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Position statement Executive Board regarding the research evaluation of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies (2013-2019)

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The Executive Board of the University of Amsterdam (UvA) received the final report of the research review 2013-2019 of Geography, Planning and International Development Studies (GPIO), Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR). An international peer review committee carried out the evaluation in 2020, using the Strategy Evaluation Protocol 2015-2021.

The Executive Board wishes to express its gratitude to the peer review committee, chaired by Prof. Anders Malmberg PhD, for carrying out the evaluation.

The Executive Board is pleased to see that the review committee concluded that the GPIO department demonstrates clear evidence of excellence in research, teaching, and contributions to Netherlands, European, and global society. GPIO supports and promotes interdisciplinary research, and provides a flexible way of working for faculty from a variety of units and disciplinary backgrounds.

The Committee is pleased with both the processes in place for ensuring research integrity, and with the consistent commitment to multiple forms of diversity. The Committee concludes with being positive about the quality of the admitted PhD candidates and the quality of the graduate school.

The Executive Board supports the faculty in using the recommendations of the evaluation report to further strengthen the performance of GPIO, including the consideration of the heavy teaching load, the capacity to promote faculty from within the department, the share of Direct funding and Research Grant funding, the enrolment of PhD candidates, and diversity beyond gender, nationality and age.

Yours sincerely,
the Executive Board,

Prof. Geert T.M. ten Dam,
President