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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) maintaining the national network for research and research-related education within philosophy, (2) the provision of inter-university education for the benefit of the PhD programs and Research Master programs in coordination with the graduate schools and / or the research institutes of the participating institutions, (3) promoting and supporting national and international cooperation in the research, with the aim of creating focus and mass and profiling the discipline; (4) promoting the quality and social relevance of research according to the Quality indicators for philosophy set by the Graduate School, and (5) making the societal relevance of the research visible and acting as national contact point and representative of academic philosophy in the Netherlands, including by acting as a platform for social partners.

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 was 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. In 2017 it was decided that Leiden University will be the hosting university for the period 2019-2023. For practical reasons, Erasmus University Rotterdam will continue to host the OZSW in 2018, which amounts to one additional year.

In 2018 preparations for a self-evaluation on the basis of the new Standard Evaluation Protocol (SEP) for academic research continued. The OZSW will be evaluated as part of the research evaluation of philosophy in the Netherlands.

Over the course of 2018, the OZSW has continued to grow in terms of size, activities and visibility. At the end of 2018, the OZSW had 784 members: 184 Research Master student members, 233 PhD student members, 348 senior members, and 19 international members.

During the year, multiple educational activities were organized under the umbrella of the OZSW: 18 events in total, comprised by a variety of courses winter/summer schools, a graduate conference, workshops and seminars. The number of participants in these activities (excluding the Annual Conference) amounted to 158 PhD students and 67 Research Master students.

With the establishment of new study groups on a variety of topics, the number of OZSW study groups was 25 in 2018. Study groups have organized research-related activities in which all OZSW members could participate, such as seminars and reading groups. Ten study group grants were awarded, allowing study groups to invite international guest speakers or to organize all-day workshops.

In November 2018, the sixth OZSW Annual Conference was organized at the University of Twente and took place at the university's campus in Enschede. Keynote speakers were Maeve Cooke (Ethics & Practical Philosophy), Michael P. Lynch (Theoretical Philosophy) and Russell Friedman (History of Philosophy). This sixth edition of the conference further contributed to the recognisability of the OZSW

and added once again to the community spirit amongst academic philosophers in the Netherlands, despite the great diversity 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 (Faculty of Technology, Policy & Management, Philosophy Section)
- *Eindhoven University of Technology* (Department of Industrial Engineering & Innovation Sciences, <u>Section Philosophy and Ethics</u>)
- Erasmus University Rotterdam (Erasmus School of Philosophy)
- VU Amsterdam (Faculty of Humanities, Department of Philosophy)
- Leiden University (Faculty of Humanities, Institute for Philosophy)
- Radboud University (Faculty of Philosophy, Theology & Religion Studies)
- Tilburg University (Tilburg School of Humanities and Digital Sciences, Department of Philosophy)
- Twente University (Faculty of Behavioural, Management and Social Sciences, <u>Department of</u> <u>Philosophy</u>)
- University of Amsterdam (Faculty of Humanities, Discipline Philosophy)
- 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 2013-2018. In 2019 the OZSW will move to Leiden University. 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).

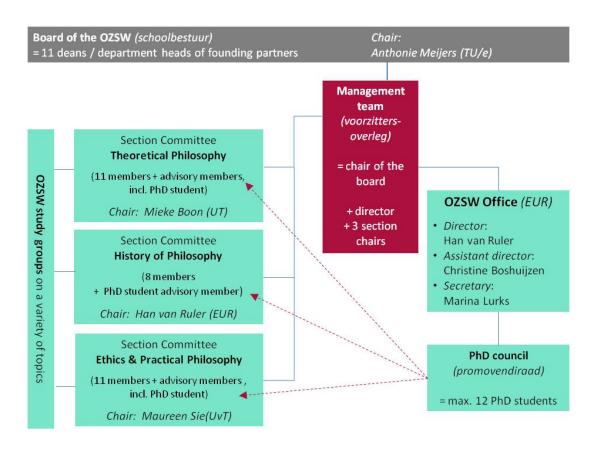
The general purpose of the OZSW is to strengthen the discipline of philosophy. It does so by:

- (1) Maintaining the national network for research and research-related education within philosophy;
- (2) The provision of inter-university education for the benefit of the PhD programs and Research Master programs in coordination with the graduate schools and / or the research institutes of the participating institutions;
- (3) Promoting and supporting national and international cooperation in the research, with the aim of creating focus and mass and profiling the discipline;
- (4) Promoting the quality and social relevance of research according to the Quality indicators for philosophy set by the Graduate School, and
- (5) Making the societal relevance of the research visible and acting as national contact point and representative of academic philosophy in the Netherlands, including by acting as a platform for social partners.

