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Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research

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Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research

Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR) is an independent research institute generating and communicating research-based knowledge in the social sciences of practical use to decision makers and the public.

NIBR's vision is to develop urban and regional research as a cross- and multidisciplinary pursuit under a global perspective, thereby to strengthen the Institute's standing as Norway's foremost, and one of Europe's leading centres of excellence in urban and regional research.

Organisation

The 59 researchers working at NIBR have a background in the social sciences and planning studies: sociologists, political scientists, economists, demographers, anthropologists, geographers, architects and civil engineers. Twenty-three PhDs, and ten have qualifications equivalent to the highest academic grades, i.e. professor.

NIBR is a private foundation. Most of the Institute's income derives from national and international research commissions. A smaller proportion is in the form of the basic allocation awarded annually by the Research Council of Norway. This is spent on formulating and managing the strategic institute programmes and on competence-building. The Institute's annual turnover is approximately NOK 70 mill.

Clients

NIBR offers action-oriented and decision-relevant research and appraisals for clients in the public and private sectors and we compete with other centres for assignments nationally and internationally. The Institute's principal clients are the Research Council of Norway, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs/Norad, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Health and Care Services, Ministry of Children and Equality, and the municipal sector. International financing is increasing.

Areas of Research

NIBR's core expertise lies in the field of urban and regional research. This is a wide-ranging, cross- and multidisciplinary field of research in the social sciences, and includes among other things:

- Analyses of social conditions and social change in urban and rural communities, across regions, sectors and levels;
- Analyses of regional development and value creation, housing and urban development, planning and administration, democracy and welfare in and across local communities;
- Territorial and social analyses coupled with studies of sustainable development

Research at NIBR is divided among four departments:

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

NIBR enjoys wide international relations and the Institute's international portfolio has grown steadily in recent years. NIBR works with partners in each of the Nordic countries and throughout Europe. As part of its commitment to development research and academic collaboration, NIBR has entered into institutional and research partnerships with several universities and research centres in countries in Asia, Africa, Eastern and Central Europe.

NIBR is one of Norway's environmental research institutes. NIBR's expertise in the social sciences generates integrated knowledge which ables us to meet environmental challenges and problems arising from economic growth. NIBR is a member of the Environmental Alliance, a strategic partnership of the seven leading environmental research institutes in Norway. NIBR is also a partner in the Oslo Centre for Environmental and Social Research (CIENS), a research partnership of independent research organisations and the University of Oslo. The centre is based on shared scientific strategies and research programmes, and practical collaboration on research and provision of information. NIBR and the other institutes are housed in the same environmentally friendly building at the Research Park, Blindern in Oslo.

Cross-cutting Research

Periodically, a popular linguistic turn will descend on the research community, on politics and public debates. An expression or idea emerges and catches the public imagination. While these concepts are not always new, they suddenly seem to become weightier, more substantial. Sometimes they become a lasting feature of the vocabulary - at others they are “fly-by-nights”. There are many examples in the Norwegian social research community: social capital, partnership, globalisation, sustainability, network, governance, scenario and foresight. The problem with popular expressions like these is that their meaning is often unclear - or at least it is difficult to know what others think they mean. It is not so much a popular idea attracting multiple names, but a popular name attracting different meanings. The danger is, of course, precisely their tendency to encompass many different phenomena, which in an analytical sense means that they cease to have any meaning at all. They are, at the end of the day, not very useful as standards or guides for intellectual activity. For instance, it can be difficult to say in general terms what sets off one phenomenon from another and what it is that characterises the phenomenon’s origin, purpose, substance and consequences.

Indeed, the way in which one talks about the constitution of research goes through phases. In recent years there has been a lot of talk of the urgency to internationalise and make comparisons. A third concept displaying this popularity-ambiguity duality is *cross-disciplinarity*. Political authorities, the Research Council of Norway and scientific programmes at home and abroad all declare cross-disciplinarity as an important and desirable feature. But what it actually means - or should mean - to scientific practice is not, however, particularly clear. Nor indeed whether it is as desirable as the discussion appears to indicate.

For NIBR, cross-disciplinarity has always been of central importance - long before it became a “modern” expression. According to some, cross-disciplinarity means a coherent, synthesized product. Our approval of the phenomenon relies, however, on certain simple premises and ideas: cross-disciplinarity is to approach a phenomenon with several conceptual and theoretical assumptions. In this way, the light thrown on the phenomenon is wider, more inclusive. We believe that several fields of learning as interconnected promotes good science. “More” rather than “cross” is possibly the more accurate prefix in this sense. By combining expertise from several fields of and disciplines, a deeper, sounder understanding of different social phenomena and challenges should be the result. The point is not to erase the differences between the different approaches, but rather to deepen and complement our respective perspectives. Analyses of, for instance, a region’s growth potential will of necessity be better if several disciplines work together instead of one of them dominating the others. All the same, cross-disciplinarity cannot replace existing fields of expertise. Far from it. Only with a firm scientific foundation is it possible to appreciate one’s own and others’ vantage points and possibilities.

NIBR believes that interesting analyses and worthwhile knowledge can result from cutting across conventional dividing lines. In the autumn of 2009, NIBR began a process to establish thematic research groups across departmental lines. The purpose is, among other things, to create viable professional collectives that encourage and facilitate scientific understanding and project execution. Another consideration is to organise research flexibly by creating temporary research groups that can quickly adapt to changing requirements and needs among clients and partners.

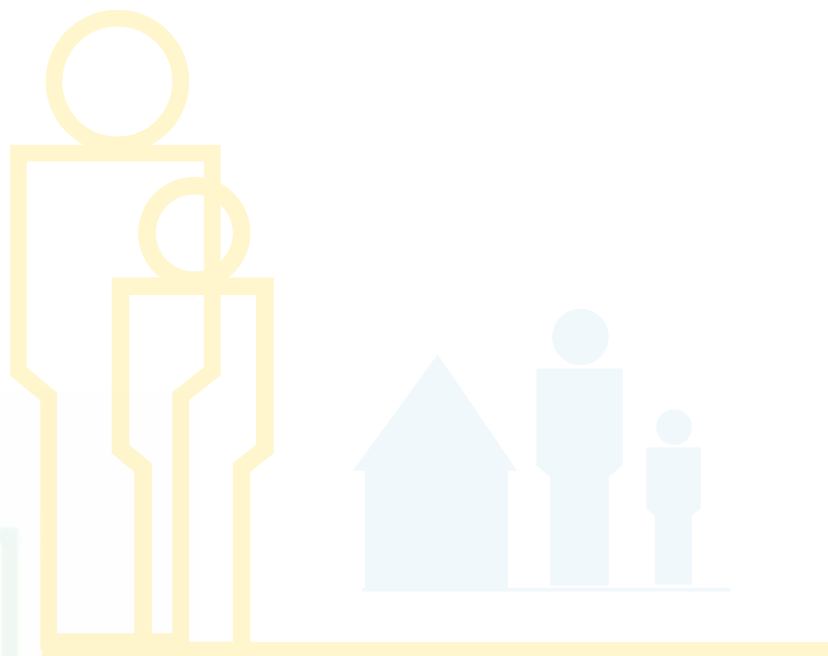
NIBR has taken yet another step on behalf of the multidisciplinary approach by entering into binding relations with disciplines outside the social science community. Thanks to CIENS, we have created a robust centre of expertise of institutes and university departments in the natural and social sciences. We are therefore in a position to undertake relevant research on pressing environmental and climatic challenges.

