

NIOD'S MISSION STATEMENT FOCUSES ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF WAR, GENOCIDE AND MASS VIOLENCE, THEIR ROOTS AND THEIR AFTERMATH, AND DISSEMINATING THIS KNOWLEDGE TO SOCIETY. STATE-OF-THE-ART INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IS KEY IN THIS PROCESS, ALONG WITH RETRIEVAL TOOLS FOR THE COLLECTIONS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH STANDARDS OF SERVICE. IN 2012, THE INTERNATIONAL PEER-REVIEW COMMITTEE THAT ASSESSED NIOD DECLARED THE INSTITUTE TO BE 'EXCELLENT' IN RESEARCH AND COLLECTION MANAGEMENT WITHIN THE HUMANITIES. SINCE THE END OF 2012, NIOD HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN IDENTIFYING LEADERSHIP THEMES FOR 2020, THE NEW EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION. MOTIVATED BY THESE DEVELOPMENTS, NIOD MANAGEMENT ADVANCED ITS STRATEGY BY ENTERING INTO NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND PROJECTS, SOME OF WHICH ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN THIS REVIEW OF 2012.

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HIGHLIGHTS 2012

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Archive

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Collections

NIOD's mission statement focuses on the knowledge of war, genocide and mass violence, their roots and their aftermath, and disseminating this knowledge to society. State-of-the-art interdisciplinary research is key in this process, along with retrieval tools for the collections and the development of high standards of service.

In 2012, the international peer-review committee that assessed NIOD declared the institute to be 'excellent' in research and collection management within the humanities. Since the end of 2012, NIOD has been involved in identifying 'flagship themes' for Horizon 2020, the new European Framework Programme for research and innovation. Motivated by these developments, NIOD management advanced its strategy by entering into new partnerships and projects, some of which are highlighted in this review of 2012.

In 2012, the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) decided to bring its humanities institutions together in a Humanities Centre. Marjan Schwegman, NIOD's director, chaired the steering group developing a blueprint for this Centre while preserving best practices and the institutions' identities. This process was still under way at the end of the year. NIOD wishes to safeguard its unique position as an independent institute and, whatever the future institutional setting, it will continue to conduct scholarly research, with a strong societal focus, into the inter-relationships of violence during hostilities all around the world, highlighting the fact that the long-lasting consequences of violence do not stop at national borders.

Some NIOD partners and alliances

- CEGES-SOMA,
- Columbia University,
- Erasmus University Rotterdam,
- Euroclio (the European Association of History Educators),
- Herinneringscentrum Kamp Westerbork,
- Human Rights Watch,
- Jewish Museum Prague,
- Nationaal Monument Kamp Vught,
- The Anne Frank House,
- The International Criminal Court,
- The National Archives of the Netherlands,
- The National Committee for 4 and 5 May,
- The National Library of the Netherlands,
- The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum,
- University of Amsterdam,
- Utrecht University,
- Yad Vashem

Research projects

Transitional Justice

The study of Transitional Justice analyses the retributive and corrective mechanisms at work in the political context of regime change, in particular during then transition from authoritarian or totalitarian rule towards democratic consolidation and in its aftermath. KNAW provided funding to support PhD and postdoctoral positions focusing on oral history and African Criminal Courts and the connection of history and law in the practice of historical expert witnessing. A mid-term evaluation, in the form of an expert meeting, took place at the end of 2012. The researchers made valuable use of the feedback and commentary from renowned experts such as Carol Gluck (Columbia University) and Mark Freeman (Institute for Integrated Transitions). Dr Nanci Adler, the Transitional Justice programme manager, published the results of her research sponsored by the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) in *Keeping Faith with the Party. Communist Believers return from the Gulag* (Indiana University Press). She has conducted research in preparation for the European Research Council consolidated grant application on competing narratives in the age of Transitional Justice.

Digital Humanities

Can new computer technology contribute to researching digitised historical sources? The last decade has seen an enormous increase in the digitisation of archive documents. The NIOD pilot study *War in Parliament* focused on the contribution of digital technologies to methodological renewal of historical research. Research sponsored by CLARIN-NL showed that advanced computer technology can shed new light on historical data. The results of this project will be published in an article currently being reviewed for *Digital Humanities Quarterly*. Following the success of this pilot study, NIOD hopes to raise funding for extended research.