2. Organisation and Membership

2.1 Organisation

The following organogram depicts the organization in 2018:



2.2 Members

At the end of 2018 the OZSW had 784 members, see the table below.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Total Members	552	609	681	698	784
Research Master Students	126	136	161	147	184
PhD Students	148	169	201	201	233
Regular Members	237	265	279	301	322
Regular Members from other University/Faculty	21	21	20	18	16
Associate Members	4	6	9	10	10
International Members	8	12	11	21	19

OZSW Membership in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The members can be categorized as follows:

Members	Per partner university	section* Theoretical Philosophy	section* History of Philosophy	section* Ethics & Practical Philosophy
29	Delft University of Technology	9	0	20
24	Eindhoven University of Technology	12	3	17
89	Erasmus University Rotterdam	18	11	28
50	VU Amsterdam	12	7	21
41	Leiden University	18	17	14
110	Radboud University Nijmegen	18	11	18
40	Tilburg University	12	4	20
30	Twente University	8	2	23
107	University of Amsterdam	17	9	21
94	University of Groningen	15	16	26
120	Utrecht University	24	19	44

*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. Their PhD students may subsequently join for free. Other senior researchers in academic philosophy have to pay a membership fee. A fee membership option of 'Associated Member' is offered to scholars who do not bring in any PhD students.

More information on membership types and benefits may be found at: https://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 Maureen Sie) is a continuation of the former OZSE. In 2018, it organized several activities, including the courses "Philosophy of Responsible Innovation" and "Philosophy of Risk". The section History of Philosophy (chaired by Han van Ruler) organized activities, such as the Dutch Seminar in Early Modern Philosophy V and OZSW Spring Course "Much Ado About Nothing: (Not) Being from Parmenides to Particle Physics". The section Theoretical Philosophy (chaired by Mieke Boon) organized the annual *Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy* (GCTP) in January 2018.

In 2017 new members were added to the sections and financial means were drawn from the OZSW reserve in order to be able to organize more PhD-courses, summer schools and master classes. This strategy had its intended effect: in each section more activities were organized in 2018 and organizing activities has become a more regular routine. For an overview of all the educational activities organized by the sections, see table 1, paragraph 4.2. All details with respect to the composition of OZSW section committees may be found on our website: https://www.ozsw.nl/ozsw-sections/

3.2 Website and Mailing Lists

No major changes were made to the website in 2018. The website was well visited, with a maximum of 7.830 views in the month of November 2018 (for which see Figure 1).

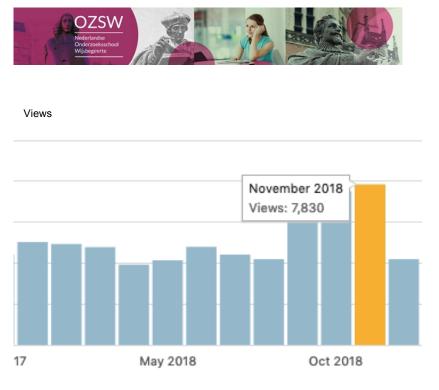


Figure1: Number of OZSW website views per month in 2018.

In 2018, Burak Demirbas, a 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 defences. A list of OZSW PhD alumni is now in place, see § 7, Table 2). The list can also be viewed on the OZSW website: https://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses.

The plan to start a site for the outreach of academic philosophy has been approved. Roeland Dobbelaer, philosopher and director of Twin Media made an overview of all activities connected to academic and non-academic philosophy. An indication of costs will become clear when concrete plans are made for the website's features. Further implementation and approval will take place in 2019.

