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**Leiden University**

The NINO Research Centre is part of the Faculty of Humanities at Leiden University. — *Read more on page 8.*

The NINO Near Eastern Library is curated by Leiden University Libraries (UBL). — *Read more on page 3.*

**National Museum of Antiquities (RMO), Leiden**

A number of highlights from our Böhl Collection are on permanent display in the Ancient Near East galleries. The collection will be curated by RMO from 2019 onwards. — *Read more on page 7.*

**Peeters Publishers, Leuven**

NINO's book series and journals are published and distributed by Peeters as of June 2018. — *Read more on page 4.*

**Ex Oriente Lux, the Netherlands**

Dedicated to public engagement and disseminating knowledge on the ancient Near East and Egypt, EOL's association and partnership with NINO dates back to our foundation in 1939.

Leiden, July 2018



## Our mission

The Netherlands Institute for the Near East (NINO) facilitates scientific research on the ancient Near East, including Egypt. From our location at Leiden University, we provide research facilities and a variety of fellowships and grants in support of students and researchers working in the Netherlands and abroad.

## NINO Near Eastern Library

Our research library specializes in the history, languages, and material culture of the ancient Near East. We specifically serve the fields of Egyptology, Assyriology, ancient Near Eastern Archaeology, ancient Iranian studies, and their many subfields. Books and journals in our library collections are in a variety of languages. Our 43,000 titles are available on open shelves in a quiet atmosphere. We welcome c. 9,000 visitors every year.

As of 2018 the NINO Near Eastern Library is curated by Leiden University Libraries (UBL). As part of this new collaboration, our library now operates with twice its old acquisitions budget. The improved financial basis guarantees the maintenance and further expansion of the collections including e-publications. Our subject librarians are Anita Keizers (Assyriology and Archaeology of the ancient Near East) and Mariëtte Keuken (Egyptology). Odile Hoogzaad is responsible for Document Processing & Metadata.

In the coming years, Leiden University will realize a new Humanities Campus on and around the Witte Singel. As part of this project, our library and offices will move to new premises in 2021/2022, together with Leiden

University's academic staff in the relevant fields. Our new location, 150 metres from our present building, will be connected to the main University Library and the NINO collections will be integrated in the Middle Eastern Library. Visitors will enjoy significantly extended opening hours, including weekends, and will gain access to a range of other services compliant with UBL policy.



## NINO Publications

The NINO Research Centre is the editorial office of all NINO publications; (prospective) authors may contact the various Editorial Boards directly or through Editorial Secretary Carolien van Zoest. NINO's publications are published and distributed by Peeters Publishers, Leuven. As of June 2018 Peeters handles sales, subscriptions, and online access.

### **PIHANS (series)**

The *PIHANS* series presents studies on the history of Western Asia, from prehistory to early modern times, with a focus on archaeology and philology.

### **Egyptologische Uitgaven (series)**

The *Egyptological Publications* series presents studies on pre-modern Egypt, with a focus on history, philology and archaeology of the Pharaonic period, including Deir el-Medina studies.

### **Achaemenid History (series)**

The *Achaemenid History* series presents studies on the history, philology and material culture of the Persian Empire (c. 550-330 BC), and related topics.

### **Bibliotheca Orientalis (journal)**

NINO's oldest journal *BiOr* (founded in 1943) appears in three double fascicles per year, and features reviews and bibliographical data on books published on the ancient and modern Near East.

*BiOr* is a refereed journal. Each issue contains two to five articles, in addition to reviews and short announcements of 50-60 books, and a list of books received. Subjects reviewed regularly include: Egyptology, Coptic and Nubian studies, Assyriology, Hittitology, Semitica, Hebrew and Old Testament studies, Archaeology of the ancient Near East and Egypt, and Middle Eastern studies.

Subscription includes the printed edition as well as access to *BiOr Online* at Peeters Online Journals. Issues from 1997 until three years ago are available in free Open Access.

### **Anatolica (journal)**

*Anatolica* is a refereed journal published annually in May/June since 1967. The Editorial Board welcomes scholarly papers on the history and archaeology of Anatolia and adjacent regions from prehistory to the Ottoman era.

Subscription includes the printed edition as well as access to *Anatolica Online* at Peeters Online Journals. Issues from 1997 until three years ago are available in free Open Access.

## Photographic and document collections

The NINO Archive houses documentation on the Institute's history as well as the history of ancient Near Eastern studies in the Netherlands. Photographic records include an interesting collection of hundreds of glass slides, formerly used for projection. They date mostly from the 1920's to 1950's and were collected by F.M.Th. de Liagre Böhl. The images depict archaeological sites and excavated finds, as well as the surroundings of these places: the landscape and people related to the main focus of interest. An important part of the glass slides collection has been digitized and can be viewed on our website.



NINO holds the legacy of Frank Scholten (1881-1942), author of *La Palestine illustrée* (two volumes, 1929). The volumes, “including references to passages illustrated in the Bible, the Talmud and the Koran”, were richly illustrated with photographs made by Scholten. He did not live to complete his plan to produce further volumes of *La Palestine illustrée*, and the majority of his photos were never published. In cooperation with the Printroom of Leiden University, research into the magnitude and nature of the photographic collection has started, as a first step towards finding means and ways to make it accessible.