By means of these strategic manoeuvres we aim to deliver high quality research based on broad approaches. This is also what clients, like the Research Council of Norway, often ask for. Unfortunately, we often find that the multidisciplinary approach is not always appreciated even if that was what it was asked for. There may be an explanation in the strong sectoral orientation of our clients. But in direct contact with public authorities and indirect contact via research programmes, it is frequently something of a challenge to argue the benefits of combining several fields of expertise - not least when they cross traditionally deeply ingrained divisions between the social and natural sciences.

That individual sector ministries - or directorates - are more familiar with their own approaches is not surprising. One may hope that the Research Council of Norway might help to diminish pronounced sector divisions - thus creating a better environment for cross-cutting research to prosper.



Hilde Lorentzen
Director General





NIBR's Board 2009

NIBR's Board 2009: Front, left to right: Hilde Lorentzen (Director General), Petter Knutzen, Marit Ekne Ruud, Randi Kaarhus. Rear, left to right: Dag Gjestland, Erik Henningsen, Marit Reitan. Kristin Omholt-Jensen, Harald K. Horne and Einar Braathen were not present when the photo was taken.

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The Research Council of Norway appoints NIBR's board as required by NIBR's statutes on nominations from the Ministry of the Environment (1 seat), Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development (1 seat), Norwegian Association of Local Authorities (1 seat) and Research Council of Norway (2 seats). Two members are nominated by NIBR's staff.

Statement of the Board 2009

The nature of the activity and where it takes place

NIBR is a national centre of applied research on issues relating to local and regional government and the environment. The Institute works internationally with environmental and developmental issues. Headquarters are located in Oslo.

Status, performance and continued activity

At the end of 2009, NIBR's contract portfolio, human resources and financial standing were sufficiently robust to warrant continued operations and development. The project and contract portfolio was satisfactory in 2009, though there was some variation between the research groups. The Board is aware nonetheless of the difficulties facing the Institute all through the first decade of the century to achieve a stable, positive operating balance. Earnings in 2009 were negative, amounting to -NOK 1,897,349, of which NOK 1,362,716 is future pension liabilities. NIBR has taken steps in 2009 to improve project-related acquisition and budgeting procedures. Work is on-going to improve project-related economic management.

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

Working environment

A six-member Working Environment Committee (including the Director General) is now in place. The committee held four meetings in 2009 and is working to implement the Institute's system of internal control and annual audit of the action plan. Absence due to illness was 4.9 per cent in 2009. No work-related injuries or accidents were recorded in 2009. An evaluation of the occupational health service provided at NIBR will be undertaken in 2010.

Gender Equality

NIBR has worked for many years to ensure good working conditions for staff of both sexes. Women staff accounted for 47.2 per cent of labour productivity at NIBR in 2009. The proportion of women in executive management positions was 57.2 per cent in 2009, a ratio of 4:7.

Discrimination

NIBR has adopted new policy for recommending appointees. This should ensure that consideration is given to any equality measures and anti-discrimination measures on behalf of vulnerable applicant groups.

These new procedures signal NIBR's intent to pursue a proactive and determined policy to prevent discrimination on the basis of sex, ability, ethnicity, skin colour and belief.

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 MNOK 9.6 as a consequence of negative economic performance in 2009. Liquidity fluctuated widely over 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.

In 2005 and 2006, NOK 8,828,063 was invested in CIENS eiendom KS. After annual repayments, NIBR's share capital in CIENS eiendom KS as of 31 December 2009 was NOK 6,002,105. This sum shall be regarded as an investment in own office space. In addition, NIBR owes NOK 742,245 to the general partner [*komplementar*] in the limited stock partnership [*komandittselskap*], CIENS eiendom AS.

Changes in capitalised pension liabilities to the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund (*Statens Pensjonskasse*) grew during the year by NOK 1,362,716; pension liabilities are estimated at MNOK 7.77, as of 31 December 2009. 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.

Investments in tangible fixed assets amounted to NOK 623,540 in 2009, mainly in the form of computers and copying machines. Depreciation and amortisation expenses amounted to NOK 915,543. Technological progress will, it is assumed, require substantial investment also in the years ahead.


NIBR's prospects will, one trusts, remain good and the Institute will continue to play an important role as a supplier of knowledge in Norway. This is conditional on a significant improvement in economic performance.


The annual loss of NOK 1.944.756 (after tax), is subtracted from equity.

Oslo, 9 April 2010

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2009. Highlights

All figures in NOK 1000

OPERATING REVENUE	2009	2008
Ordinary project revenue	48 177	31 548
Grant for research programmes	0	16 615
Annual Basic Allocation	20 471	16 480
Allocation for national tasks and infrastructure	1 115	1 230
Publication sales revenue	53	126
Other operating revenue	112	479
SUM OPERATING REVENUE	69 928	66 478

OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries	50 299	48 945
Direct project costs	11 625	13 266
Costs related to premises	5 508	5 169
Ordinary depreciation	916	988
Other operating costs	3 569	3 072

SUM OPERATING EXPENSES	71 917	71 441
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OPERATING PROFIT	(1 989)	(4 962)
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Financial items, net	92	492
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OPERATING RESULT BEFORE TAX	(1 897)	(4 471)
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Taxes	47	63
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NET PROFIT FOR THE YEAR	(1 945)	(4 533)
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BALANCE 31 DECEMBER 2009

ASSETS	2009	2008
Fixed assets	11 392	12 283
Current assets	35 970	37 264
SUM ASSETS	47 362	49 547

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Issued equity	5 000	5 000
Retained earnings	9 642	11 539
Pension liabilities	7 771	6 408
Current liabilities	24 949	26 600

SUM EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	47 362	49 547
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Highlights from NIBR's Competency Audit for 2009

for researchers whose primary employment is at the Institute

FORMAL COMPETENCE	2007		2008		2009	
Primary employment - staff	74		79		71	
Primary employment - researchers	60		66		59	
Researcher FTEs (Full-Time Equivalents)	58,3		60		58	
Researchers with PhD / % of researchers in primary employment	20	33%	24	36%	22	37%
Researchers with F1-comp. / % of researchers in primary employment	14	23%	13	20%	14	24%

