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## Summary

The Dutch Research School of Philosophy (Onderzoekschool Wijsbegeerte – OZSW) is the collaborative enterprise of the philosophy departments and faculties of eleven Dutch universities. Its general purpose is to strengthen the discipline of academic philosophy by (1) organizing courses, summer/winter schools and other types of research training for PhD and Research Master (ReMa) students, and (2) facilitating and encouraging national and international cooperation between researchers active within the field of academic philosophy.

The OZSW was established at the end of 2012, and started its operations in January 2013. The OZSW comprises the former Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy (OZSE), which has become the OZSW section 'Ethics and Practical Philosophy'. The other two OZSW sections are 'History of Philosophy' and 'Theoretical Philosophy'.

Erasmus University Rotterdam is the hosting university for the OZSW and its Office for the period 2012-2017. At Erasmus University, Han van Ruler has been the scientific director of the OZSW since the spring of 2014.

2016 has been a successful year for the OZSW in that it received a positive assessment from the Erasmus University Executive Board for its 2015 intermediate Self-Evaluation on the basis of the new SEP Protocol, as well as the approval of the DLG (Disciplineoverleg Letteren en Geesteswetenschappen), along with an official upgrade of its original status from a "Small" to a "Large" Research School.

In 2016, the OZSW Office and staff have aimed at greater visibility of the Research School for all members, as well as at further implementation of evaluation processes and the development of internship policies.

During the year, the OZSW Office went through several changes with regard to its staff. Roel Visser left the OZSW for a PhD position in Bielefeld. He was temporarily replaced by Hedwig Gaasterland, who was later succeeded by Zoé Evrard.

Over the course of 2016, the OZSW has continued to grow in terms of size, activities and visibility. At the end of 2016, the OZSW had 681 members: 161 Research Master student members, 201 PhD student members, 308 senior members, and 11 international members.

During the year, multiple educational activities were organized under the umbrella of the OZSW: 13 courses, a variety of winter/summer schools, a graduate conference, workshops and seminars. The number of participants in these activities (excluding the Annual Conference) amounted to 203 PhD students and 42 Research Master students.

With the establishment of four new study groups on a variety of topics, the number of OZSW study groups has also increased in 2016. Study groups have organized research-related activities in which all OZSW members could participate, such as seminars and reading groups. Four study group grants were awarded, allowing study groups to invite international guest speakers or to organize full day workshops.

In December 2016, the fourth OZSW Annual Conference took place at the University of Groningen. Key note speakers were Samir Okasha (Theoretical Philosophy), Alison Simmons (History of Philosophy) and James Lenman (Ethics & Practical Philosophy). This fourth edition of the conference further contributed

to the recognizability of the OZSW as an established organization, and added once again to the community spirit amongst academic philosophers in the Netherlands, despite the great disparity of fields, schools and traditions within the discipline of philosophy.

On all of these topics, further details may be found in the sections that follow.

# 1. Introduction

The Dutch Research School of Philosophy (*Onderzoekschool Wijsbegeerte* – OZSW) is a joint enterprise of eleven Dutch philosophy departments and faculties. These are:

- *Delft University of Technology* (Fac. of Technology, Policy & Management, [Philosophy Section](#))
- *Eindhoven Univ. of Technology* (Fac. of Ind. Eng. & Innovation Sciences, [Section Philosophy & Ethics](#))
- *Erasmus University Rotterdam* ([Faculty of Philosophy](#))
- *Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam* ([Faculty of Humanities, Philosophy Department](#))
- *Leiden University* (Faculty of Humanities, [Institute for Philosophy](#))
- *Radboud University Nijmegen* ([Faculty of Philosophy, Theology & Religion Studies](#))
- *Tilburg University* (Tilburg School of Humanities, [Department of Philosophy](#))
- *Twente University* (Faculty of Behavioral, Management and Social Sciences, [Philosophy Department](#))
- *University of Amsterdam* ([Faculty of Humanities](#))
- *University of Groningen* ([Faculty of Philosophy](#))
- *Utrecht University* (Faculty of Humanities, [Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies](#))

The OZSW was established at the end of 2012 by the deans of the 11 faculties involved, and started its operations in January 2013. The hosting institution (*penvoerder*) is Erasmus University Rotterdam for the period 2013-2017. The OZSW comprises the former Netherlands School for Research in Practical Philosophy (OZSE), which has become one of the three sections of the OZSW (see chapter 2).

