

TRANSNATIONAL INSTITUTE

ANNUAL REPORT

2008



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AIMS OF TNI

The foundation "Stichting Transnational Institute" was created on March 21st of 1974.

The aims of the foundation are:

- to undertake, promote and supervise scientific research in the fields of culture, politics and social sciences;
- to create and promote international cooperation in the study of and research into solutions for world problems such as pollution, militarism, social injustice and racism on the one hand and development on the other hand.

The foundation shall attempt to realise its goal by, amongst other things:

- providing courses (in study groups) and organising international scientific conferences and
- collaborating with non-profit organisations which have a similar objective

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In 2008 the Executive Board of Directors of the foundation consists of:

Susan George (chairperson)
David Sogge (honorary secretary)
Kees Biekart (treasurer)

PERSONNEL

The foundation had in 2008 17,2 employees (fte) (in 2007: 17,3) on the payroll. For 1 of them the costs are (partly) covered by a contribution of EUR € 23.596 (in 2007: 47.619 €) under the terms of job creation.

The costs of the employees on the payroll are (in EUR):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Salaries	575.392	551.322
Social securities	94.115	85.059
Pension premium	24.362	21.966
Tax reduction	-	-
	<u>693.869</u>	<u>658.347</u>



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

General

Assets and liabilities are stated at face value unless a different valuation principle is mentioned.

Currency

Amounts denominated in foreign currency have been calculated at the last known rates for the financial year, using ABN tables. Exchange differences are accounted for in the profit and loss account, unless a different rate is mentioned.

Comparative figures

The figures for the previous year included in the annual accounts have been adjusted for purposes of comparison only.

Changes in accounting principles

The valuation and the principles for determination of results remained unchanged compared to 2007.

Fixed assets

These are shown at historical cost. Depreciation and amortisation are calculated based upon these assets according to the straight line method on the expected useful life of the class of asset concerned.

If there is deemed to be a permanent diminution in the value of an asset, the appropriate value adjustment is made.

Receivables

Receivables are stated at face value with a net of provisions for doubtful debts where necessary.

Changed categories

Service Charges have moved from Income to Building Costs.
Currency differences have moved from Income to Office Costs
Meeting costs have moved from Office Costs to Accomodation and Meetings
Office Charges have moved from Income to Office and communication Costs
KP 2.1 has been renamed 'Crime' (formerly: 'Eurotopia')

OTHER INFORMATION

Allocation of results

The result has been allocated to the general reserves in advance of discussion of the Meeting of the Board of Directors.



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BALANCE SHEET AS PER DECEMBER 31th 2008

ASSETS	12/31/2008 EUR	12/31/2007 EUR
Fixed assets		
Building (1)	2.252.724	2.314.752
Office equipment (2)	8.522	18.515
	<u>2.261.246</u>	<u>2.333.267</u>
Receivables		
Accounts receivable	272.625	64.600
Grants (3)	700.333	88.917
Advances	3.241	10.894
Other receivables (4)	4.076	8.907
Prepayments (5)	19.053	21.682
	<u>999.328</u>	<u>195.000</u>
Cash		
Petty cash	2.513	2.516
ABN-Amro Bank	382.893	1.048.470
Triodos Bank	9.008	8.627
Accounts in foreign currencies (6)	20.200	20.618
	<u>414.614</u>	<u>1.080.231</u>
Total assets	<u>3.675.188</u>	<u>3.608.498</u>
 LIABILITIES		
Equity		
Balance previous years	796.452	676.178
Result current year	184.647	120.274
	<u>981.099</u>	<u>796.452</u>
Provisions		
Samuel Rubin's Scholarship Fund (7)	11.636	6.670
Buiding restoration (8)	19.358	79.662
	<u>30.994</u>	<u>86.332</u>
Long term liabilities		
Triodos Bank, mortgage (9)	<u>1.741.645</u>	<u>1.743.577</u>
Current liabilities		
Triodos Bank, mortgage, redemption due in the coming year	1.848	1.848
Project balance	729.800	158.110
Grants next year	17.500	709.343
Accounts payable	47.264	28.838
Wage withholding tax	22.599	15.330
Provision vacationpay	26.549	25.066
Security on rent	9.282	9.282
Interest mortgage Triodos Bank	5.320	5.963
Rent and services charges next year	1.978	13.358
Other current liabilities (10)	59.310	14.999
	<u>921.450</u>	<u>982.137</u>
Total liabilities	<u>3.675.188</u>	<u>3.608.498</u>