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 Philos-L mailinglists, which were not owned by the OZSW. In 2019, the ownership of the mailinglist Filos-NL will be transferred to OZSW.

3.3 ReMa Students Policy

National Research Master (ReMa) policies are constantly changing. In 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 depends on the number of European Credits (ECs) awarded to individual ReMa students following OZSW courses. The OZSW office keeps track of the number of ECs 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 ReMa Winter School of 2017/2018 was organized in January 2018. The OZSW ReMa Winter School is 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

Beginning 2018, the composition of the PhD Council changed: Lukas Wolf became treasurer and Marthe Smedinga replaced Michael Klenk chairing the PhD Council. Carli Coenen, Kritika Maheshwari and Eva Sancho Rodriguez also became new members of the PhD Council. The PhD Council has an annual budget to organize events. Besides the Writer's Retreat and VURANT Workshop, it organized a film and discussion evening about "The Good Life", and assigned a PhD supervisor award.

3.5 Office

In 2018, the OZSW office operated at Erasmus University Rotterdam for the sixth year. The office didn't have personnel changes during the year. Marina Lurks continued her secretary position and

Burak Demirbas continued his tasks as student assistant. Christine Boshuijzen remained assistant director and Han van Ruler remained director over the course of 2018.

According to the OZSW Joint Agreement, founding universities may take turns in hosting the OZSW for a minimum duration of five years. Leiden University has agreed to take over the next hosting period for the years 2018-2022. However, due to practical reasons, it was decided to extend the hospitality agreement of the OZSW at the Erasmus University Rotterdam with one additional year. Han van Ruler kindly agreed to extend the position of director of the OZSW for this additional year.

3.6 Quality Assurance

In 2016, the *Disciplineoverleg Geesteswetenschappen* (DLG; the council of deans of Dutch humanities faculties), asked OZSW to provide quality indicators for assessing philosophical research in the Netherlands, also with the upcoming Standard Evaluation Protocal (SEP) in mind. 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 establishing new criteria for quality assessment in the Humanities, the so-called *Kwaliteitsindicatoren*. In December 2018 these quality indicators were published and can be viewed at: https://www.ozsw.nl/quality-indicators-for-philosophy/. The blog *Bij Nader Inzien* gave additional information on these quality indicators (https://bijnaderinzien.org/2018/10/23/waarom-kwaliteitsindicatoren-voor-de-filosofie/).

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 – 18 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 Master classes: 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 2018 was as follows:

Student participants in OZSW activities in 2018:

95 OZSW PhD students	63 non-OZSW PhD students	Total PhD students: 158
44 OZSW ReMa students	23 non-OZSW ReMa students	Total ReMa students: 67