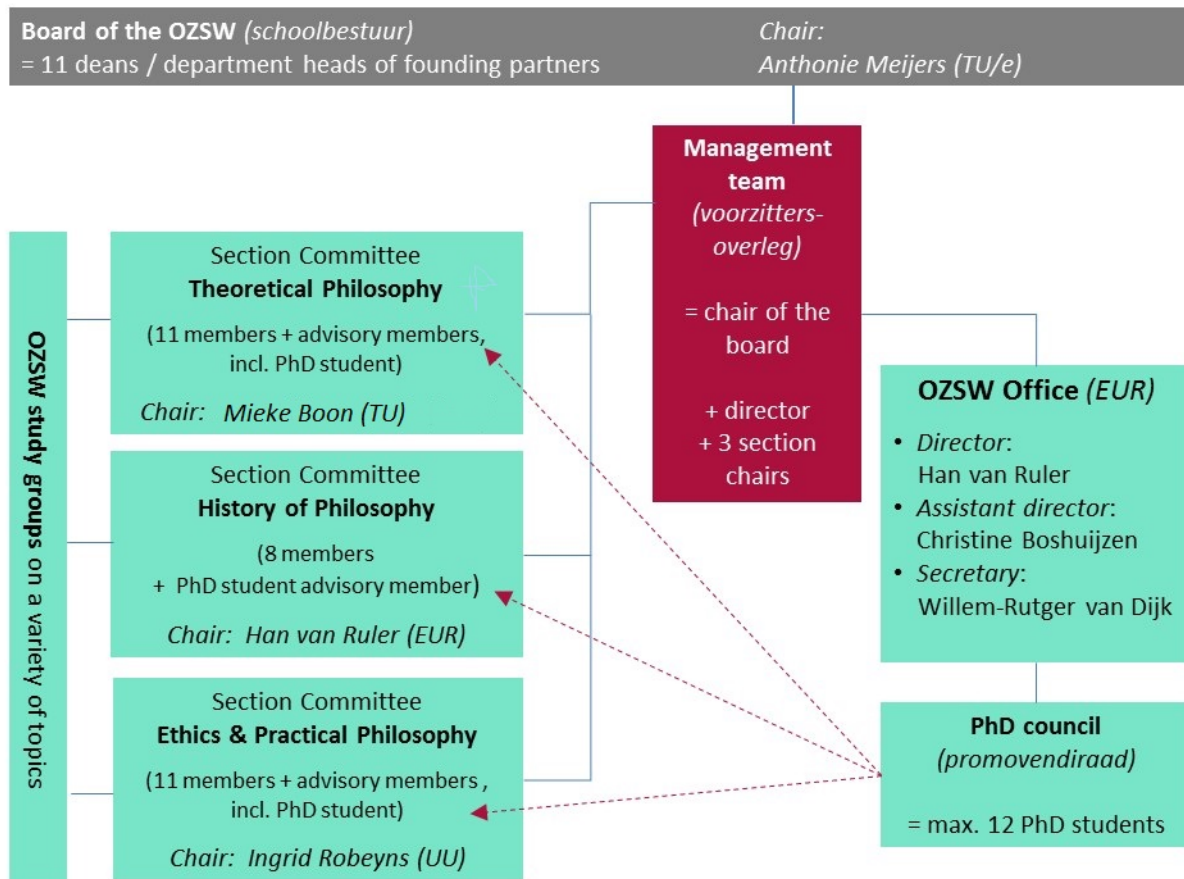
The general purpose of the OZSW is to strengthen the discipline of philosophy. It does so by:

- Organizing courses, summer/winter schools and other types of research training for PhD students and Research Master (ReMa) students;
- Facilitating and encouraging national and international cooperation between researchers active in the field of academic philosophy.

## 2. Organisation and Membership

### 2.1 Organisation

The following organogram depicts the organization in 2016:



### 2.2 Members

At the end of 2016 the OZSW had 681 members, see the table below.

|   | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Total Members                                 | 552  | 609  | 681  |
| Research Master Students                      | 126  | 136  | 161  |
| PhD Students                                  | 148  | 169  | 201  |
| Regular Members                               | 237  | 265  | 279  |
| Regular Members from other University/Faculty | 21   | 21   | 20   |
| Associate Members                             | 4    | 6    | 9    |
| International Members                         | 8    | 12   | 11   |

OZSW Membership in 2014, 2015 and 2016.



The members can be categorized as follows:

| Per partner university                | Per OZSW section* |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 22 Delft University of Technology     | 234 E&PP          |
| 15 Eindhoven University of Technology | 84 HoP            |
| 60 Erasmus University Rotterdam       | 154 TF            |
| 27 VU University Amsterdam            |                   |
| 29 Leiden University                  |                   |
| 67 Radboud University Nijmegen        |                   |
| 31 Tilburg University                 |                   |
| 14 Twente University                  |                   |
| 46 University of Amsterdam            |                   |
| 56 University of Groningen            |                   |
| 78 Utrecht University                 |                   |

\*some members do not join a section while others even join 2 or 3 sections.

Free membership applies to all faculty members of the 11 founding partners. Other senior researchers in academic philosophy have to pay a membership fee, but their PhD students may subsequently join for free. In 2014, the reduced fee membership option of 'Associated Member' was offered to scholars who do not bring in any PhD students.