## Böhl Collection

NINO owns the largest collection of cuneiform tablets in the Netherlands. The collection was brought together in the 1920's and 1930's by De Liagre Böhl, Professor of Assyriology at Leiden University and Co-Director of NINO 1939-1955. Various genres are represented among the approximately 3,000 tablets: literary texts, omens, incantations, archival texts etc. A small number of seals, bullae, terracottas and other objects are also part of the collection.

We regularly welcome scholars who wish to study specific texts or groups of texts in our collection. In addition, clay tablets from the collection are used in language and epigraphy classes of the Assyriology curriculum in Leiden. A number of highlights from the collection are on permanent display in the National Museum of Antiquities (RMO) in Leiden.

In 2018-2019 we are preparing an online catalogue of all clay tablets in the Böhl Collection. The project is headed by Dr Jeanette Fincke. In collaboration with RMO, specialized restorer Carmen Gütschow (Berlin) is treating all tablets in need of stabilisation and restoration.

The collection will move to RMO in 2019 for conservation and will remain accessible to scholars and students.



## NINO Research Centre

NINO offers a variety of fellowships, grants, and prizes, in support of researchers and students working on the ancient Near East (incl. Egypt) in the Netherlands and abroad. The following new and future opportunities are available or are currently being set up. All calls for applications are announced on the NINO website and Facebook page.

### **NINO Visiting Professor**

Every year one outstanding scholar of the ancient Near East is invited to spend an extended period of time at NINO. The Visiting Professor has the opportunity to carry out research at NINO and to interact with faculty and students in the Netherlands during the visit. The scheme covers travel and accommodation costs, as well as office facilities.

### **NINO Postdoctoral Fellow**

Every year NINO opens one full-time postdoctoral position for the duration of two years (overlapping tenures). Each Postdoctoral Fellow carries out original research at NINO, organizes an international workshop and teaches a seminar for graduate students at OIKOS, the National Research School in Classical Studies in the Netherlands. Candidates are recruited through an open call for applications in February. The first call will be published in February 2019.

### **NINO Visiting Research Fellow**

NINO welcomes scholars from around the world, including the Netherlands, to carry out self-funded research at NINO. Visiting Research Fellows are affiliated to Leiden University. They enjoy access to the NINO Near Eastern Library, seminar and conference space as needed, office space upon request and based on availability, and opportunities to present research results. Applications can be submitted at any time of the year. Affiliations are awarded for a period of max. 12 months, with the possibility of extension.



## **NINO Student Research Assistant**

This scheme matches a student with a senior researcher. Working on a joint project, the student gains experience and acquires new skills, while the researcher receives support for an ongoing project. Student and researcher need to be registered at a Dutch university. The scheme starts in November 2018 and will run twice a year through an open call for applications.

## **NINO Mobility Grants**

### *Incoming*

NINO offers Incoming Mobility Grants of max. € 3,000 to graduate students and researchers (any level of seniority) from abroad, who wish to carry out research on the ancient Near East in the Netherlands. Starting from July 2018 a call for applications will be opened twice a year.

### *Outgoing*

NINO offers Outgoing Mobility Grants of max. € 1,500 to MA or PhD students, or early career postdoctoral scholars at a Dutch university who wish to carry out research abroad. Starting from July 2018 four calls for applications will be opened every year.

## **NINO Fieldwork Subsidy**

NINO Fieldwork Subsidies are geared towards supporting initiatives that contribute to the development and organisation of archaeological research in the Middle East, and of relevant infrastructure. Conditions for application are currently being set up; the scheme is scheduled to start in 2019.

## **NINO Thesis Prizes**

NINO annually awards two thesis prizes, one for the best BA thesis and one for the best MA thesis on the ancient Near East written at a Dutch university. The winners are announced at NINO's Annual Meeting in January. The scheme runs for the first time in autumn 2018.

## **NINO Annual Meeting**

NINO's Annual Meeting takes place at the end of January and offers an opportunity for advanced students and researchers working on the ancient Near East in the Netherlands to meet and exchange ideas about ongoing and envisioned research projects. The first Annual Meeting will be held in January 2019 in collaboration with Groningen University.

## **NINO Leiden Events**

### *Veenhof and Sancisi Lectures*

Co-organized with RMO, the annual Veenhof Lecture (November) and the bi-annual Sancisi-Weerdenburg Lecture (spring), honour the achievements of two outstanding Dutch scholars of the ancient Near East. These festive evening events are aimed at a general public. The lectures are held by internationally renowned scholars in the relevant fields.

### *NINO-EOL Lectures*

NINO and Ex Oriente Lux organize two afternoon lectures each year at RMO (in spring and autumn). The lectures are intended for an audience of students, scholars, EOL members, and Museum friends.

### *Book Launches*

When affiliated researchers in the Netherlands publish a new volume – whether at NINO/Peeters or elsewhere – NINO is glad to assist in organising a book launch in Leiden. This is an opportunity to present the new publication to colleagues, students, friends, and family, and to celebrate the author's achievement.

## **NINO Outreach Allowance**

Outreach activities organized by sister organisations, student associations, research projects and faculty within the Netherlands are eligible for an allowance ranging from €50 to €300. Applications can be submitted throughout the year.

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