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

Table 1 mentions 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 presents 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	Туре	EC	Place	PhD	ReMa	Total	Organizer	
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Interpretation'	1 2018									van Anstradam
Annual OZSW	November		Conference		Enschede	35	4	143	UT	
Conference	9-10, 2018									UNIVERSITEIT TWENTE.
2018										
Philosophy of	October	EPP	Course	5	Eindhoven	6	2	12	TU/e	
Risk	29 –									
	November 2, 2018									TU/e
Vlaams-	October		VLNLFD/DFDOP	-	Antwerp,	11	7	66	Antwerp	
Nederlandse	13, 2018				Belgium				University	
Filosofiedag										
(Dutch Flemish										
Day of										Universiteit
Philosophy)										Antwerpen
PhD Council	September	PhD	PhD Council	-	Leusden	18	0	18	OZSW	
<u>Writers'</u>	28-30,	Council	event							OZSW
<u>Retreat</u>	2018									Nederlandse Onderzoeksschool Wijsbegeerte
Continental	September		Summer	6	Nijmegen	9	1	15	RU	
Philosophy of	12-19,		Course		, ,					
Technoscience:	2018									A
A Diagnostics										RADBOUD UNIVERSITEIT NIJMEGEN
of the Present										NIJMEGEN
Masterclass:	September		Master class	-	Utrecht	0	0	0		
schrijven voor	11, 2018									
een breder										
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Lecture by	August 28,	EPP	Lecture and	-	Tilburg	17	0	71	TiU	
Joseph Heath –	2018		debate							TILBURG
Egalitarianism										
and Status										 ▲ ▲
<u>Hierarchy</u>										
OZSW PhD	August 27-	EPP	5-day Summer	5	Tilburg	19	1	27	TiU	Tilburg University
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<u>Summer</u>	August 20-	TP /	3-day Seminar	-	Amsterdam	15	3	50	VU	A
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Nothing: (Not)										
Being from										
Parmenides to										15
Particle Physics										vrije Universiteit amsterdam
VURANT	June 1,	PhD	Workshop	-	Tilburg	12	1	16	TiU	TILBURG
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Ethical Theory										
and Moral										TU/e
Practice										
Contemporary	January	EPP	5-day course	5	Utrecht,	16	2	18	OZSW	07514/
Political	12, 19,				Leiden,					OZSW
Philosophy	February				Nijmegen					Onderzoeksschool Wijsbegeerte
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Philosophy of	January	EPP	Graduate	5	Delft,	8	3	20	TU Delft	Universiteit Utrecht
	10-12, 15-		Course	5	Wageningen	5	5	20		3
Responsible	19, 2018		Course		**ugeningen					TU Delft
Innovation	10, 2010									Dent
2018 OZSW	January 9-	ТР	Graduate	-	Amsterdam	12	7	20	UVA	
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Research	January 8-	EPP /	Winter school	2	Amsterdam	0	30	30	UVA	
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4.3 Final Remarks

A total of 67 ReMa participants participated in OZSW activities in 2018, and a total of 267 ECTS were awarded to these students. The OZSW facilitates OZSW ReMa students who wish to follow courses at other universities. Under the current OZSW exchange program, a total number of 2 students followed ReMa courses at another university in 2018, and a total of 24 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 2017-2018 took place on January 8-9, 2018.

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 https://www.ozsw.nl/study-groups/).

At the end of 2018, the OZSW hosted 25 study groups, of which 1 was established in 2018, namely "Metaethics". At the end of 2018 the following study groups were active:

- 1. Analytical Philosophy
- 2. Ancient Philosophy
- 3. Business Ethics
- 4. Christian Philosophy
- 5. Comparative & Global Philosophy
- 6. Early Modern Philosophy
- 7. Enactivism
- 8. Ethics of Care & Health
- 9. Environmental Philosophy
- 10. Feminist Philosophy
- 11. History of Dutch Scientific Philosophy
- 12. Classical German Idealism and its Relevance
- 13. Metaethics
- 14. MetaMetaphysical Club, The
- 15. Mind in Action
- 16. Moral Psychology
- 17. Peer Review Circle in Practical Philosophy
- 18. Philosophy and Psychiatry
- 19. Philosophy in Central and Eastern Europe
- 20. Philosophy of Biology
- 21. Philosophy of Physics
- 22. Philosophy of Responsibility
- 23. Political Philosophy
- 24. Structuralism
- 25. Theological Ethics

Study groups may receive a €500 study group grant for inviting a foreign speaker. The call for study group grant proposals is announced in January and October each year. In 2018 ten study group grants were awarded to the following study groups: in the first round "Environmental Philosophy", "Philosophy of Biology", "Political Philosophy", "Philosophy in Central and Eastern Europe" and "DSEMP V". In the second round "Philosophy & Psychiatry", "Christian Philosophy" and "Meta-Ethics"

were awarded a grant. The study groups "Ancient Philosophy" and "Early Modern Philosophy" were rewarded a combined grant proposal.

5.2 OZSW Annual Conference

The OZSW's sixth Annual Conference took place on 9 and 10 November 2018. It was organized by Mieke Boon, Michael Nagenborg, Peter-Paul Verbeek, Marianne Boenink, Ciano Aydin, Koray Karaca, Miles MacLeod, Kevin MacNish and Nolen Gertz.

The event took place at in the Drienerburght Hotel and the Amphitheatre on the campus of the University of Twente, in Enschede. It turned out to be a nice facility and a successful event.