More information on membership types and benefits may be found at:

<http://www.ozsw.nl/membership-types-fees/>.

### 3. Important Developments

Chapters 4 and 5 will describe the activities organized within or supported by the OZSW. This chapter will sketch some general developments.

#### 3.1 OZSW Sections

The OZSW section Ethics and Practical Philosophy (chaired by Ingrid Robeyns) is a continuation of the former OZSE. In 2016, it organized the customary full range of activities, including some new courses. The section History of Philosophy (chaired by Han van Ruler) initiated a number of novel activities in 2016, such as a course on Historiography and a 'History PhD-Student Prom' in the autumn. The section Theoretical Philosophy (chaired by Mieke Boon) continued its annual *Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy* (GCTP). In 2016, the GCTP was successfully organized by Twente University.

With a view to organize and structure future events in such a way that the various departments represented in the section would all take responsibility in organizing a yearly program of PhD-Courses, summer schools and masterclasses, new members were added to the section committees in 2016.

All details with respect to the composition of OZSW section committees may be found on our website: <http://www.ozsw.nl/ozsw-sections/>

#### 3.2 Website and Mailing Lists

No major changes were done to the website or mailinglists in 2016. The website was well visited, with a maximum of 6654 views in the month of October 2016, see Figure 1. This was a decrease with respect to the maximum number of views in 2015, however, when the OZSW website was viewed 8153 times in the month of September.



Figure1: Number of OZSW website views per month in 2016.

In 2016, Thijs Heijmeskamp, an Erasmus University student assistant, continued to see to it that the OZSW website calendar included all academic events in philosophy in the Netherlands as advertised on

Filos-NL, as well as further OZSW events. The website is continually updated with information on OZSW courses, ReMa courses at OZSW universities, as well as with an overview of upcoming doctoral thesis defenses. In 2016 an overview of past doctoral defenses was added, thus forming a repository of thesis defended in philosophy. Along with this, a list of OZSW PhD alumni is now in place, see Table 3. The list can also be viewed on the OZSW website: <http://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/>.

Several mailing lists are in operation that facilitate communication within the various groups of OZSW members (e.g. among PhD students or the members of a section), or between members of a specific group within OZSW (mailing lists for section committees, and on request for study groups). Courses and events are also announced at Filos-NL and Filos-L mailinglists, which are lists that are not owned by the OZSW.

### 3.3 ReMa Students Policy

National Research Master (ReMa) policies are constantly changing. Late 2015, however, it was decided that the OZSW will continue to receive funding from *Regieorgaan Duurzame Geesteswetenschappen* for organizing ReMa student activities. The amount of funding will depend on the amount of European Credits (EC's) awarded to individual ReMa students following OZSW courses. Since many ReMa students follow OZSW courses for less than 5 EC's, the OZSW received only a partial grant in 2016, instead of the full grant of €250 for each student earning 5 EC. The OZSW Office keeps track of the amount of EC's awarded to each individual student and informs the DLG each year.

On a national level, the OZSW provides ReMa students with an overview of all ReMa courses in philosophy, and brings together ReMa course coordinators under the umbrella of OZSW. These policies are reflected on the OZSW website by the special sections that have been set up with a view to providing information to ReMa students. This information is being updated every semester. The OZSW also supports and enables easy exchange between ReMa courses and hosts a webpage that allows ReMa students to sign up for courses at other universities than their home universities.

The fourth ReMa Winter School was organized in January 2016 at Utrecht University. The OZSW ReMa Winter School is now an established event in which ReMa students from several faculties participate. ReMa students also participated in several other activities organized by the OZSW (see § 4.1).

### 3.4 PhD Council

Over the course of 2016, the composition of the PhD Council changed, due to the fact that various members graduated. New candidates for the OZSW PhD Council had to be recruited from all three sections. In 2016, Marjolein Lanzing chaired the PhD Council, which organized several successful events, most notably the Vlaams Nederlandse Filosofie Dag (Flemish Dutch Day of Philosophy) at the International School for Philosophy (ISVW) in Leusden. On this occasion, the PhD Council tried out a novel format for this event, a "science slam", in which researchers present their research in an unconventional story-telling manner. The day, visited by over 80 persons, turned out to be a great success. Naomi Kloosterboer, a PhD student from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, won the first prize in this "philosophy slam" with her presentation (in Dutch) "Hoe je overtuigd raakt: luister niet naar de neurologen".

In order to foster community building amongst PhD students of the OZSW, the PhD council organized a two-day activity at the Dutch island Texel, with a program filled with both academic and social activities. Keynote speaker during this weekend was Professor dr. Bas Haring.

