo 26.9.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Utearealsnormer som tar vare på barn og unge i tett bystruktur», presentert på seminaret Uteareal og leilighetsstørrelser i boligområder, med fokus på den tette byen, arrangert av Oslo Bolig- og byplanforening, Oslo 14.10.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Hvordan utforme gode utomhusområder og fellesareal i boområder?», presentert på seminar om boligsosial forvaltning, arrangert av NKF med flere, Trondheim 24.10.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Kvalitet i nye boligområder», presentert på plankonferanse i Bodø, arrangert av Fylkesmannen i Nordland, Bodø 27.10.2008

Guttu, Jon

«Boligkvalitet i den tette byen», presentert på boligseminar, arrangert av Husbanken, Drammen 7.11.2008

Hanssen, Gro Sandkjær og Eva Irene Falleth

«Medvirkning og deltakelse i reguleringsplaner», presentert på Faglig forum: Gir medvirkning fra lokalsamfunnet mer effektiv og demokratisk byplanlegging?, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 7.10.2008

Harvold, Kjell

«Regionale utviklingstrekk med betydning for Smøla», presentert på konferansen NATURE 2020+, arrangert av Norsk institutt for naturforskning, Smøla 15.5.2008

Harvold, Kjell

«Housing in Rural Areas – A Scandinavian Perspective», presentert på Perspektiven der Wohnungsmärkte im ländlichen Raum, arrangert av North Rhine-Westphalia, Technische Universität, Dortmund/IRPUD, Wuppertal, Tyskland 24.9.2008

Haug, Marit

«Towards Social Inclusion in Nepal?», presentert for Norad, Oslo 17.11.2008

Helgesen, Marit Kristine

«Folkehelse i kommunene», presentert på seminaret Folkehelse: Hva betyr planlegging og landskap?, arrangert av NIBR og Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap, Oslo 24.4.2008

Helgesen, Marit Kristine

«Organisering – kommunalt psykisk helsearbeid etter Opptappingsplanen», presentert på Know and pol end user conference, arrangert av Høgskolen i Østfold, 17.11.2008

Heløe, Leif Arne

«Høgskolen som aktør i helsearbeidet», jubileumsforedrag ved 25 års jubileet til Høgskolen i Harstad, Harstad 19.9.2008

Heløe, Leif Arne

«Innledning og oppsummerende avslutning på regionkonferansen «Trygg og tilgjengelig» (om helsefremmende og skadeforebyggende arbeid i kommunene), Harstad 13.-14.10.2008

Hofstad, Hege

«Miljø og folkehelse», presentert på seminaret Folkehelse: Hva betyr planlegging og landskap?, arrangert av NIBR og Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap, Oslo 24.4.2008

Hofstad, Hege

«Ny PBL og samfunnsdelen, eksempelet folkehelse». Presentasjon av foreløpige resultater fra survey om folkehelsearbeid og planlegging på konferansen Ny plandel av plan- og bygningsloven, hva er nytt?, arrangert av TEKNA, Oslo 5.6.2008

Hofstad, Hege

«Folkehelse, kommunal planlegging og friluftsliv», presentert på samarbeidsmøte om norsk friluftslivsforskning, arrangert av Nettverk for friluftsforskning i Norge, Oslo 26.11.2008

Hovik, Sissel og Eva Irene Falleth

«Erfaringer med lokal forvaltning i Setesdal Vesthei-Ryfylkeheiane», presentert på avslutningskonferanse for forsøk med lokal forvaltning av store verneområder, arrangert av Direktoratet for naturforvaltning, Trondheim 15.4.2008

Hovik, Sissel og Eva Irene Falleth

«Lokal forvaltning av store verneområder. Erfaringer fra fire forsøk», presentert på avslutningskonferanse for forsøk med lokal forvaltning av store verneområder, arrangert av Direktoratet for naturforvaltning, Trondheim 16.4.2008

Hovik, Sissel og Marthe Indset

«Lojal iverksetting eller målrettet medvirkning? Om kommunesektoren og EØS-avtalen», presentert på møte i KS) hovedstyre, Oslo 21.8.2008