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NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET, part 1

12/31/2008
EUR

12/31/2007
EUR

Assets and liabilities are stated at nominal value, unless otherwise explained.
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

FIXED ASSETS

(1) **Building Costs**

Opening balance	2.481.123	2.481.123
Investments	-	-
	<u>2.481.123</u>	<u>2.481.123</u>
 <u>Accumulated depreciation of the building</u>		
Opening balance	166.371	104.343
Charge for the year	62.028	62.028
	<u>228.399</u>	<u>166.371</u>
 <u>Net book value</u>	 <u>2.252.724</u>	 <u>2.314.752</u>

The depreciation rate is 2,5 % per annum.

(2) **Office equipment cost**

Opening balance	55.009	47.136
Investments 2008	2.783	7.873
	<u>57.792</u>	<u>55.009</u>
Fully depreciated	3.717-	-
	<u>54.075</u>	<u>55.009</u>
 <u>Accumulated depreciation of equipment</u>		
Opening balance	36.494	22.057
Charge for the year	12.776	14.437
	<u>49.270</u>	<u>36.494</u>
Fully depreciated	3.717-	-
	<u>45.553</u>	<u>36.494</u>
 <u>Net book value</u>	 <u>8.522</u>	 <u>18.515</u>

RECEIVABLES

(3) **Grants**

Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	700.333	12.980
EU: URB-AL		18.528
Oxfam Novib Netherlands		57.409
	<u>700.333</u>	<u>88.917</u>

(4) **Other receivables**

Interest ABN-Amro Bank, internet account	-	1.401
PANTAR	-	3.493
Loan employees	4.076	2.501
Miscellaneous	-	1.512
	<u>4.076</u>	<u>8.907</u>



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NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET, part 2

	12/31/2008 EUR	12/31/2007 EUR
(5) Prepayments		
Prepaid personnel costs	3.375	8.544
Prepaid housing costs	9.843	8.069
Prepaid office costs	2.462-	3.582
Prepaid travel costs	8.297	1.487
	<u>19.053</u>	<u>21.682</u>
(6) Accounts in foreign currencies		
ABN-Amro Bank USD	6.315	15.614
ABN-Amro Bank GBP	8.747	46
First Union National Bank USD	5.138	4.958
	<u>20.200</u>	<u>20.618</u>

The exchange rates at year end was: \$ = € 0,762; GBP = € 0,956

PROVISIONS

(7) Samuel Rubin's Scholarship Fund		
Opening balance	6.670	6.670
Provision	4.966	-
Expenditure	-	-
	<u>11.636</u>	<u>6.670</u>
(8) Building restoration		
Opening balance	79.662	43.734
Provision	30.000	44.000
Restoration	90.304-	8.072-
	<u>19.358</u>	<u>79.662</u>

(9) LONG TERM LIABILITIES

Triodos Bank, mortgage 21.21.49.342, due in 2035	1.600.000	1.600.000
Triodos Bank, mortgage 21.21.49.237, due in 2010	143.493	145.425
	<u>1.743.493</u>	<u>1.745.425</u>
The mortgage to Triodos Bank is specified as follows:		
Balance	1.743.493	1.745.425
Included in the current liabilities:	1.848-	1.848-
The redemption due in the coming year.	<u>1.741.645</u>	<u>1.743.577</u>

The mortgage is granted on security, 2.250.000 €, of the building at De Wittenstraat 25, Amsterdam. The term of the loan is 20 years. The redemption of mortgage number 21.21.49.342 will take place at the end of the loan, January 1st 2025. The redemption of mortgage number 21.21.49.237 takes place in 240 monthly terms. The first term became payable at June 1st 2005. The terms are € 642 each month (interest included). The interest is set at 3,99%. Fixed rate until 1-1-2010.