Legacies of Collaboration

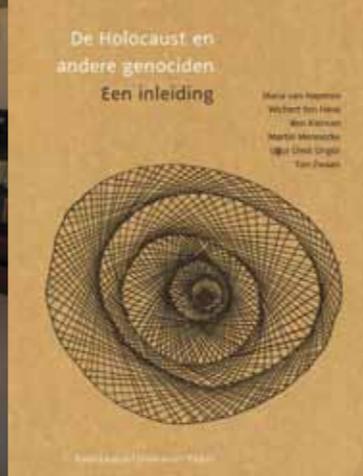
The NWO-funded *Legacies of Collaboration* project researching the post-war integration and ostracism of national socialists in the Netherlands, was finalised in 2012. The first project focused on the physical ostracism of collaborators. The second investigated how the complicated and dynamic reintegration process unfolded, how former political delinquents and their families defined their strategies and the role government and social organisations played. The third project turned its attention to the children and grandchildren of members of the NSB and SS. The results of the research show that while the government and the community made many attempts to reintegrate national socialists into society, rehabilitation often failed as a result of shifts in the conditions that were imposed by Dutch society. The *Citizenship after periods of occupation and collaboration* expert meeting marked the formal end of the research project. The three books are due for publication in 2013.

Anti-Semitism

NWO funded a research project on the dynamics of contemporary anti-Semitism in a globalising context, with 'The Jew' as a framing model in the Netherlands, Morocco, Poland and Turkey, that started in 2010. The research focuses on different groups of Dutch residents of Turkish, Polish or Moroccan descent and their often ambivalent feelings to Jews. New research was published in *Perceptions of the Holocaust in Europe and Muslim Communities. Sources, Comparisons and Educational Challenges*. In 2012, researchers contributed to an intense historical debate on questions concerning the role of Dutch bystanders and accomplices in the persecution and mass murder of Jews.



Library



A guidebook for teachers on the Holocaust and other genocides



University teaching city tour



Gacaca in Rwanda

Collections and Services

Highlights of 2012 were NIOD being rated excellent by the KNAW committee for the evaluation of the collections and the completion of the 2012-2016 collection plan. The collection and services department started implementation of the collection plan and will remain focused on digitisation, sustainable methods of access to archives and collections, acquisitions and co-operation with strategic archives worldwide.

Netwerk Oorlogsbronnen

The national WWII portal oorlogsbronnen.nl offers online access to WWII archives and collections. In recent years, NIOD has had a coordinating role in developing a portal for online access to the collections of many Dutch archives and institutions. In 2012, nine new collections were linked to oorlogsbronnen.nl, which now encompasses 1.9 million resources. The new website moved from the beta version to the full version and was launched in November.

New in the collections: Van Marle archive

NIOD made 16.5 metres of archives accessible in 2012. One of the largest was a recent acquisition, the archive of the Van Marle family, whose members were separated during the Japanese occupation of the Dutch East Indies. The father was forced to work on the Burma-Siam railway while the mother and two daughters were interned in camps in Surabaya and Ambarawa. The archive consists of correspondence between the members of the family, civil status documents, identity cards and unique photographs. The Van Marle archive and other new acquisitions can be viewed during office hours in the NIOD reading room.

EHRI

The European Holocaust Research Infrastructure aims to support the Holocaust research community by providing online access to dispersed sources relating to the Holocaust and by encouraging collaborative research. To achieve this, 20 organisations from 13 countries are working together to build this infrastructure by 2014. EHRI is co-ordinated by NIOD. EHRI achieved several milestones in 2012, including the first contours of an online portal and research environment, a thesaurus translated into ten languages, 12 fellowships for transnational access to research infrastructures, 47 national reports on Holocaust history and the status of archives, several workshops and expert meetings and a newsletter for Holocaust researchers.