PUBLISHING AND INFORMATION	2007		2008		2009	
Articles in peer-reviewed journals and anthologies / per researcher in primary employment	25		18		24	
Academic monographs	3		1		1	
Articles in other scholarly journals and books / per researcher in primary employment	19		30		9	
Books and other publications	11		4		6	
Feature articles in the press and book reviews	13		13		8	
NIBR Reports	25		35		35	
NIBR Working Papers	17		21		22	
Papers read at academic conferences	38		27		34	

ANNUAL BASIC GRANTS AND OTHER FUNDING (IN NOK 1,000)	2007		2008		2009	
Annual Basic Grant from the Research Council of Norway	6 300	10%	6 810	10%	9 152	14%
Strategic Institute Programmes from the Research Council of Norway	7 543	12%	6 170	9%	8 040	12%
Research Programmes from the Research Council of Norway	14210	22%	12718	19%	13590	20%
Ministries and subordinate bodies	22842	36%	26719	34%	23114	35%
Municipal sector	3216	5%	4764	8%	6742	10%
International sector	4259	7%	2602	4%	5164	8%
Private sector	483	0%	748	1%	861	1%

	2007		2008		2009	
Turnover	63909		66477		69928	
Turnover per researcher FTE	1096		1108		1199	
Annual Basic Grant per researcher in primary employment	231		197		291	

Research Departments

Department for Housing and Environmental Planning Research



This is a broad-based department which includes the Centre for Planning and Environmental Impact Assessment. The department has defined three core areas of research:

Environmental planning research

The department has generated a considerable amount of knowledge over the years on planning processes and the Planning and Building Act as a planning and policy instrument. Included here are method development, evaluation of planning's regulatory effectiveness, and challenges associated with decision making processes, participation, democracy and effectiveness. The department has addressed these topics in a number of policy areas and segments of society in 2009:

- Analyses of good management of recreation areas, of partnerships and voluntary forest conservation and of how interests can be balanced in coastal areas.
- The use of the Planning and Building Act and other planning instruments to bring about housing developments in complicated and complex transformation projects in the inner city.
- Several projects addressing climate change and adaptation, especially in urban areas. We have also studied how the Planning and Building Act is used as an instrument of sharing knowledge and of balancing interests in urban development.
- Analyses of local governments' work to promote public health. We have evaluated the Ministry of the Environment's programme "Health and Planning", studied local governments' use of municipal health profiles and looked at partnership models and other forms of cross-sectoral collaboration in the field of public health. The department has a

research fellow who is working at the interface between planning and public health.

- The department is currently involved in a major evaluation to establish how principles of universal design as an overarching objective and principle for all sectors and government levels is translated into practical outcomes and concrete sectoral priorities.

Housing research

The department is responsible for the housing research at the Institute. We study the workings of the housing and property markets and look at the supply side and connection between housing policy and the social and economic integration of vulnerable groups into mainstream society.

In 2009 we looked at debt and payment problems. We studied incidence, counselling and prevention of evictions and forced sales. We have also studied housing supply which in particular presents a challenge to the credit assessment facilities of private and state-owned banks and are likely to place home buyers in a difficult situation. In 2009, we began the difficult task of creating a socio-economic audit for use by local governments in the field of social housing. Working closely alongside selected local governments, we are attempting to quantify the benefits of an active social housing policy.

In 2009, a significant component of our housing research addressed ethnic groups and their situation in the housing market. We conducted a comprehensive study of discrimination and differential treatment in the rental market based on information from tenants and landlords.

NIBR's housing research also extends to the most vulnerable in society - the homeless: people released from prison and other groups requiring special attention and specific remedies. We can for example mention our evaluation of the street hospital and the need for personalized hospice services for this particular disadvantaged group.

We were asked by the Norwegian State Housing Bank and Oslo University College to design and undertake a further training course in municipal housing policy and work in the field of social housing.

Urban development and place studies

The department also studies urban and semi-urban development. We are involved in the development of small places, small towns and peri-urban residential areas and in building the reputation of these places. We conducted in 2009 socio-cultural place analyses at Vik in Hole, Florø and at Eidfjord. A shared feature of the studies is the desire to increase the viability, vitality and dynamism of focal areas. Turning centres into social and cultural venues, needs more than aesthetics. The residents, property owners, lease holders and businesses must be brought in on the consultation procedures. In the same spirit we conducted a major project exploring the development of Gjøvik in historic light. See www.stedsforskning.no for more information on NIBR's place research.

We apply our expertise on place and area development also in the context of cities. We are focusing on social sustainability and have, among other things, studied social venues in Søndre Nordstrand in Oslo.

The department is affiliated to national and international networks in this specific field of study. We remain members of the COST network, focusing on urban development and land use management (Land Management for Urban Dynamics) and helped finalise another COST network related to urban knowledge arenas.

Research Director: Dr. ing. Berit Nordahl



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, division of responsibilities and duties. The department addresses these issues within several policy areas, especially the health and welfare sector and climate and environmental policy.

Research at the department is based on the academic challenge of studying politics, political processes and current political debates. The goal is to align political issues with scientific perspectives to deliver an improved practical knowledge base and better technical insight. 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 the impact of multilevel government on policy formation. Both qualitative and quantitative analytical methods are used.

Research focuses largely on issues arising from the organisation of the public sector. In particular, studies address the significance of organisational form for

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

In 2009, researchers at the department were involved in several projects within the health and welfare sector. We conducted evaluations of major programmes targeting the municipal sector, such as Kompetanseløftet (Qualifications Boost 2015), Kvalitetskommuneprogrammet (Programme for Quality Improvement in Municipal Services), Flink med folk i første rekke (Good with People First of All) and Opptappingsplanen for psykisk helse (Mental Health Competence Building Plan). Researchers at the department are involved in a comprehensive project to study self-help work. NIBR and others are involved in an EU project on the use of knowledge in the health and education sectors.

In the course of 2009 researchers at the department began work on a major Research Council project on climate change adaptation. A feasibility study was conducted on local government implementation of the EU Water Directive. This will proceed as a Research Council project in 2010. Researchers at the department are involved moreover in a project funded under the EU's Sixth Framework Programme on the application of a wide range of knowledge types to ensure sustainable urban and regional growth.

The department has been involved in research projects addressing processes at the regional and local levels, including several projects that develop and discuss the regional application of foresight methodology. Researchers at the department have also analysed the significance of county governors' role perceptions for local self-government.