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NOTES TO THE BALANCE SHEET, part 3

	12/31/2008 EUR	12/31/2007 EUR
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Project balance (see summary of the projects)	<u>729.800</u>	<u>158.110</u>
(10) Other current liabilities		
Accountant	8.000	8.000
AEPF overschot BuZa	25.501	-
Miscellaneous	<u>25.809</u>	<u>6.999</u>
	<u>59.310</u>	<u>14.999</u>



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SUMMARY OF THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

(Note: Amounts are rounded to multiples of 100 euro)

	real 2008 in euro	in %	budget 2008 in euro	in %	real 2007 in euro	in %
Income						
Core income (balance projects INCL.)	805.100	29,8%	880.508	28,8%	828.600	38,9%
Project income	<u>1.895.400</u>	<u>70,2%</u>	<u>2.173.541</u>	<u>71,2%</u>	<u>1.302.100</u>	<u>61,1%</u>
	<u>2.700.500</u>	<u>100,0%</u>	<u>3.054.049</u>	<u>100,0%</u>	<u>2.130.700</u>	<u>100,0%</u>
Expenditure						
Administration & fundraising	370.100	14,8%	437.487	15,5%	504.100	25,1%
Research & activities - core	250.300	9,9%	247.325	8,8%	204.300	10,2%
Research & activities - projects	<u>1.895.400</u>	<u>75,3%</u>	<u>2.132.251</u>	<u>75,7%</u>	<u>1.302.100</u>	<u>64,7%</u>
	<u>2.515.800</u>	<u>100,0%</u>	<u>2.817.063</u>	<u>100,0%</u>	<u>2.010.500</u>	<u>100,0%</u>
Balance	<u>184.700</u>		<u>236.986</u>		<u>120.200</u>	

RESULT

The result in 2008 of EUR 184649 and the result in 2007 of EUR 120.274 are calculated as follows:

	2008	2007
Core income (balance projects EXCL.)	745.174	844.510
Administration & fundraising	370.093	504.102
Research & activities - core	<u>250.345</u>	<u>204.262</u>
	<u>620.438</u>	<u>708.364</u>
	<u>124.736</u>	<u>136.146</u>
Balance core projects	<u>59.913</u>	<u>15.872-</u>
	<u>184.649</u>	<u>120.274</u>



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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 2008

INCOME	real 2008 EUR	budget 2008 EUR	real 2007 EUR
Core Income			
Rubin Foundation	81.584	68.027	74.754
Reallocated money	377.966	379.692	435.039
NV Werk/PANTAR	23.596	21.555	36.771
Rent	125.187	130.500	127.586
Publications & royalties	1.459	1.200	1.973
Interest	18.988	5.000	19.073
Exchange losses/gains		5.000-	7.139-
Miscellaneous	779	-	4.313
Overheads	115.615	91.583	92.039
Subtotal	745.174	692.557	784.409
Balance of core projects	59.913		15.872-
Total core income	805.087	692.557	768.537
Project Income			
Received grants	2.702.205	2.173.541	1.708.252
Reallocated money	377.966-	-	435.039-
NV Werk / PANTAR	-	-	10.848
Publication sales	184	-	-
Miscellaneous	202.607	-	40.367
Subtotal	2.527.030	2.173.541	1.324.428
Project balance	631.603-		22.326-
Total project income	1.895.427	2.173.541	1.302.102
TOTAL INCOME	2.700.514	2.866.098	2.070.639
EXPENDITURE			
Core: Administration and fundraising			
Personnel cost	231.904	232.146	217.815
Building expenses	183.317	197.450	212.559
Travel and accomodation	1.378	5.460	2.135
Office and communication	20.878	21.535	30.240
Publication and outreach	67.384-	19.104-	1.032
	370.093	437.487	463.781
Core: Research and activities			
Fellow/Board Meetings	53.316	30.000	28.423
Young Fellows Program	52.836	32.300	29.446
Web/Publications	130.516	130.341	107.012
World Social Forum/conferences	1.354-	5.000	28.637
Organisational development	15.031	49.684	10.744
	250.345	247.325	204.262
Projects: Research and activities			
Personnel costs and research fees	572.607	554.981	531.634
Office and communication	49.307	50.339	65.633
Activity costs	992.627	1.110.290	449.721
Publication and outreach	165.274	325.058	203.808
Overhead costs	115.615	91.583	31.526
	1.895.430	2.132.251	1.282.322
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2.515.868	2.817.063	1.950.365
BALANCE	184.647	49.035	120.274