### **3.5 Office**

In 2016, the OZSW Office operated at Erasmus University Rotterdam for the fourth year. The Office underwent a number of personnel changes during the year. Roel Visser left the OZSW in February for a PhD position in Bielefeld. Hedwig Gaasterland took over as managerial assistant in March, but left for a job in secondary education in September. She was replaced by Zoé Evrard. Han van Ruler remained scientific director throughout 2016, while Willem-Rutger van Dijk replaced Christine Boshuijzen as assistant-director when she went on extended holiday leave in September. Thijs Heijmeskamp continued to take care of the event calendar.

### **3.6 Quality Assurance**

In 2016, the OZSW was asked by the DLG to provide quality indicators for assessing philosophical research in the Netherlands. A delegation of OZSW board members (Marcus Düwell, Frans de Haas and Anthonie Meijers) formed a small committee for generating input from the OZSW sections aimed at new criteria for quality assessment in the Humanities. At the end of the year, discussions on these so-called Kwaliteitsindicatoren, were still ongoing.

## 4. Educational Program

### 4.1 Overview of All Educational Activities

The majority of OZSW educational activities are initiated and organized by the members of the respective OZSW sections (History of Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy and Ethics and Practical Philosophy). In addition, the PhD council organizes educational activities, local ReMa coordinators organize educational activities under the umbrella of OZSW and the OZSW Office coordinates section transcending activities, such as the OZSW debate and Dutch Flemish Day of Philosophy. An overview of all activities that formed part of the OZSW educational program over the past year may be found in table 1 – 17 in total.

These include:

- *Courses*: typically but not always of a length of five or six days spread over two months, taking place at the organizing university;
- *Schools*: events of three to five days at a stretch, held at an external location;
- *Graduate conferences and workshops*: one to three day events in which the emphasis is on students presenting their own work;
- *Seminars, Workshops and Masterclasses*: minor events, often one or two day activities.
- *OZSW Annual Conference*: a yearly event in which academic philosophers in the Netherlands from all three OZSW sections present their work.

The number of student participants in OZSW activities in 2016 was as follows:

#### Student participants in OZSW activities:

|                       |                           |                         |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 109 OZSW PhD students | 28 non-OZSW PhD students  | Total PhD students: 137 |
| 58 OZSW ReMa students | 13 non-OZSW ReMa students | Total ReMa students: 71 |



This excludes participation in the activities of OZSW study groups (see § 5.1), which are open to participation by students as well.






Table 1 mention the section and university responsible for coordinating the course. It should be noted that staff members of other universities often also contribute as co-organisers or guest lecturers.

## 4.2 Educational Activities for PhD and Research Master Students

A substantial number of PhD and ReMa students have participated in mixed activities. Some activities, however, were mainly or even exclusively focused on either ReMa or PhD students. The table below gives an overview of the activities, including the organizing institute and number of participants. A distinction is made between PhD members, ReMa members and the total number of participants. The total number of participants also includes senior researchers that partake in OZSW activities. Post-doctoral researchers occasionally partake in a course or summer school and the OZSW conference and OZSW debate are meant to serve senior members.

Table 1 - OZSW Educational Program for PhD and Research master students and Number of participants

| Title  | Date(s)                                     | Section     | Type            | EC | Place             | PhD students | ReMa student | Total | Organizer          |   |
|--|---|-------------|-----------------|----|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-------|--------------------|---|
| <a href="#">OZSW Conference</a>  | 9-10 December 2016                          | -           | OZSW Conference |    | Groningen         | 35           | 22           | 149   | RUG                |    |
| <a href="#">Social Epistemology</a>  | 7-8 December 2016                           | TF          | Masterclass     | 2  | Groningen         | 5            | 3            | 9     | RUG                |    |
| <a href="#">Philosophy of Responsible Innovation</a>                                       | 23, 24, 25 & 30 November, 1&2 December 2016 | EPF         | Course          | 5  | Delft; Wageningen | 9            | 3            | 19    | TUD WUR            | <br> |
| <a href="#">Philosophy of Risk</a>   | 31 October, 1-4 November 2016               | EPF         | Course          | 5  | Eindhoven         | 9            | 0            | 19    | TUE                |    |
| <a href="#">OZSW Debat: "Valorization as Quality Criterion for Research in Philosophy"</a> | 28 October 2016                             | -           | Debate          |    | Delft             | 3            | 1            | 14    | TUD                |    |
| <a href="#">36th Dutch-Flemish Day of Philosophy</a>                                       | 22 October 2016                             | PhD council | Conference      |    | Leusden           | 9            | 0            | 81    | ISVW & PhD council |    |
| <a href="#">History of Philosophy Prom</a>   | 14 October 2016                             | GF          | Seminar         |    | Utrecht           | 9            | 0            | 18    | EUR                |    |
| <a href="#">Summer Seminar 'Coming to Terms with Power'</a>                                | August 25-26 2016                           | EPF         | Summer Seminar  |    | Nijmegen          | 3            | 8            | 24    | RU                 |    |
| <a href="#">Close Readings of the Greatest Hits of Recent Ethical Theory</a>               | 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 May 2016                 | EPF         | Course          | 5  | Amsterdam         | 9            | 0            | 10    | VU                 |    |