Jewish Council Archives

The archives of the Jewish Council (*Joodsche Raad*) in Amsterdam have been digitised and are now available online on the NIOD website thanks to a grant from the Jewish Heritage Programme of the Rothschild Foundation Europe. These archives are among the most frequently used but, at the same time, most vulnerable of the NIOD collections. Digitisation contributes to the preservation of one of the top-priority collections and is an important step in preserving the NIOD archives as a whole. NIOD also digitised 15 of its own publications and received a grant from the Metamorfoze Programme to digitise the archive of the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal and archives on German camps and prisons.

University teaching

Members of the NIOD staff offer the Holocaust and Genocide Studies Master's course at the University of Amsterdam, which enrolled 19 students from several countries in 2012. The Master's course has been reorganised in line with new university regulations and as well as the core Holocaust and Genocide Studies course, students can follow electives in Transitional Justice, the Armenian genocide or a class on race, culture and genocide. NIOD and Utrecht University organise an annual Summer School in Holocaust and Genocide Studies. Former Holocaust and Genocide Studies students stay in close touch and regularly contribute to NIOD activities through the UvA Alumni network and social media.

Education

In addition to university teaching, NIOD contributes to educational activities in the Netherlands and abroad. In 2012, teacher-training workshops focused on classroom practice on the relationship between the Holocaust and other genocides. Following the Dutch chairmanship of the Taskforce for International Co-operation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance and Research (ITF) in 2011, NIOD published a guidebook for teachers on the Holocaust and other genocides with contributions from international scholars such as Prof Ben Kiernan, Dr Martin Mennecke and former NIOD staff member Dr Ton Zwaan. The book was distributed free of charge to all history teachers in the Netherlands and the NIOD network made it possible for educators around the world to receive a copy of the English-language version. All content is available online. The guidebook was funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport.

Exchange of expertise in Rwanda

Two of NIOD's experts in collections and digitisation visited the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre in Rwanda in July to assist members of the staff of that documentation centre with writing and implementing a collection management plan for its archives. Following this visit, two members of the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre staff visited NIOD where they received an intensive course in Genocide Studies and attended a number of workshops led by collection and digitisation specialists from NIOD and other institutions in the Netherlands. This successful exchange programme resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding on further co-operation in collection management, digitisation, research and education.



Meeting Room



Minorities in Mass Violence



Hans Blom, Marjan Schwegman and Wichert ten Have



Heroes - niod.nl > Srdan Aleksic, Mehmed Celal Bey and Reina Prinsen Geerligs

Outreach

Challenging members of the public to participate in debates on historical or topical issues concerning war or genocide, be it denial, remembrance or more academic discussion, is one of the many tasks of NIOD. NIOD events of all kinds have an impact beyond the borders of the Netherlands. Staff participated in international conferences and interacted with the global media, and NIOD events were attended by guests from all over the world. The proceedings of the international *60 Years Genocide Convention* conference were launched by a panel discussion on the different interpretations of the 1948 Genocide Convention by lawyers and historians. The *Minorities in Mass Violence* symposium, marking the retirement of Wichert ten Have as director of Holocaust and Genocide Studies, shed a light on the role of minorities in conflicts and genocides. Research and collections were again key throughout the NIOD programme.

NIOD events are increasingly streamed and broadcast on YouTube or niod.nl. NIOD director Marjan Schwegman enjoyed a higher profile through her participation in several strategic boards and forums and is a member of the jury of the International Balzan Prize Foundation that aims to promote culture, the sciences and the most meritorious initiatives in the cause of humanity and peace, and the 2012-2013 chair of the national History, International Relations and European Studies peer-review committee. She took the lead in a public debate aimed at encouraging new research into Dutch military violence in Indonesia between 1945 and 1949.

NIOD Online

NIOD websites were visited a total of 537,000 times in 2012 with some sites seeing an increase in visitors. For example, visits to the main site niod.nl rose by 25% to 167,941. The rise in the number of return visits (45% up on 2011) was encouraging. NIOD is rapidly gaining ground online, using social media such as Facebook and Twitter. Discussion on Twitter has contributed to reaching new and younger audiences.