Keynote speakers were:

- Maeve Cooke (Dublin) on Toleration or Engagement? Responding Divisiveness in Democracies
- Michael P. Lynch (Connecticut) on Fake News and the Politics of Truth
- Russell Friedman (Leuven) on Arguments, Authority, and Polarization in Later Medieval Philosophy

The conference was a meeting place for OZSW members. It featured five panel discussion sessions, consisting of around 5 or 7 parallel discussions each, during which a variety of philosophical topics were addressed. During the conference, several symposia were also held, which focused on topics such as *Politics & Technologies of the City, Contentious Embodiment, Ethics of Enhancement,* and *Hermeneutics*. On Saturday, a plenary panel discussion was held on the subject of *Public Roles of Academic Philosophy*, which proved to be very constructive. Additionally, there were meetings of the three OZSW Section Committees with their section members, and a meeting of the OZSW PhD Council with PhD student members. The PhD council also held a PhD Supervisor Award. The conference was highly instrumental for community building, as well as for the recognisability of the OZSW as a whole.

The number of contributions received was 95 submissions, of which 67 papers, 13 posters and 15 symposia. Papers received two, three or four peer reviews. After the review process, the decision was made whether the contribution was accepted as a poster presentation, a research showcase talk, spotlight talk or was to be rejected. The final conference program had 8 symposia, 52 research showcase talks, 3 keynote lectures, 3 section meetings and 1 plenary panel discussions. An extended book of abstracts will be published on the site, and participants will be notified.

The number of registered participants was 143, belonging to the following categories:

Number of OZSW conference participants from Dutch Universities:

Utrecht University	20
Tilburg University	12
University of Twente	9
VU Amsterdam	7
Radboud University Nijmegen	6
Erasmus University Rotterdam	6
University of Groningen	5

Eindhoven University of Technology	5
University of Amsterdam	3
Leiden University	3
Wageningen University	3
Open University of the Netherlands	1
Total	80

Number of international participants:

Denmark	6
Germany	5
Belgium	3
UK	3
Sweden	2
USA	1
Norway	1
Czech Republic	1
Italy	1
Switzerland	1
Ecuador	1
Australia	1
Total	26

Number of participants per registration category:

Senior members	56
Senior non-members	7
PhD members	28
PhD non-members	13
ReMa members	7
ReMa non-members	9

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. No OZSW debate was organized in 2018, but is planned to take place in 2019, which still falls in the academic year 2018/2019. Another outreach activities is the continuation of the Young Philosophers website, on which interviews with young philosophers are published.

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 average response rate of the evaluation forms was 50% (fluctuating between 17%-72%), the total evaluations received was 105. The average course evaluation score was 8.49 on a scale of 1 to 10, with fluctuations between 7.43 – 9.46 measured over 12 courses. These course evaluations are discussed in the three sections in order to improve future courses.

6.2 Research Evaluation

End 2018 the OZSW finished the preparations for the Self-Assessment Report for research in Philosophy. According to the Standard Evaluation Protocol (SEP), the OZSW will be evaluated as part of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Erasmus University Rotterdam. However, the OZSW also functions as the national research school for those faculties/departments that are participating in the national SEP evaluation for research in Philosophy (namely Erasmus University Rotterdam, University of Groningen, Leiden University, Utrecht University, Tilburg University, VU University). The OZSW has been presented as a unit to be evaluated with a limited scope, namely as a community responsible for (1) collectively providing courses to PhD students and Research Master students and (2) a forum for researchers in Philosophy in the Netherlands. In 2019 the SEP evaluation results will be published.

7. PhD Defenses

Table 2 provides an overview of past doctoral defences, which 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: <u>https://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/</u>.