Research Director: Dr. polit. Hilde Lorentzen (to April 2009); Cand. polit. Trine Myrvold (from April 2009)

Department for International Studies



The department studies politics and forms of government in 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 how they affect national and local institutions. Many projects are conducted as micro-studies, often comparative, usually by a cross-disciplinary team. The department has been involved in long-term collaborative projects in Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka. Other recent additions to the country portfolio include Ukraine and Balkan states. In the very recent past we have worked on politics and forms of government in countries afflicted by violent conflict, such as Uganda, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Philippines. One of the key questions concerns the degree to which changes in policy and form of government have helped bring violent conflicts to an end.

Research on different types of civil society organisations, such as the church network in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Muslim Brotherhood in the Horn of Africa, gangs in Kenya, grassroots movements in Nepal, trade unions in Norway, and Norwegian aid organisations, is also central to the department's work. In addition to research, we have undertaken several evaluations of Norwegian organisations' work in Latin America, Russia, Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa, to establish performance outcomes in partner countries. We evaluated among other things trade union cooperation in Mozambique, climate cooperation in Brazil, cooperation between women's organisations in Eritrea and cooperation between parties in Nepal.

Many of the countries in which we work are characterised by poverty, marginalisation and exclusion. In these

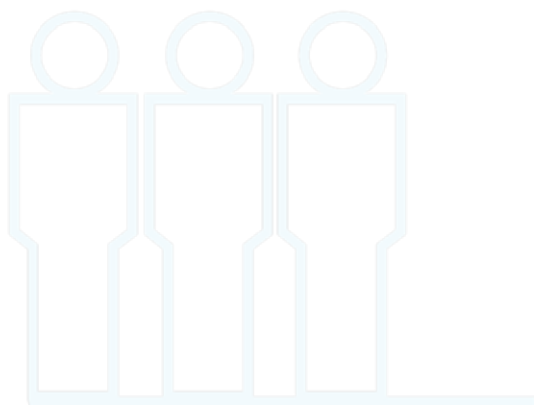
countries we have been particularly concerned to study the effects of different reforms and measures, from land reforms to information technology and organisation. In recent years, a rights perspective has been in focus in our work, often in countries where wide cultural diversity is the norm, and where discrimination and exclusion are important factors in explaining poverty.

We have worked in particular in the policy areas of health, women and equality. Health research has explored the role of institutional solutions, participation and rights in ensuring effective response to health challenges associated with prevention, care and treatment of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We have worked on this problem in eastern and southern Africa, and in Russia.

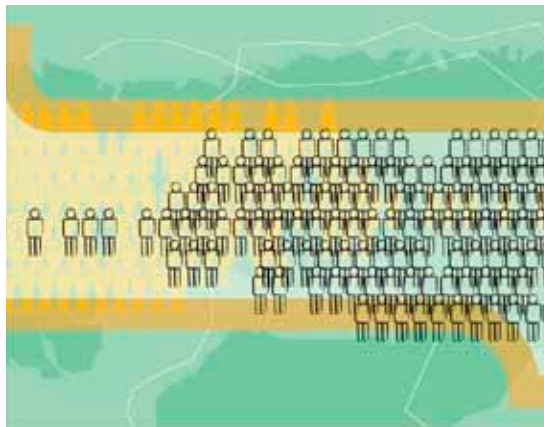
In the field of women and equality, we have undertaken several reviews of the work of Norwegian authorities and organisations to promote women's conditions and equality. We also study the consequences of various measures on women's status and rights, such as the land reforms in Peru and higher organisation incidence among women. We have also been involved in more operational projects connected with training and competence-building among women, as in Vietnam.

Research proceeds in close contact with activity in the other departments at NIBR. The department's country-specific expertise is combined with the expertise of the other research departments insofar as we draw on the experiences of the 'Nordic model', particularly in local government and local democracy, among other things.

Research Director: Marit Haug, PhD



Department for Socioeconomic and Territorial Studies



The department conducts studies and assessments for clients in Norway and abroad. Activity ranges across regional economic and regional demographic studies and studies of regional dynamics of regional growth. International comparative studies of territorial issues and developmental patterns are of central importance. Regional development and regions' development are about the reciprocal effect from a territorial perspective of options taken by different actors and policy makers alongside economic, social, demographic and environmental factors. This includes innovation and learning within and between enterprises.

The department also undertakes 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 further involved in the study of problems arising at the interface between nature and society. The main theme here is the local and regional implications of climate change and political strategies in this area.

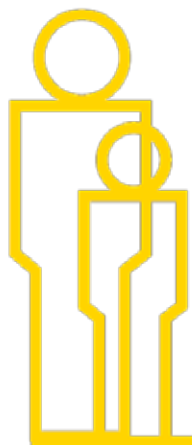
The department has expertise and experience in the following key areas:

- Regional demography: studies of demographic and socio-demographic processes, migration and migration motives, particularly migration and residential careers in a cohort and life course perspective

- Regional economy: studies of the regional effect from the perspective of the wider economy, studies of economic processes at the regional level and of municipal economies
- Regional development /regions' development: comparative advantages and innovation analysis, business and business environment analysis, enterprise and network analysis, analysis of interaction between local and regional resources and economic growth
- Regional policy evaluation: helping refine evaluation methodology, evaluation of policy/reforms, programmes, regional development cooperation, instruments/measures
- Local community, place and centre development: analysis of restructuring processes, establishment of knowledge base, possibility analysis, contribution to development processes

The department finalised in 2009 a countrywide representative study of residential and migration motives. Data collected by questionnaire were paired with information on migration careers over the life span based on Statistics Norway's individual-level migration history material. Data from this study are now available for use by all research centres via the Norwegian Social Sciences Data Services (NSD). A final report on the project "Price of Centralisation" was published in 2009, including a synopsis of a large number of secondary analyses of different aspects of centralising processes in society. Other projects include a study of demographic change and challenges in the Norwegian cities and an advance evaluation of regional and economic consequences of strengthening the popularly elected level ("Administrative Reform")

Research Director: Cand.sociol. Olaf Foss



Academic Activities

Strategic Institute Programmes

Funded over the annual basic allocation, the strategic institute programmes provide an important means of building academic competence and widening the international outlook of the Institute's priority areas. Activities include theoretical and empirical studies as well as translating research findings into scientific articles. One essential aspect of the institute programmes is to support individual capacity building and research training, particularly doctoral projects, generally in combination with major research commitments. There is an emphasis on developing research networks and strengthening domestic and international research partnerships.

Planning and Organisation for Better Public Health

This programme brings together researchers specialising in welfare, planning and governance studies. The programme started in 2006 and is due to 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, following tighter regulations on transparency, knowledge in the health and social sector is incorporated into plans. Ethical and political dilemmas encountered in preventative work are also dealt with under the strategic institute programmes.