|   |                     |             |                     |   |           |    |    |    |             |   |
|---|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|---|-----------|----|----|----|-------------|---|
| <a href="#">Graduate Conference Theoretical Philosophy</a>        | 20-22 April 2016    | TF          | Graduate conference |   | Enschede  | 16 | 7  | 24 | UT          |  |
| <a href="#">Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy III</a>      | 24-25 March 2016    | GF          | Seminar             |   | Rotterdam | 1  | 0  | 20 | EUR         |  |
| <a href="#">OZSW PhD Council Event "Get Ready for the Island"</a> | 18-20 March 2016    | PhD council | PhD Council Event   |   | Texel     | 11 | 0  | 11 | PhD council |  |
| <a href="#">OZSW ReMa Winter School</a>                           | 11-13 February 2016 | -           | ReMa winter school  | 3 | Utrecht   | 0  | 36 | 36 | UU          |  |
| Seminar Humor   | 2 February 2016     | PhD council | PhD Council Event   |   | Delft     | 20 | 0  | 20 | PhD council |  |

### 4.3 Final Remarks

A total of 60 ReMa participants have participated in OZSW activities in 2016, and a total of 111 EC's were awarded to these students. The OZSW facilitates OZSW ReMa students who wish to follow courses at other universities. In 2016. Under the current OZSW exchange program, a total number of 12 students followed ReMa courses at another university and a total of 87,5 EC's were awarded to ReMa master students who followed courses at other universities than their home university.





#### Research Master Winter School

The OZSW organizes a yearly Winter School, which exclusively focuses on ReMa students. The ReMa winter school for the academic year 2015/2016 was organized from 11-13 February 2016 by Utrecht University. A total number of 36 students participated in the OZSW ReMa school.

#### Student Participation and Section Policies

In 2016, the OZSW first met with the new challenge of having to cancel organized events because of a lack of student interest. In particular topic-specific courses, such as "Climate Ethics" and "Philosophy of Law", were cancelled, but also a more general course on "Historiography – Working with the Past" and a summer school on Spinoza was cancelled. See also Table 2 for an overview.

Table 2 – Cancelled OZSW activities in 2016.

| Title  | Date(s)                                      | Section     | Type              | EC | Place     | PhD students | ReMa student | Total | Organizer |  |
|--|--|-------------|-------------------|----|-----------|--------------|--------------|-------|-----------|--|
| <a href="#">Historiography: Philosophy and Its History</a> | 18 March, 1 & 22 April, 13 & 27 May 2016     | GF          | Course            | 5  | Rotterdam | 2            | 0            | 0     | EUR       |   |
| <a href="#">Philosophy of Law</a>                          | 29 March & 5, 12, 19 & 26 April 2016         | EPF         | Course            | 5  | Delft     | 3            | 0            | 0     | TUD       |   |
| <a href="#">Bootcamp Women in Philosophy</a>               | 24 June 2016                                 | PhD council | 1-day masterclass |    | Rotterdam | 0            | 0            | 0     | EUR       |   |
| <a href="#">Climate Ethics</a>                             | 16, 23 en 30 september, 7 en 14 oktober 2016 | EPF         | Course            | 5  | Utrecht   | 2            | 0            | 0     | UU        |  |

In response to this, the focus within the section of Ethics and Practical Philosophy changed to designing new courses, whilst in the sections of Theoretical Philosophy and History of Philosophy, the decision was made to come to the formation of young and dynamic section committees staffed by members with an affinity to PhD and ReMa student education.

In addition, a survey was held among PhD students in the History of Philosophy in order to assess student interests. The survey was answered by 26 student members, who offered clear indications of the subfields and the kind of courses students in the History of Philosophy are most interested in. This has meanwhile led to the establishment of a new course program in the History of Philosophy, with courses, schools, conferences and workshops.

Reconsidering student demand has also led to a reevaluation of the OZSW educational program in other respects. Where synchronization of activities in all sections was initially thought to be an important aim of OZSW policies, the focus is now on the organization of events adapted to specific demands within each section. One of the main reasons for this is that we have become aware of the importance to take into consideration that the ratio of section members differs significantly over the various sections. Roughly, the ratio of Practical Philosophy to Theoretical Philosophy and History of Philosophy members is 3 : 2 : 1.



## 5. Research Collaboration and Outreach

### 5.1 OZSW Study Groups

The purpose of an OZSW study group is to develop collective research-related activities in a particular area of philosophy or on a specific philosophical topic. These activities consist of seminars, discussion sessions, reading groups and the like. OZSW members who wish to establish a new study group can submit their requests for starting an OZSW study group throughout the year. A detailed description of each of the OZSW study groups, including an overview of its members and their activities can be found on the OZSW website (see <http://www.ozsw.nl/study-groups/>).