Table 2: Overview of doctoral defences by OZSW members in 2018

Title of the PhD Thesis	Name	Affiliation	Date
Universal Prediction: A Philosophical Investigation	Tom Sterkenburg	University of	January 18,
		Groningen	2018
Eléments, atomes & physiologie. Le contexte	E.M.G. Moreau	Radboud University	January 29,
médical des théories de la matière	(cum laude)		2018
Deliberative Political Campaigns: Democracy,	Eva Groen –	University of	February 2,
Autonomy and Persuasion	Reijman (cum laude)	Amsterdam	2018
De semantiek van Aristoteles	Thomas van	Leiden University	February 14,
	Vroonhoven		2018
Persuasive technology, allocation of control, and mobility: an ethical analysis	Jilles Smids	TU Eindhoven	March 13, 2018
Akrasia as a character trait	Paulien Snellen	University of	March 19,
		Groningen	2018
Moral Responsibilities to Future Generations. A	Fei Teng	Utrecht University	March 20,
Comparative Study on Human Rights Theory and			2018
Confucianism.			
Nietzsche's Philosophy of Conflict and the Logic of	James Pearson	Leiden University	March 26,
Organisational Struggle	(cum laude)		2018
De Gestolen Stoornis	A.J. van den Bergh	Erasmus University	April 6, 2018
Let's Do It! Collective Responsibility, Joint Action,	Hein Duijf	Utrecht University	May 18, 2018
and Participation			
Arguing From Cognitive Science of Religion	H.M.R. Van Eyghen	VU Amsterdam	June 15, 2018
Of Dragons and Owls. Rethinking Chinese and	Dascha Düring	Utrecht University	June 20, 2018
Western narratives of modernity			
Consciousness in Intentional Action	L.J.F. Asma	VU Amsterdam	June 27, 2018
Survival of Defeat - Evolution, Moral Objectivity,	Michael Klenk	Utrecht University	June 29, 2018
and Undercutting			
The Use of Models in Economics	Melissa Vergara Fernandez	Erasmus University	June 29, 2018
Epistemic Justice: a principled approach to	Machteld	Tilburg University	December 11,
knowledge generation and distribution	Geuskens		2018

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 2018 has been approved by the OZSW board of directors.

8.3 Financial Situation

The OZSW ran a loss in 2018 due to more investments on specific section activities and section transcending activities. This loss was covered by the reserves which the OZSW inherited from previous years.

8.4 Budget Plans for 2019-2020

One of the main plans of the OZSW for 2019 is the development of the webportal *Phine*, for the promotion of academic philosophy outside the academic world. The budget for this plan is still unknown and dependent on the required features. The budget will be drawn from the OZSW reserve. Another plan is the collaboration with the Society of Women in Philosophy, but the exact budget will become clear only after the new team of OZSW, including student assistants, is complete and the personnel costs are known.

9. Conclusion and Future Vistas

The OZSW is committed continually to developing its program 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.

In 2018, the strategy of adding new members to the sections and of drawing financial means from the OZSW reserve had its intended effect: in each section more activities were organized in 2018 and organizing these activities has become a more regular routine.

During the year, the OZSW executive members and office further developed internal quality monitoring practices and finished the draft of a complete summary of evaluation results for our educational program from 2013 to 2017, with a view to the presentation of goals achieved over the past five years in the context of the SEP self-evaluation for January 2019 (see above, section 6.2).

Lastly, in November 2018 the OZSW presented a new General Agreement (*Gemeenschappelijke Regeling, GR*) to its members in accordance with Dutch Law (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en het wetenschappelijk onderzoek*). The General Agreement has been approved by the board.

In 2019 Leiden University will become the OZSW host institution with professor Frans de Haas, as the scientific director. The current assistant director, Dr. Christine Boshuijzen, and the secretary Marina Lurks will end their position at the OZSW, and will be replaced by new team members. After the transition from Erasmus University to Leiden University the new OZSW team will focus on four issues in 2019:

- The further development of the website *Phine*, a national forum representing the subject of academic philosophy in the Netherlands and the development and promotion of a narrative for the place of philosophy in society.
- In order to make it easier for members and non-members to find their way on the website, the current OZSW-website will be further improved, by adjusting certain website features and by restructuring the website to make it user-friendly. Additionally, the mailing list Filos-NL will be transferred from VU Amsterdam to Leiden University.
- The continuation and the promotion of young philosophers, by ensuring the blog *Bij Nader Inzien* and the website Young Philosophers will stay up-to-date, and more activities will be organized.
- The improvement of the visibility and the position of female philosophers in the academic world, by collaborating with organizations like Society for Women in Philosophy NL (SWIP).