Senior Researcher, Dr. polit. Marit K. 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* has been on-going since 2006. The programme seeks to improve our understanding of 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 is at the moment working with Hedmark County Council and the Eastern Norway Research Institute on a Foresight process with the title "Looking Ahead in Hedmark" ("Framsyn i Hedmark") to formulate ideas and

suggestions for the county's regional planning strategy. NIBR and the Work Research Institute (AFI) are working with Vest-Agder County Council on an INTERREG Foresight project called "Innovative Foresight Planning for Business Development" in a number of European regions. NIBR is developing a Foresight scheme for climate adaptation in cities and urban centres on the Baltic Sea in connection with the INTERREG project "BaltCICA". The scenario project "Regional Norway Anno 2030" is another key undertaking. It is considered of importance to take active part in the international research community by publishing in the professional media and attending conferences.

Senior Researcher, Dr. polit. Jan Erling Klausen leads the programme

Sustainable Area Development - A programme addressing residential patterns and area development

In 2009 we concluded several projects that approached the phenomenon of second homes from different vantage points: from the point of view of cabin developments and impact on the host community; from the vantage point of recreational commuting; and from the point of view of increasing numbers with homes in more than one place.

In connection with this strategic institute programme, we have also looked at area development in major cities and constructed a comparative perspective on governmental action to reverse the trend in deprived areas. We have finalised an article for international publication on this topic. This programme is also linked to NIBR's urban and climate undertaking. See below.

Research Director, Dr. ing. Berit Nordahl leads the programme

Joint Institute Programmes under the Environmental Alliance

NINA (Norwegian Institute for Nature Research) is lead partner in the strategic institute programme *Nature 2020+*; other partners in addition to NIBR are 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 enhance the research community's ability to develop scenario methodology. The project's particular focus in 2009 was on the two island communities of Frøya and Vega, where scenario-based Foresight studies were conducted spot-

lighting different factors producing change. A similar process had been undertaken on the island of Smøla at an earlier stage. Following this work, colleagues at NINA and other institutes prepared working papers setting out provisional lessons of the projects in the two municipalities. The programme commenced in 2006 and continues until 2010.

Senior Researcher, Cand. polit. Kjell A. Harvold is NIBR's representative on the steering committee

The strategic institute programme *Adapting to Extreme Weather in Municipalities* brings together the natural and social sciences in a study of the impact of extreme weather events on the natural environment and local communities and what local councils are doing to prepare for these phenomena. On the basis of the data, procedures will be drafted for systematising municipal efforts. CICERO leads the programme; the other partners in addition to NIBR are NIVA, Bioforsk, NIKU, NILU and NINA.

Senior Researcher, Cand. philol. Geir Inge Orderud is NIBR's representative on the 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. Knowledge in this area is deficient and fragmentary and inadequately organised for use in planning and decision making contexts. An important goal of the programme is to study local knowledge and what cultural monuments and historical sites mean to local communities, and how these considerations are balanced in planning and decision making processes.

Senior Researcher, Dr. polit. Ragnhild Skogheim is NIBR's project leader for 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. It has three main modules.

Development, maintenance and distribution of results of the municipal organisation database at NIBR

NIBR has had responsibility for the municipal organisation database since 1995. The database contains unique information on the political and administrative organisation of Norwegian municipalities. NIBR works continually to maintain the database and communicate results. Results from the database are also distributed to local and county councils and to government decision makers whenever necessary, and work is on-going

to distribute the results from the database in academic journals. In 2009, NIBR has focused on, among other things, assuring the quality of the data on inter-municipal collaboration and utilising the data in one or more academic publications.

Research Director, Cand. polit. Trine Myrvold is project leader

A NIBR housing research development programme

In 2009, as in previous years, the housing research development programme 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 2009, NIBR ran several important projects under each of these headings. The programme has been used largely to facilitate the writing of papers on the projects and presentation of 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.

Research Director, Dr. ing. Berit Nordabl is project leader

Regional Trends

The journal was remodelled in 2007, with a new layout and larger editorial staff. So far, one double issue and two normal issues have been published in the new look. In 2009, editorial work was done on three issues for publication in 2010. The journal is available in print and Internet versions.

Research Director, Cand. sociol. Olaf Foss is project leader

Infrastructure for territorial studies and policy support

The purpose is to develop and manage resources, analytical and modelling tools, and databases etc. with a view to insuring a high level of scientific and technical readiness to aid analysis and assessment in important areas of the department's priority areas in a long-term perspective. The individual contract projects do not leave sufficient space to develop such preparedness. Performance meets current requirements to observe the Institute's national responsibilities as an applied research institute.

The main project comprised six secondary projects in 2009: The merged migration history material; regional economic models; Central Register of Enterprises and Establishments; Database for business, centre and industrial development; Geographical information systems and Coordination/other tools.

Research Director, Cand. sociol. Olaf Foss is project leader



Other Strategic Activities

Climate, Environment and Sustainable Development

One of NIBR's most important commitments is the *study of challenges arising from climate change, environmental issues and sustainable development in a political and territorial perspective*. Challenges arising from the state of the climate provide a focus for the effort, but we also study the social aspects of environmental and sustainable development in general, but also in terms of climate change. The undertaking builds on NIBR's strategic institute programme Regional and Social Effects of Climate Change (ReSoClim).

Activities concentrate on two thematic strands.

- *Distributive and welfare effects*: Activity here builds on a robust research tradition at NIBR concerned with distribution and welfare effects as aspects of social change nationally and internationally. In 2009, a pilot project on the distributive consequences and perceptions of justice/fairness in the implementation of climate measures and adaptation to climate change in China. Working relations have been established with research centres in South Africa, enabling us to expand the geographical scope of the study to Africa.
- *Governance and coordination challenges*: Issues to do with learning and administration across sectoral and government levels are central to the formulation and implementation of measures aimed at countering climate change. In this first phase of the programme we have given priority to studying collaboration in Norwegian municipalities on climate-related matters. Here, among other things, we follow up a 2007 survey of municipal performance on climate-related issues.

Because the challenges of climate change are global, NIBR stresses the need to work locally, nationally and internationally.

The work builds on and creates a framework for several externally funded climate-related research projects. The development of new contract projects is one important aspect of the work. One such project was the 2009 "Climate Change Adaptation - Responsibilities and Instruments", for the "Climate Adaptation Committee", undertaken as a CIENS project. Internal collaboration at CIENS is a hallmark of a Research Council of Norway-project known as CLIMADAPT, a comprehensive study of climate adaptation in the Oslo region which started in 2009.