At the end of 2016, the OZSW hosted 29 study groups, of which five were established in 2016. At the end of 2016 the following study groups were active:

1. Analytical Philosophy
2. Ancient Philosophy
3. Aesthetics / Philosophy of the Arts
4. Business Ethics
5. Christian Philosophy
6. Comparative & Global Philosophy
7. Continental Philosophy
8. Early Modern Philosophy
9. Enactivism
10. Ethics and Philosophy of Technology
11. Ethics of Care & Health
12. Environmental Philosophy (including sub-group on animal ethics)
13. Feminist Philosophy
14. History of Dutch Scientific Philosophy
15. History of Metaphysics: The Greek, Arabic, and Latin Traditions
16. Klassieke Duitse Filosofie en haar Actualiteit
17. Meta-Ethics & Moral Psychology
18. MetaMetaphysical Club, The
19. Peer Review Practical Philosophy
20. Philosophy and Psychiatry
21. Philosophy around 1900 (including sub-group on phenomenology)
22. Philosophy in Eastern and Central Europe
23. Philosophy of Biology
24. Philosophy of Religion
25. Philosophy of Responsibility
26. Philosophy of Statistics
27. Political Philosophy
28. Theological Ethics
29. Structuralism

Study groups may receive a €500 study group grant for inviting a foreign speaker to the study group. The call for study group grant proposals is announced in January and October each year. In 2016 three

study group grants have been awarded to study the following study groups: “Comparative and Global Philosophy”, “Christian Philosophy” and “Philosophy in Central and Eastern Europe”.

## 5.2 OZSW Annual Conference

The OZSW’s fourth Annual Conference took place on 9 and 10 December 2016. It was organized by Lodi Nauta, Marga Hids, Bianca Bosman, Daan Evers, Leah Henderson, Andrea Sangiacomo, Titus Stahl and Hermann Veluwenkamp from the University of Groningen. The event took place at an external location, the Martini Plaza Groningen, which turned out to be a successful facility for this event.

Keynote speakers were:

- Samir Okasha, University of Bristol
- Alison Simmons, Harvard University
- James Lenman, University of Sheffield

The conference was a meeting place for OZSW members. Besides academic presentations the program included and panel debate on “Methodology in Philosophy Projects - Ideas, Practices and Guidelines”, meetings of the three OZSW Section Committees with their section members, and a meeting of the OZSW PhD Council with PhD student members. The conference was highly instrumental for community building, as well as for the recognizability of the OZSW as a whole.

The number of abstracts received was 143, 111 of which were presented at the conference. Abstracts underwent a double blind review by OZSW members. The number of registered participants was 149. Participants belonged to the following categories:

### ***Number of participants from Dutch Universities:***

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| Utrecht University                              | 30         |
| University of Groningen                         | 27         |
| Erasmus University Rotterdam                    | 9          |
| Eindhoven University of Technology              | 7          |
| Radboud University Nijmegen                     | 7          |
| University of Amsterdam                         | 7          |
| VU University Amsterdam                         | 6          |
| Delft University of Technology                  | 3          |
| Twente University                               | 3          |
| Wageningen University                           | 3          |
| Leiden University                               | 2          |
| Open Universiteit                               | 1          |
| OZSW  | 1          |
| Rijksinstituut voor<br>Volksgezondheid & Milieu | 1          |
| Universiteit voor Humanistiek                   | 1          |
| Independent                                     | 1          |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>109</b> |

***Number of international participants:***

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Belgium        | 3         |
| Canada         | 1         |
| Chile          | 1         |
| China          | 1         |
| Denmark        | 1         |
| Germany        | 9         |
| Ireland        | 1         |
| Italy          | 2         |
| Kazakhstan     | 1         |
| Norway         | 1         |
| Singapore      | 1         |
| South Africa   | 1         |
| Sweden         | 2         |
| Turkey         | 1         |
| United Kingdom | 14        |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>40</b> |

**Number of participants per registration category**

|                   |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Senior member     | 65 |
| Phd member        | 35 |
| Senior non-member | 8  |
| Phd non-members   | 17 |
| ReMa              | 22 |
| Others            | 2  |

**5.3 Outreach Activities**

The OZSW organizes outreach activities, by facilitating a platform for discussion of societal issues or issues that concern broad developments in academia on a societal and political level. In 2016 the OZSW organized a debate called “Valorization as Quality Criterion for Research in Philosophy” in cooperation with Delft University of Technology.

## 6. Quality Assurance

### 6.1 Course Evaluations

The OZSW has an evaluation template and technical procedure in place to be able to track the quality of courses and activities. The OZSW evaluations are online forms, which are sent to the course participants after the course has been given. The course organizers and the organizing section receive all results of the evaluations. The respond rate of the evaluation forms is often relatively high for a survey and fluctuates between 75-100%.