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NOTES TO THE PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

	real 2008 EUR	budget 2008 EUR	real 2007 EUR
ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDRAISING			
Salaries & pension core staff	161.480	152.789	141.658
I/D-banen	27.494	26.812	27.370
Administration Consult	10.498	22.000	21.542
Auditor	20.157	12.000	7.045
Training	1.012	5.000	1.025
Arbo/sickness insurance	4.201	4.545	12.155
Miscellaneous Personnel costs	10.329	9.000	8.576
Received sickness payment	3.267-		1.556-
Personnel cost	231.904	232.146	217.815
Ground lease	16.140	19.000	16.139
Building maintenance/provision building maintenance	30.000	30.000	43.804
Purchases	1.525	1.500	5.177
Insurance and tax	7.636	7.200	6.653
Energy	27.026	45.000	38.982
Maintenance and cleaning	8.487	12.000	10.420
Depreciation building	62.028	62.000	62.028
Service Charges	37.611-	47.250-	40.321-
Interest Mortgage building	68.086	68.000	69.677
Building expenses	183.317	197.450	212.559
Travel costs	820	2.660	1.960
Accommodation and Meetings	558	1.800	-
Per diem	-	1.000	175
Travel and accomodation	1.378	5.460	2.135
Depreciation and maintenance of equipment	14.578	15.700	14.678
Office materials and copying costs	11.014	7.700	5.444
Phone, fax and internet	3.531	5.400	2.661
Postage	2.009	2.800	2.421
Various domestic costs	2.761	2.000	1.653
Documentation	523	500	753
Meetings	-	-	745
Bank charges/currency fluctuations	7.351	2.000	1.682
Bad debts	1.020-	-	-
Office cost charges	21.565-	17.565-	19.780-
Miscellaneous organisational costs	1.696	3.000	203
Office and communication	20.878	21.535	10.460
Printing	-	-	844
Buy books	-	-	-
Contributions for web and editing	60.361-	47.000-	
Other activity costs	7.023-	27.896	188
Publication and conferences	67.384-	19.104-	1.032
TOTAL EXPENDITURE CORE	370.093	437.487	444.001



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SUMMARY OF THE PROJECTS 2008