- Hovik, Sissel**
«Kvalitetskommuneprogrammet – modell for offentlig utviklings- og fornyelsesarbeid?», presentert på Unio»s kvalitetskommuneprogram-samling, 27.11.2008
- Johannessen, Katja**
«Et liv mellom bygningene. En kvalitativ studie av bostedsløse personers hverdag», presentert for Oslo kommune, Helse- og velferdsetaten, Oslo 6.11.2008
- Johannessen, Katja**
«Resultater av evalueringen På vei til egen bolig», presentert for fem departementer, arrangert av Kommunal- og arbeidsdepartementet, Oslo 11.12.2008
- Johansen, Steinar**
«Samfunns- og næringsanalysen for Svalbard 2007», presentert på møte i Polarutvalget, arrangert av Justisdepartementets polaravdeling, Oslo 13.2.2008
- Johansen, Steinar**
«Sentraliseringens pris», presentert på fagseminar om sentraliseringens pris, arrangert av NIBR og Kommunal- og arbeidsdepartementet, Oslo 27.2.2008
- Johansen, Steinar**
«Sentraliseringens pris», presentert på Sommer-Melbu (Melbu-dagene), arrangert av Nordland akademi, Melbu 2.-4.7.2008
- Johansen, Steinar**
«Strategisk analyse av 551.60», presentert på referansegruppemøte, Gardermoen 18.9.2008
- Johansen, Steinar og Frants Gundersen**
«Virkninger for bedriftene», presentert på fagseminar om sentraliseringens pris, arrangert av NIBR og Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Gardermoen 1.-2.10.2008
- Johansen, Steinar**
«Finnes det en «sentraliseringens pris», og hvilket fortegn har den? Betydningen av sentraliseringstempoet for prisen», presentert på fagseminar om sentraliseringens pris, arrangert av NIBR og Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Gardermoen 1.-2.10.2008
- Johansen, Steinar**
«Kulldriftenes betydning for Longyearbyen», presentert for Polarutvalget, Oslo 12.10.2008
- Johansen, Steinar**
«Strategisk analyse av 551.60», presentert på Fagseminar 551.60, arrangert av Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet og Oxford Research, Oslo 11.12.2008
- Klausen, Jan Erling, Ove Langeland og Erik Nergaard**
«Foresight for Regional Planning and Sustainable Development»(poster), presentert på Third International Conference on Future-Oriented Technology Analysis: Impacts and implications for policy and decision-making, arrangert av European Commission Joint Research Centre – Institute for Prospective Technological Studies, Sevilla 16.-17.10.2008
- Langeland, Ove**
«Strategisk næringsanalyse», presentert på konferanse om strategisk næringsanalyse for Østfold, arrangert av VRI-Østfold og Østfoldforskning, Fredrikstad 29.1.2008
- Langeland, Ove**
«Hvorfor vekst og nyskaping hoper seg opp i storbyene», presentert på konferanse om byutvikling, arrangert av Foreningen Norden, 17.4.2008
- Lund-Iversen, Martin**
«Konsekvensutredninger av planer», presentert på PBL-seminar, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 25.9.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Evaluering av Storbysatsingen – noen betraktninger underveis», presentert på Storbynettverkets seminar, arrangert av Oslo kommune, Oslo 16.1.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Organisering og samling i psykisk helsearbeid», presentert på Norsk forening for barne- og ungdomspsykiatriske institusjoners halvårskonferanse, Kristiansand 8.3.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Psykisk sykes levekår», presentert på seminar om evalueringen av Opptappingsplanen for psykisk syke, arrangert av Norges forskningsråd, Oslo 14.4.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Evaluering av Storbysatsingen – noen betraktninger underveis», presentert på seminar for storbytiltakene, arrangert av Oslo kommune/Barne- og familieetaten, Oslo 22.4.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Lokalt demokrati i Longyearbyen. Engasjement og deltakelse ved valget i 2007», presentert på åpent lokalstyremøte, arrangert av Longyearbyen lokalstyre, Longyearbyen 28.4.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Demokrati i motvind. Lokaldemokrati mellom storpolitikk og lokalpolitikk», presentert på Handelshøyskolen BIs lunsjseminar, Oslo 15.5.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Psykisk helse og psykisk sykdom. Kunnskaper og holdninger», presentert på lansering av Helsedirektoratets informasjonskampanje, Oslo 18.9.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Psykisk helse og psykisk sykdom. Kunnskaper og holdninger», presentert på Faglig forum, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 28.10.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Evaluering av Storbysatsingen», presentert på Storbyavdelingens erfaringskonferanse, arrangert av Oslo kommune, Oslo 5.11.2008