### 6.2 Mid-term Evaluation

In 2016 the OZSW received the result of the mid-term research evaluation, which was done in 2015. The mid-term research evaluation anticipated the full Standard Evaluation Protocol (SEP), which will be done in 2018. The OZSW was evaluated as part of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. Part of the mid-term evaluation was a SWOT analysis. The Executive Board of Directors of Erasmus University Rotterdam was satisfied with the mid-term evaluation and approved the text of the self-evaluation without any further comment.

### 6.3 LOGOS Evaluation

LOGOS, the umbrella organization for research schools in humanities in the Netherlands, invited the OZSW to perform a self-evaluation in 2015. This self-evaluation formed the basis for a further evaluation by the *Disciplineoverleg Letteren en Geesteswetenschappen* (DLG) in 2016.

In 2016 the DLG concluded that the OZSW is a well-established formal research school in humanities in the Netherlands that connects researchers in philosophy throughout the Netherlands. Furthermore, the DLG categorized the OZSW as a “large” research school, which means that the OZSW receives a larger budget from the DLG compared to previous years, when the OZSW was still considered a “small” research school, on the basis of criteria applied to the former OZSE.

The evaluation reports may be obtained by contacting Christine Boshuijzen [[assistant.director@ozsw.nl](mailto:assistant.director@ozsw.nl)] at the OZSW Office in Erasmus University Rotterdam.

## 7. PhD Defenses

Table 2 provides an overview of past doctoral defenses. This table was added to our website in 2016 and serves to build up a repository of defended thesis titles in philosophy in the Netherlands and to give an overview of OZSW PhD alumni. The table can also be viewed on the website:

<http://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/>.

Table 3 Overview of doctoral defenses by OZSW members in 2016

| Date       | Name                   | Affiliation | Title of the PhD Thesis  |
|------------|------------------------|-------------|--|
| 13-12-2016 | Natascha Kienstra      | RU          | <a href="#"><u>Effectief filosoferen in de klas. Docenten zelf lesontwerpen laten maken in het schoolvak filosofie</u></a>           |
| 30-11-2016 | Arjen Kleinherenbrink  | RU          | <a href="#"><u>Machine philosophy. Gilles Deleuze and the externality of entities</u></a>  |
| 29-11-2016 | Stefan Mendritzki      | TUE         | <a href="#"><u>The Divergent Evolution of Evolutionary Economics</u></a>   |
| 11-11-2016 | Antje Rumberg          | UU          | <a href="#"><u>Transitions toward a Semantics for Real Possibility</u></a>   |
| 03-11-2016 | Johan Blok             | RUG         | <a href="#"><u>Bolzano's early quest for a priori synthetic principles</u></a>   |
| 28-10-2016 | Morten Fybieger Byskov | UU          | <a href="#"><u>Between Experts and Locals: Towards an inclusive framework for a development agenda</u></a>                           |
| 13-10-2016 | Saskia Bultman         | LU          | <a href="#"><u>Constructing a Female Delinquent Self. Assessing Pupils in the Dutch State Reform School for Girls, 1905-1975</u></a> |

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|------------|----------------------|-----|--|
| 07-10-2016 | Christian Detweiler  | TUD | <a href="#"><u>Accounting for Values in Design</u></a>   |
| 28-09-2016 | Michelle Habets      | UU  | <a href="#"><u>Ethical challenges in translational pluripotent stem cell research. Justifying leaps of faith</u></a>         |
| 28-09-2016 | Dawa Ometto          | UU  | <a href="#"><u>Freedom &amp; Self-Knowledge</u></a>  |
| 09-09-2016 | Matthé Scholten      | UvA | <a href="#"><u>Reminders of Duty: A Kantian Theory of Blame.</u></a>   |
| 02-09-2016 | Luis Mireles Flores  | EUR | <a href="#"><u>Economic science for use : causality and evidence in policy making</u></a>                                    |
| 23-06-2016 | Gwendolyn Bakx       | TUD | <a href="#"><u>Safety in large-scale socio-technological systems: Insights gained from a series of systems studies</u></a>   |
| 22-06-2016 | Sammie Tarenskeen    | RU  | <a href="#"><u>What's the Use of Colour? On the Role of Salience in Overspecification</u></a>                                |
| 09-06-2016 | Mehdi Fasihi Harandi | TUD | <a href="#"><u>Hydrosystems as Multipractice Phenomena: A Normative Approach to Analysing Governance System Failures</u></a> |
| 09-06-2016 | Joost Van Driessche  | RUG | <a href="#"><u>Muishond: Techno-wetenschappelijke, literaire en ethische bewegingen van taal</u></a>                         |
| 26-05-2016 | Sara Dekking         | UU  | <a href="#"><u>The integration of research and care in pediatric oncology: implications for review and consent</u></a>       |