Coordinator for climate-related activity is Senior Researcher, Mag. art. Jon Naustdalslid

Cities, Urbanisation and Place Appeal

NIBR's focus on urbanisation combines an attractiveness perspective with a differentiation perspective. Our starting point includes demographic processes of major cities and socio-political implications of population growth, national migration patterns and international migration. We explore economic growth and polarisation, power and new forms of political control and mobilisation unfolding in large, complex urban societies, in Norway and beyond. We also look at urbanisation and environmental challenges. NIBR's continued focus on public health is another component of the undertaking.

The point of NIBR's focus on cities is to enhance studies *of* and *for* urban development. Studies *of* to enhance insight into driving forces and impact of the urbanisation process. Studies *for* to widen NIBR's capacity to help (local) governments access information of relevance to drafting and implementing policy.

Coordinator for urban-related activity is Senior Researcher David Jordbus-Lier, Ph.D.

Governance

The aim here is to strengthen NIBR's position as a leading national centre of governance studies. There is an increasing focus in Norway and Europe on societal coordination by means of network governance instead of on traditional hierarchical government via public institutions. Public authorities do not necessarily play a less vital role, but they do play new ones - acting increasingly as initiators, coordinators and network participants. This development, which is often spoken of as a transition from *government* to *governance*, makes it increasingly urgent to study changing forms of government and coordination. In the business community and private sector new network and partnership-based forms of coordination are also emerging, while interest in "corporative governance" is growing. The study of governance extends across several topics of interest to social scientists 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, Cand. polit. Gro Sandkjer Hanssen



International Work

NIBR enjoys relations with many organisations on the international stage, and our international research portfolio has grown steadily in recent years. NIBR works with several universities and research institutes in each of the Nordic countries as well as countries in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America. Important elements of NIBR's international work include knowledge sharing, competence and institution building. We have substantial knowledge and experience of working with and in different countries and cultures. What makes NIBR unique in this respect is our ability to bring our knowledge of Norwegian society in areas such as regional studies, governance and local administration to bear alongside specialist expertise in different countries and 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 in close collaboration with 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
- Local democracy, 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
- Environmental impact assessments: NIBR has been working for several years with the International Association for Impact Assessment to build capacity in developing countries in this area of study. NIBR is also working with several local African institutions in the relevant areas.

NIBR's research staff include specialists in 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, NO-RAD, Norwegian embassies, EU, Swedish and Finnish authorities, governments of other countries, and several private organisations.

Civil Society

NIBR has conducted several evaluations and research projects for clients where we look at various aspects of the work of voluntary organisations. The projects involve assessing, among other things, voluntary organisations ability to channel development cooperation and the outcome for recipients, organisations and institutions in partner countries of channelling Norwegian aid through voluntary organisations. We have been particularly concerned to understand how civil society can promote regeneration, participation and inclusion in the transitional phases from violent conflicts to peace. In 2009 we have worked on the following projects:

- Local church networks in the Republic of Congo. The project seeks to establish who the members are, how the networks are organised and the role they play in the peace process, with particular focus on how networks encourage women to take part in their work
- The Muslim Brotherhood: a study of the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood on Norwegian peace and reconciliation efforts in regional and local processes in the Horn of Africa
- Bands and political violence in Kenya. The project investigates the political dimension of the largest Kenyan bands (Mungiki and Taliban), including recruitment and the groups' internal political dynamics
- Implementation of ILO Convention 169 in Nepal. The project assesses the degree to which ILO Convention 169 on the rights of indigenous people is used by the various ethnic organisations in Nepal to promote the rights of the indigenous population

- Social conditions in the hotel sector in Norway. This study looks at the effect of global factors on representation of various groups in the hotel business
- NIBR evaluated the Norwegian Centre for Support of Democracy, particularly relations between political parties in Norway, Kenya and Nepal. NIBR had in advance evaluated collaboration projects between Norwegian and Tanzanian political parties, funded by the Norwegian Centre for Support of Democracy
- NIBR also worked on certain limited evaluations of collaborations between Norwegian and foreign civil society organisations, such as that involving the Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions and unions in Mozambique, and another involving the Rain Forest Fund and its partners in Brazil

Decentralisation, Government Reforms and Institutional Analysis

The studies under this programme ask how national and local institutions implement new schemes and reforms and how institutional factors affect performance and outcomes. NIBR has worked in particular to establish how decentralisation and reforms locally and regionally can work to promote a stable peace.

- Research partnership with Hanoi University of Education investigating the role of poverty alleviation efforts and resource management in coastal communities in Vietnam
- Challenges arising from the institutional gathering of Russian Sámi given the internationalisation of Sámi politics and organisation
- In partnership with Norwegian Association of Local Authorities, a joint competence building and local government reform project in Ukraine. NIBR and local researchers are assisting by providing research-based knowledge
- Decentralisation of peace and conflict. This project probes the degree to which decentralisation has promoted conflict resolution in Northern Uganda
- Decentralisation as a conflict resolution strategy. This project asks whether decentralisation has effected long-term conflict resolution in Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Philippines or, conversely, created fresh grounds for conflict

Poverty and Vulnerable Groups, Marginalisation and Exclusion Processes

These studies address marginalised and excluded groups; analyse the causes of poverty and exclusion; and ask 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, 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

In 2009 NIBR's international health sector portfolio grew significantly, both in terms of research and evaluation. NIBR explores in particular institutional challenges raised by HIV/AIDS as an international commitment.

Women and Equality

Women and gender equality have been a priority at NIBR for many years, not least in relation to development cooperation. These efforts continued in 2009.

- Implications for equality of land entitlement in Peru. The project looks at the consequences of major reforms and what other countries can learn from Peru
- Interim evaluation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' action plan to promote women's rights and equality in development cooperation endeavours
- Review of the multilateral development banks and their work relating to women and promotion of equality
- Review of UNIFEM's development programme for women and democratic government
- Cooperation with the umbrella organisation for Norwegian women's organisations, FOKUS, on restructuring the organisation's work from project management to programme management
- Leadership training and competence building for minority ethnic women in Vietnam



Collaboration with China and Saudi Arabia

NIBR's collaboration with China involves, among other things, arranging the annual "Sino-Norwegian Social Policy Forum" with the China Institute for Reform and Development (CIRD). Haikou has been the conference's host city since the first conference in 2004. NIBR is also involved in numerous networking activities aimed at establishing research partnerships on topics such as urbanisation, welfare, environment and climate. One highly significant initiative is a current project aimed at establishing territorial classification systems, typologies and indicators for Chinese regions, with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Institute for Population and Labour Economics. Another important study concerns "Climate Change and Social Justice", in cooperation with Research Centre for Sustainable Development (CASS). Through NIBR's membership of the Oslo Centre for Interdisciplinary Environmental and Social Research (CIENS), NIBR has been an active partner (holding the chair of the steering committee) of SINCIERE (Sino-Norwegian Centre for Interdisciplinary Environmental Research). The centre is a joint venture involving Chinese Academy of Science (CAS), Research Centre for Eco-Environmental Sciences (under CAS), University of Oslo and CIENS, the purpose of which is to stimulate and facilitate scientific cooperation in the field of environmental studies, promote interdisciplinary research in the field and strengthen scientific and institutional capacity with a view to promoting sustainable development in China.