- Myrvold, Trine Monica**
«Flerkulturelt barnevern. En kunnskapsoversikt», presentert på erfaringskonferanse, arrangert av Barne- og likestillingsdepartementet, Oslo 20.11.2008
- Onsager, Knut**
«Geografiske variasjoner i næringsstrukturer, innovasjonsaktivitet og innovasjonspolitik», presentert på seminar om regional innovasjonspolitik, arrangert av Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Oslo 18.4.2008
- Onsager, Knut**
«Byregionenes rolle for kunnskapsbasert næringsutvikling – grunnlag for typologit utvikling?», presentert på seminar om bysystem og funksjonell bytypologi, arrangert av Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Oslo 18.6.2008
- Ruud, Marit Ekne**
«Kriminalitetsforebygging blant barn og unge i storbyene», presentert på seminar om kriminalitetsforebygging blant barn og unge, arrangert av Rusmiddeletaten, Oslo kommune, Oslo 28.5.2008
- Ruud, Marit Ekne**
«Om unges boligetablering (kommentar)», presentert på konferanse om ungdom og bolig, arrangert av Husbanken, Drammen 17.9.2008
- Ruud, Marit Ekne**
«Levende byliv i Bjørsvika», presentert på Vi baker byen, arrangert av Norsk Form / Forskningsdagene, Oslo 26.9.2008
- Saglie, Inger-Lise**
«Arealplanleggerens rolle», presentert på konferansen Ønske det, ville det – men gjøre det, arrangert av Vestfold, Buskerud og Telemark fylkeskommuner, 23.-24.10.2008
- Schmidt, Lene**
«Uterom i tett by», presentert på Faglig forum om uterom i tett by, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 30.1.2008
- Schmidt, Lene**
«Skolegården – jungel eller luftetgård», presentert på seminar om folkehelse og planlegging, arrangert av Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap og NIBR, Oslo 24.4.2008
- Schmidt, Lene**
«Hvor tett – planprosess», presentert på konferansen Uterom i tett by, arrangert av Husbanken i Bergen, Bergen 3.6.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Barn og planlegging – medvirkning», presentert på metodeseminar, arrangert av Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap, Ås 20.5.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Fortett med vett», presentert på konferansen Folkehelse i kommuneplanen, arrangert av Møre og Romsdal fylkeskommune og Helsedirektoratet, Molde 19.9.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Stedsutvikling», presentert på seminar om stedsutvikling, arrangert av NIBR for Gjesdal kommune, Oslo 22.9.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Fortett med vett», presentert på plansamling, arrangert av Direktoratet for naturforvaltning, Trondheim 23.9.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Fortett med vett. Forelesning og befaring», presentert på seminar for delegasjon fra Sverige, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 26.9.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Urban housing», presentert på torsdagforelesning, arrangert av Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap, Ås 16.10.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Bygningen i seg selv og i forhold til omgivelsene. Forelesning og oppgaver», presentert på kompetansehevingsseminar, arrangert av Plan- og bygningsetaten, Oslo kommune, Oslo 20.10.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Fortett med vett», presentert på seminar om bærekraftig byutvikling, arrangert av Vestfold fylkeskommune, Larvik 23.10.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Kvalitet i uterom. Forelesning og oppgaver», presentert på kompetansehevingsseminar, arrangert av Plan- og bygningsetaten, Oslo kommune, Oslo 24.11.2008