|            |                      |     |  |
|------------|----------------------|-----|--|
| 13-05-2016 | Corstin Dieterich    | UvA | <a href="#"><u>Agency at its best. Individual and collective responsibility and autonomy.</u></a>            |
| 12-05-2016 | Sophie Niemansburg   | UU  | <a href="#"><u>The ethics of bringing Regenerative Medicine to patients: the example of orthopedics.</u></a> |
| 22-04-2016 | Remko van Broekhoven | UU  | <a href="#"><u>De Bewakers Bewaakt - Journalistiek en leiderschap in een gemediatiseerde democratie</u></a>  |
| 21-04-2016 | Esther Keymolen      | EUR | <a href="#"><u>Trust on the line: a philosophical exploration of trust in the networked era</u></a>          |
| 5-04-2016  | Tom Wang             | UU  | <a href="#"><u>Human Right and Internet Access - A philosophical investigation</u></a>                       |
| 24-03-2016 | Mathijs Notermans    | LU  | <a href="#"><u>Recht en vrede bij Hans Kelsen</u></a>  |
| 14-03-2016 | Thomas Bates         | RUG | <a href="#"><u>Situationism and character pessimism</u></a>  |
| 25-02-2016 | Jeroen Bouterse      | LU  | <a href="#"><u>Nature and history : towards a hermeneutic philosophy of historiography of science</u></a>    |
| 09-02-2016 | Karin Jongsma        | EUR | <a href="#"><u>Advance directives in dementia research. A medical ethical inquiry</u></a>                    |
| 25-01-2016 | Ronnie Hermens       | RUG | <a href="#"><u>Philosophy of quantum probability: An empiricist study of its formalism and logic</u></a>     |

## 8. Finances

### 8.1 General

The financial situation of OZSW is aligned with the hosting university through SAP, which is an automated invoice processing system that serves as a basis for the OZSW financial report. The OZSW has its own budget number, which is tied to a sub number of the faculty budget.

### 8.2 Financial Statement

The financial report 2016 has been approved by the OZSW board of directors.

### 8.3 Financial Situation

The OZSW planned to run a small loss in 2016. This loss was to be covered by the reserves which the OZSW inherited from the former OZSE. However, at the end of 2016, the reserves had further increased. This was due to the fact that fewer educational activities were held than had initially been budgeted, by the fact that some OZSW activities were visited by a number of non-OZSW members, who pay a fee for the courses they attend, and, finally, that the ReMa Winterschool was postponed to the spring of 2017 instead of being held in the autumn of 2016. Another reason for the slight increase in reserves was that the DLG categorized the OZSW as a large research school with a correspondingly larger budget, which had not been anticipated in the 2016 budget.

### 8.4 Budget Plans for 2017-2018

New guidelines for financial and organizational aspects of ReMa activities have been established by the *Disciplineoverleg Letteren en Geesteswetenschappen* (DLG). The guidelines improved the financial situation of the OZSW in 2016, yet due to the fact that the OZSW has decided not to organise mandatory ReMa courses on a national level, there is a likely possibility that the OZSW may not fit the criteria for financial support of ReMa educational programs and will therefore face financial cuts to future DLG contributions.

The fast growing number of OZSW members and activities increased the workload of the OZSW Office, which led to a reconsideration of the roles, tasks and responsibilities at the OZSW Office, including an extension of the position of the assistant-director. As a consequence, the necessary operating hours of the OZSW Office were increased from 0,4 fte to 0,5 fte over the course of 2016.



## 9. Conclusion and Future Vistas

The OZSW continues to provide for an educational demand, which becomes apparent in our successful Annual Conference, PhD council activities such as the Vlaams Nederlandse Filosofie Dag (Dutch Flemish Day of Philosophy), and educational activities. A variety of measures have been taken within the various sections to answer to section-specific challenges, and a new policy of organizing educational events adapted to the specific demands within each section is now in place (see § 4.4, above).

In the coming years, the OZSW plans further to evolve its policy of developing an appropriate system of educational activities specifically directed at the needs of PhD and ReMa students in the various sections of Practical Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy and History of Philosophy.

Other policy measures initiated in 2016 include:

- (1) an enhanced involvement with, as well as a physical presence of, OZSW representatives at the activities organised under our banner, as well as at related events such as PhD graduations and inaugural lectures in philosophy;
- (2) the further development of a policy of internal quality monitoring;
- (3) the development of policies directed at increasing job opportunities for graduates in philosophy.

With respect to all of these points, a new job description of the assistant director was brought into effect in the course of 2016.

Finally, with a view to the development of policies directed at increasing job opportunities for philosophers, the OZSW plans to come to the formation of a special Task Force (“Jobs for Philosophers”), which is to examine how to contribute to the possibilities of creating job opportunities for ReMa and PhD students educated in philosophy.