	provision prev. year	Personnel cost	Office costs	Activity costs	Publications & Outreach	Overhead & Misc.	Expenditure 2008	Income 2008	Result 2008	project balance 31-12-2008
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
New Politics	4.647	90.535	7.710	86.870	21.672	11.048	217.834	303.868	86.033	90.680
Trade, investment & development	-21.578	125.561	17.907	508.565	37.314	49.743	739.090	928.331	189.241	167.663
Public Services	48.728	70.091	3.499	100.961	29.409	5.291	209.251	216.297	7.046	55.774
Environmental Justice	0	45.450	1.162	13.893	3.899	360	64.765	68.198	3.433	3.433
Drugs	28.383	201.412	12.906	182.742	58.674	30.723	486.457	628.601	142.144	170.527
CREPE: Agrofuels	0	931	1.264	40.977	187	15.750	59.109	54.000	5.109-	-5.109
Peace and security	11.558	38.626	4.849	40.228	13.468	2.250	99.421	168.100	68.679	80.237
T.M.F. BUZA	23.176	-	-	-	-	-	-	117.383	117.383	140.559
Drogas	3.200	-	-	-	-	-	-	964	964	4.164
Regionalism	0	-	7	17.234	-	450	17.691	39.564	21.873	21.873
Basker Vashee Africa Fund	83	-	1	1.156	652	-	1.809	1.726	83-	0
Total research and activities - projects	98.197	572.606	49.307	992.627	165.274	115.615	1.895.428	2.527.031	631.603	729.800
Core Projects										
Fellow/Board meetings	1.577	-	3.409	49.546	360	-	53.316	51.739	1.577-	0
Young Fellows Program	22.836	7.795	11	40.032	32	4.966	52.836	30.000	22.836-	0
Web/Publications	-	96.273	14.861	11.399	7.983	-	130.516	130.516	0-	0
World Summit Forum/conferences	-	-	74	1.428-	-	-	1.354-	1.354-	0-	0
Institutional development	35.500	7.453	255	7.322	-	-	15.031	20.469-	35.500-	0
Total research and activities - CORE	59.913	111.520	18.611	106.871	8.375	4.966	250.344	190.431	59.913-	0
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FUNDERS OF TNI IN 2008

Core Projects	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	379.692
New Politics	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	162.901
a) Rural New Politics	Oxfam Novib	80.000
	Christian Aid	25.324
	ICCO	5.000
b) Madison Dialogue	Cordaid	7.500
	NCDO	8.958
Trade, Investment, Regionalism	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	142.415
	Isvara	40.000
	Trocaire	30.000
a) Europe & Asia Policy	ICCO	20.000
	Isvara	22.000
	Novib	14.000
	Irish Aid	50.000
	Christian Aid	10.000
b) EU-Latin America	Oxfam Novib	47.591
	ICCO	30.000
c) Human Rights & Devt.	Heinrich Böll Stiftung	52.579
d) Asia Europe People's Forum	11.11.11	12.500
	Danish Ministry	40.161
	BuZa	149.499
	Finnish Foreign Ministry	25.000
	Oxfam Novib	60.000
e) Enlazando Alternativas	Cordaid	20.000
	Oxfam Novib	40.000
Public Services	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	140.387
a) Water	Isvara	20.000
	Europe Aid	5.964
	Oxfam Novib	28.580
Environmental Justice	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	63.107
Drugs and Democracy	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	214.075
	Open Society Institute	340.135
	GTZ	69.500
CREPE / Agrofuels	European Commission	54.000
Peace and Security	Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs	98.156
	Oxfam Novib	30.000
TMF	Balance 2008	117.382

CONTRIBUTIONS OF PARTNERS

Regionalism	CEO	16.000
	FERN	4.800
	DKA Austria	5.000
	Paz con Dignidad	11.999
	Fondacion por la Europa	2.000
	MSN Malaysia	6.000

Total project grants: 2.702.205

Samuel Rubin Foundation 81.584

Total core grants: 81.584

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the annual report

We have audited the accompanying annual report of Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2008, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes (as set out on pages 1 to 11).

Management's responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the annual report in accordance with the Guideline for annual reporting 640 "Not-for-profit organisations" of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the annual report that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the annual report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Dutch law. This law requires that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the annual report are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the annual report in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

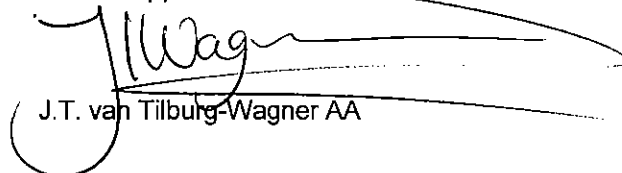
We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the annual report gives a true and fair view of the financial position of Transnational Institute as at December 31, 2008, and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with the Guideline for annual reporting 640 "Not-for-profit organisations" of the Dutch Accounting Standards Board.

Amsterdam, May 6, 2009

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