Schmidt, Lene

«Boligens planløsning. Forelesning og oppgaver», presentert på kompetansehevingsseminar, arrangert av Plan- og bygningsetaten, Oslo kommune, Oslo 25.10.2008

Skjeggedal, Terje

«Lokal forvaltning av verneområder – forvaltningsforsøket i Forollhogna», presentert på Kommuneplankonferansen 2008, arrangert av Forum for kommunale planleggere, Røros 11.-12.2.2008

Skjeggedal, Terje

«Evaluering av forsøket i Forollhogna området», presentert på Avslutningskonferanse for forsøksområdene: Lokal forvaltning av store verneområder, arrangert av Direktoratet for naturforvaltning, Trondheim 15.-16.4.2008

Skjeggedal, Terje

«Evaluering av forsøk med lokal forvaltning», presentert på fagseminaret Utviding av Ormtjernkampen Nasjonalpark, arrangert av Bioforsk Aust Løten, Beitostølen 15.-16.8.2008

Skjeggedal, Terje

«Extreme makeover (2). Planning for recreation and second homes development in a mountainous landscape in Norway», presentert på PECSRL 23rd Session: Landscapes, identities and development, arrangert av Universidade Lusófona de Humanidades e Tecnologias, Lisboa and Municipality of Óbidos, Portugal, Lisboa/Óbidos, Portugal 1.-5.9.2009

Skogheim, Ragnhild

«Kultur og næringsutvikling: muligheter og utfordringer», presentert på seminar om kultur og næringsutvikling, arrangert av Vestfold fylkeskommune, kulturseksjonen, Oslo 28.2.2008

Skogheim, Ragnhild

«Hvordan preger arkitektene byen?», presentert på Vi baker byen, arrangert av Norsk Form / Forskningsdagene, Oslo 26.9.2008

Søholt, Susanne

«Areabased intervention programs for improved quality of life», presentert på seminar for delegasjon fra Thailand, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 18.4.2008

Søholt, Susanne

«Indikatorer for bolig og lokalsamfunn», presentert på Rundbordseminar: indikatorer for mangfold og integrering, arrangert av Oslo kommune, Oslo 18.11.2008

Tesli, Arne

«Nordisk modell – eksempler på norsk-kinesisk samarbeid», presentert på seminar om samarbeid med Kina, arrangert av Helsedirektoratet, Oslo 9.4.2008

Vanberg, Vidar

«Handels- og senterutvikling i Aust-Agder, regionale trender og nye planleggingsmetoder», presentert på seminar for planleggere og næringsliv, arrangert av Aust-Agder fylkeskommune, Arendal august 2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«People and places – construction of identity», presentert på seminar for delegasjon fra Thailand, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 18.4.2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«Forskning for stedsutvikling», presentert på nettverksamling stedsutvikling, arrangert av Vegårdshei, Åmli og Iveland kommuner, Iveland april 2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«Stedsutvikling og folkehelse», presentert på seminar om folkehelse og planlegging, arrangert av NIBR og Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap, Geilo 24.4.2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«Stedsutvikling og imagebygging», presentert på Tettstedskonferansen i Akershus, arrangert av Akershus fylkeskommune, Ski 9.9.2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«Turistdestinasjon som oppvekststed», presentert på seminaret Møglicheter og utfordringer for norske hyttekommuner, arrangert av Buskerud og Oppland fylkeskommuner i samarbeid med Kommunenes sentralforbund, Geilo 16.9.2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«Sosiokulturelle stedsanalyser», presentert på studiebesøk / planleggerkurs, arrangert av NIBR og Skåne länsstyrelse, Oslo 25.9.2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«Byers attraktivitet: myter, meningsdannning og merkevarebygging», presentert på Fredrikstadkonferansen 2008, arrangert av Fredrikstad Utvikling, Fredrikstad 12.11.2008

Vestby, Guri Mette

«Attraktive turistdestinasjoner! Gode oppvekstmiljøer?», presentert på åpent møte om turistdestinasjoner og oppvekstmiljø, arrangert av Hemsedal kommune, Hemsedal 24.11.2008

Projects 2008

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Department for Welfare, Democracy and Governance Research

Feiring, Marte

Outreach in the municipalities
Oslo City Council

Career guidance for inclusive working life
Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise

Gotaas, Nora

Research funding – Self-help
Directorate of Health

Hanssen, Gro Sandkjær

Nordic Network on Network Governance
Centre for Democratic Network Governance

Local implementation of national policy
Institute for Social Research/The Research Council of Norway