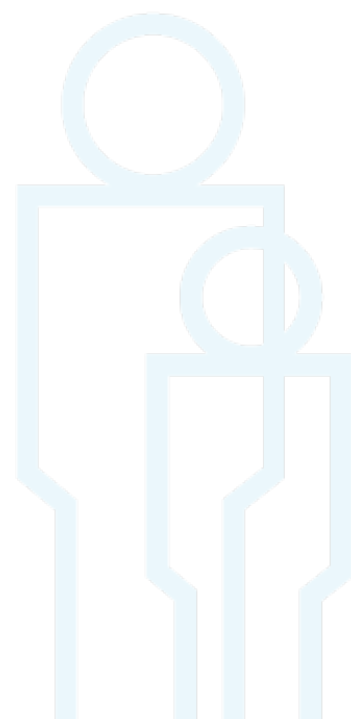
NIBR conducts studies and undertakes development assignments for the Riyadh public authorities in Saudi Arabia. One current project concerns leading the work to develop a system of residence registration in Riyadh and Saudi Arabia in collaboration with Statistics Norway and local experts. NIBR undertook a project on migration and poverty in the Riyadh region and was advisor to the Riyadh authorities in connection with a project on crime prevention.

ESPON, INTERREG and OECD

NIBR is an active contributor to the European research project ESPON (2002-2006, 2007-2013), which now counts 31 European member nations. NIBR participates in several joint projects (including territorial aspects of climate change and climate policy), is co-host of major international seminars, and is national ESPON representative in Norway. NIBR is also research partner in the INTERREG project "Climate Change; Impacts, Costs and Adaptation in the Baltic Sea Region" (BaltCICA). The Institute has, moreover, been a contributor (continuously since 1992) to OECD's work on territorial indicators and regional analysis, including peer reviews and benchmarking activity 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.

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.



Information and Publication Activities

NIBR has a national responsibility to ensure that information is provided in an accessible and user-friendly form. Academic staff are active participants in public debates on issues of relevance to the Institute's research. NIBR seeks to ensure information is tailored to the needs of the general public, the media, clients and the scientific community and to publication in academic periodicals and journals, both nationally and internationally.

NIBR's Department of Administrative Services, 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 publication series. In 2009, NIBR published 31 reports, 22 working papers and 4 joint reports. Reports and joint reports are issued in print and electronically; working papers are published electronically. NIBR reports and joint reports have summaries in English and Norwegian, working paper summaries are in Norwegian only. Issues can be found at www.nibr.no, click on Publikasjoner (Publications).

In addition to NIBR's in-house series, researchers were responsible for sixteen articles published in peer reviewed journals and nine in other academic journals, compendia and article collections. Researchers wrote and/or edited six externally published books and/or project reports, and had eight contributions included in scientific anthologies. One scientific monograph was published, and researchers published eight commentaries, reviews and features etc. in periodicals and the popular press.

Regional Trends

NIBR publishes its own journal, *Regional Trends*, dedicated to various aspects of regional research.

In 2007, a peer review system was put in place. The journal is supported economically by the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development. Earlier editions of *Regional Trends* are available at www.nibr.no, either as whole issues or separate articles.

Academic Conferences

National and international conferences provide a unique opportunity for researchers to make their findings and analyses more widely known to the scientific community. NIBR's scientific staff read 34 papers at international and national conferences in 2009, gave 107 lectures and talks at 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 2009.

- COST meeting to discuss "Land management in urban seafront transformation"
- Municipal planning for outdoor life and public health
- Workshop on implementation research in a government perspective
- Planning as a policy instrument - words or action?
- Course for young Ukrainian researchers in research design and method. Arranged in Odessa
- Conference on implementing efficiency networks in Ukrainian municipalities. Arranged in Mykolaiiv
- Urbanization and Urban-Rural Integration - New Trends, Challenges and Breakthroughs. Haikou, Hainan, China
- Improving Governance - Towards Sustainable Growth, Peace and Equity. Islamabad, Pakistan

Academic Meetings and Briefings

Academic Forum (Faglig Forum) is a series of public seminars for informed discussion on issues of relevance to research at NIBR.

Five meetings were held in 2009, where the following topics were discussed.

- Survey of life under water: how can knowledge contribute to a more sustainable management of the coastal zone?
- How to buy a non-existing home: On the purchase and sale of new homes by leaflet
- Piracy off the Horn of Africa
- What needs to be done to ensure good women's projects? Lessons from the Dandelion Project, Mogadishu, Somalia
- The Norwegian Coordination Reform (Samhandlingsreformen) – in a comparative perspective

NIBR's Library

NIBR has an excellent library with works of interest and relevance to the Institute's sphere of activity. At the last count we had 15,000 volumes, and subscribed to about 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 Retriever (Atekst) for Norwegian newspapers.

In addition to conventional lending services, the library provides copies of articles on request, generally for staff at NIBR, but sometimes for outside users.





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Guttu, Jon: "Byvandring i Ullevål Hageby", presentert på Arkitekturvandring, arrangert av Nasjonalmuseet for kunst, arkitektur og design, Ullevål Hageby, Oslo 4.10.2009

Guttu, Jon: "T-banesafari i Groruddalen", presentert for Statistisk sentralbyrå, Groruddalen, Oslo 30.10.2009

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Guttu, Jon: "Fortett med vett", presentert på sentrumsseminar i Moelv, arrangert av Ringsaker kommune, Moelv 1.12.2009

Hanssen, Gro Sandkjær og Inger-Lise Saglie: "Medvirkning i planleggingen", presentert på seminaret Planlegging som styringsmiddel – tekster eller handling?, arrangert av NIBR/ Demosreg-programmet i Norges forskningsråd, Oslo 19.2.2009

Hanssen, Gro Sandkjær: "Hvordan ivaretas demokratiske prinsipper i byplanleggingen? En studie av samhandling, medvirkning og innflytelse", presentert på seminaret Byutvikling – arena for hestehandel?, arrangert av Oslo Bolig- og byplanforening, Oslo 28.4.2009