Fascism E-Journal

The fully open-access e-journal *Fascism* was launched in 2012. *Fascism* publishes peer-reviewed articles in English by seasoned researchers and postgraduates exploring fascism in a comparative context. Articles focus on topics such as the unique and generic aspects of fascism, patterns in the causation of various manifestations of fascism in political, economic, social, historical and psychological areas. They also relate to elements of continuity between interwar and post-war fascism, their relationship with national and cultural crises, revolution, totalitarianism, capitalism, terrorism, fundamentalism and other phenomena related to the rise of political and social extremism.

HIGHLIGHTS

NIOD Now

In co-operation with the De Balie centre, NIOD started a new series of debates in 2012 on current issues in the field of war, Holocaust and genocide studies, called NIOD Now. Many issues that drew headlines, such as the UN's claims about Rwanda's involvement in the war in the Democratic Republic of Congo, needed discussion. Regime change in the Middle East, as a result of the Arab Spring, was discussed in De Balie, focusing on the crisis in Syria. Speakers with an academic or Syrian background discussed the nature of the violence in Syria with journalists.

Heroes

Following Marjan Schwegman's call for more analysis of heroism in her 2008 Van der Lubbe lecture, NIOD staff started the online *Hero of the Month* series. NIOD staff members are invited to write short essays on historical and contemporary heroes, some well-known, others totally forgotten. The 2012 series included Dutch resistance heroine Reina Prinsen Geerligs, Serb army officer Srdan Aleksic and Ottoman governor Mehmed Celal Bey. *Hero of the Month* has been picked up by several online media and plans for further articles are in process.

Zomergasten

NIOD researcher Dr Jolande Withuis, author of a much praised biography of Dutch resistance hero Pim Boellaard, was invited to star in an episode of the VPRO *Zomergasten* TV programme. This series is a summer landmark and well respected in broad circles. Jolande was interviewed on history, trauma, war and other NIOD-related topics during the four-hour broadcast. Her one-liners such as 'Commemorating everything is like commemorating nothing at all' and 'Ideology numbs and kills all empathy' were frequently quoted in social media and the online press. Critics dubbed this episode as the best *Zomergasten* of the season.

Award

Dr Ugur Ümit Üngör received the Heineken Young Scientists Award for History for his historical-sociological research on mass violence, nationalism and the creation of states. Ugur Üngör has already received several prizes for his PhD research on the creation of the Turkish nation state in the period from 1913 to 1950, a politically sensitive issue. The jury called Üngör an outstanding, dedicated researcher who has already achieved a great deal and praised his ability to preserve balance in the politically troublesome research topic of genocide.

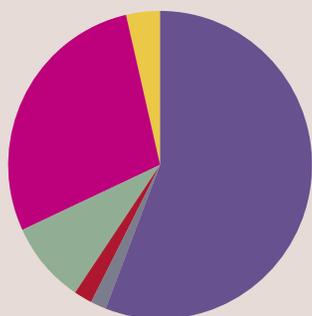
FACTS AND FIGURES



LIBRARY VISITORS 2012
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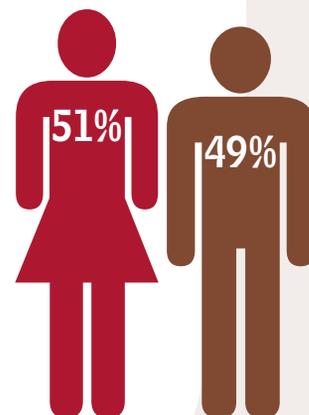


FUNDING



● KNAW (LUMP SUM)	€ 2,906,800
● IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION	€ 93,800
● KNAW STRATEGIC FUND	€ 93,600
● NWO	€ 450,000
● OTHER FUNDING	€ 1,468,200
● OTHER INCOME	€ 187,200
TOTAL	€ 5,199,600

STAFF MEMBERS



TOP 3 ONLINE ACCESS COLLECTIONS

- 01** JUDENDURCHGANGSLAGER WESTERBORK (2501): 78,576
- 02** KONZENTRATIONSLAGER HERZOGENBUSCH (VUGHT) (250G): 57,007
- 03** EUROPEAN DIARIES AND EGO-DOCUMENTS (244): 23,174