Helgesen, Marit

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

Henningsen, Erik

R&D project on Diversity Year 2008
Ministry of Culture and Church Affairs

Holm, Arne
The role of housing cooperatives in housing policy
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Hovik, Sissel
Concluding comparison of alternative
management model trials
Directorate for Nature Management

Everyday life with the EEA in the municipal sector
Norwegian Association of Local Authorities

Evaluation of the Municipal Quality Programme
Norwegian Association of Local Authorities

Indset, Marthe
Local autonomy and central government
presence in the regional
Norwegian Association of Local Authorities

Incorporating gender and equality perspective
Agency for Public Management and
eGovernment (Difi)

Klausen, Jan Erling
Governance for sustainability
Landeshauptstadt Hannover/EU

Volunteering in the major cities
Oslo City Council

Coherent and long-term consideration of
political decisions on welfare services
Norwegian Association of Local Authorities

Assessment of the consultation scheme as
an incentive in the policy dialogue between
national and local government
Ministry of Local Government and Regional
Development

Lorentzen, Hilde
Øvre Eiker residents' academy
Municipality of Øvre Eiker

Myrvold, Trine Monica
Organisational impact of municipal work on the
mental health action plan
The Research Council of Norway

Public attitudes and knowledge about mental
health and mental illness
The Research Council of Norway

Wider margins for the major cities
Directorate of Health

The impact of the action plan on living
conditions of the mentally ill
The Research Council of Norway

Local government scheme - Longyearbyen
Longyearbyen local council

Naustdalslid, Jon
A matter of debate – the municipal structure of
the future
Norwegian Association of Local Authorities

Ruud, Marit Ekne
How to do crime prevention work among
children and adolescents in the major cities
Oslo City Council

Stigen, Inger Marie
Governing public health services
International Research of Stavanger (IRIS)/The
Research Council of Norway

Competence 2015
Directorate of Health

Piloting the appointment council
commissioners
Oslo City Council

Department for Housing and Environmental Planning Research

Barlindhaug, Rolf
Survey end user
Norwegian State Housing Bank
Building Cost Programme

Interaction between housing policy instruments
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Population trends and need for new housing in
selected counties
Veidekke A/S

First-time home buyers – instruments in
Norway and England
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Survey of prevalence and problems connected
with low-deposit homes
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Housing preferences among the young and old.
Working paper for the Norwegian Federation of
Co-operative Housing Associations (NBBL)
NBBL

Brattbakk, Ingar
Data on tenants and tenancies provided for
under the Tenancy Act
Ministry of Local Government and Regional
Development

Dyb, Evelyn
FEANTSA European Federation of National
Organisations Working with the Homeless
Directorate of Health

Homelessness 2007 – A survey
Norwegian State Housing Bank

En route to a home of one's own
Ministry of Local Government and Regional
Development

Organisational approaches to the complexities
of deprivation at the city level
Oslo City Council

Mutual Progress on Homelessness through
Advancing and Strengthening Information
Research and Innovation Services, University
of Dundee

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

Grorud Valley housing stock survey
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Measures to enhance subjective judgement in
planning and processing of building issues
Oslo urban development

Harvold, Kjell A.
Urban strategy Region South
Public Roads Administration

Kleven, Terje
Democracy, governance, regionality
The Research Council of Norway

Conference – Planning as a Policy Tool – Text
or Action?
The Research Council of Norway

Knudtson, Lillin C.
Vehicles of influence and representation
arrangements for children and adolescents
Ministry of Children and Equality

Lund-Iversen, Martin
Taking account of health in planning and
impact assessments
Directorate of Health

Environmental Impact Assessment –
Engbøfjellet
Norwegian institute for Water Research

General land use plan environmental impact
assessment criteria and models
Ministry of the Environment

Social impact of the Lunckefjell coalfield at
Svalbard
Store Norske Spitsbergen Kulkompani

Nørve, Siri
User survey for the use of officials handling
housing allowance 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

Action Plan – Using universal design to improve
accessibility
Ministry of the Environment

Ruud, Marit Ekne
Furuset place analysis
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Haugenstua place analysis
Norwegian State Housing Bank

Visual environment in housing development
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