Hanssen, Gro Sandkjær og Signy Irene Vabo: "KS og konsultasjonsordningen – statlig styring eller kommunal interessehevdning?", presentert på Fagkonferanse om styring og ledelse i offentlig virksomhet, arrangert av Avdeling for samfunnsfag, Høgskolen i Oslo, Oslo 22.10.2009

Harvold, Kjell A.: "Plan og deltakelse", presentert på Consensus-konferanse, arrangert av Norsk institutt for kulturminneforskning (NIKU), Oslo 12.3.2009

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Harvold, Kjell A.: "Klimatilpasning og virkemidler", presentert på konferanse om klimatilpasning, arrangert av NOU-utvalget for klimatilpasning, Oslo 26.11.2009

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Heløe, Leif Arne: "Fra tanntrekker til helsearbeider", presentert på Tannlegeforeningens landsmøte samt i fem lokalforeninger, 2009

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Hofstad, Hege: "Integrering av folkehelse spørsmål i kommuneplanen", presentert på konferansen Friskere og sprekere planer – mulighetenes marked med ny planlov, arrangert av Oppland fylkeskommune, Fylkesmannen i Oppland, KS og Høgskolen i Gjøvik, Gjøvik 28.8.2009

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Holm-Hansen, Jørn: "Continuity and change in the Polish party system since 1989", presentert på konferansen 20 years since the Berlin Wall, arrangert av E.ON.Ruhrgas, Norsk utenrikspolitisk institutt, Universitetet i Oslo, Norges forskningsråd, Oslo 11.-13.11.2009

Johannessen, Katja: "Kartlegging av bostedsløse", presentert på seminar for ansatte i Kommunal- og regionaldepartementet, Oslo 23.9.2009

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Nordahl, Berit: "Boliger for ungdom: Hva kan og bør kommunene gjøre?", presentert på NBBLs framtidsprosjekt 2030, Oslo 14.1.2009

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Schmidt, Lene: "Boligens planløsning", presentert på Fagdykk for ledere, plan- og bygningsetaten, arrangert av NIBR, Asker 13.3.2009

Schmidt, Lene: "Skolens uterom, bruk og betydning", presentert på seminaret Uteområder og anlegg for skoler og barnehager, arrangert av Norske Arkitekters Landsforening, Oslo 24.3.2009

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Schmidt, Lene: "Bustader i sentrum – problem eller ressurs?", presentert på Tettstadkonferansen: Handel og folk i sentrum, arrangert av Hordaland fylkeskommune og Miljøverndepartementet, Stord 4.5.2009

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Schmidt, Lene: "Eldres boligønsker – match mellom tilbud og etterspørsel?", presentert på seminar om eldre og bolig, arrangert av Statens seniorråd, Husbanken og NBBL, Gardermoen 19.5.2009

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Schmidt, Lene: "Boligens planløsning", presentert på seminar om kompetanseheving, Plan- og bygningsetaten, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 15.9.2009

Skjeggedal, Terje: "Planleggings- og stedsutviklingskompetanse i kommuner og fylker", presentert på Nettverkssamling for regional planlegging og utvikling, arrangert av Miljøverndepartementet, Gardermoen 26.10.2009

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Skålnes, Sigrid: "Indigenous people and ethnic minorities in Norway", "The political system of Norway", "Gender equality in Norway", presentert på opplæringstiltak i regi av Central Committee of Organization and Personnel, Communist Party of Vietnam, Ca Mau, Vietnam 23.2.-4.3.2009

Stokke, Knut Bjørn: "Tiltak og arealutvikling i kystsonen – konsekvenser for natur og næring", presentert på Faglig forum om Kartlegging av livet under vann – hvordan kan kunnskapen bidra til en mer bærekraftig kystsoneforvaltning?, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 22.1.2009

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Stokke, Knut Bjørn: "Friluftsliv i endring", presentert på konferansen Urbant friluftsliv, arrangert av Norsk Form i samarbeid med Byutviklingskomiteén i Oslo og Tverrfaglig arena for byutvikling, Oslo 16.6.2009

Stokke, Knut Bjørn: "Byplanlegging og klimatilpasning", presentert på seminar om klimatilpasning og byplanlegging, arrangert av Oslo kommune, Plan- og bygningsetaten, Oslo 5.5.2009

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Søholt, Susanne: "Etterkommere av innvandrere – byfolk", presentert på Papirbrøddedagene, arrangert av Drammen kommune og Høgskolen i Buskerud, Drammen 6.3.2009

Søholt, Susanne: "Etniske minoriteter og forskjellsbehandling i leiemarkedet", presentert på Husbankens frokostseminar, arrangert av Husbanken, Oslo 23.4.2009

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Søholt, Susanne: "Hvordan få til gode kvinneprosjekter? Erfaringer fra Løvetannprosjektet i Mogadishu, Somalia", presentert på Faglig forum, arrangert av NIBR, 9.9.2009

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Tesli, Arne: "Social Impact Assessments", presentert på konferansen Oil – Fish – Development, arrangert av Ministry of Petroleum (MINPET), Angola and Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD), Luanda, Angola 27.-29.10.2009

Tesli, Arne: "Governance and poverty alleviation", presentert på konferansen Governance, sustainable growth, peace and equity, arrangert av Governance Institutions Network International (GINI) og NIBR, Islamabad, Pakistan 13.-15.12.2009

Tjerbo, Trond: "Will it work? Does increasing capacity at the municipal level reduce the overall spending?", presentert på Faglig forum om samhandlingsreformen, arrangert av NIBR, Oslo 30.10.2009

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Vedeld, Trond: "Klimatilpasning og katastroforebygging i Afrika", presentert på seminar om klimatilpasning og katastroforebygging, arrangert av Norad/UD, Oslo 12.10.2009

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Vestby, Guri Mette: "Sosiokulturell stedsanalyse som medvirkningsprosess – erfaringer fra Eidfjord og Florø", presentert på Nasjonal konferanse om stedsutvikling, arrangert av Miljøverndepartementet, Sogn og Fjordane fylkeskommune og Flora kommune, Florø 12.-14.10.2009

Vestby, Guri Mette: "Barn og ungdoms deltakelse og innflytelse", presentert på Barne- og likestillingsdepartementets Barne- og ungdomsavdelings seminar, Moss 21.10.2009

Vestby, Guri Mette: "Demokrati og deltakelse for ungdom", presentert på Barne- og ungdomsfaglig forums årskonferanse, arrangert av BUFF Akershus fylkeskommune, Sandefjord 6.12.2009

Vestby, Guri Mette: "Kulturarv som ressurs i stedsutvikling – identitetsinformasjon og omdømmebygging", presentert på seminaret Kulturarv som ressurs i stedsutvikling, arrangert av Norsk institutt for kulturminneforskning, NIBR og Universitetet for miljø- og biovitenskap, Oslo 14.12.2009

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