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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'.

In 2019 Leiden University became the OZSW host institution with prof. dr. Frans de Haas as the scientific director. The current assistant director, Dr. Christine Boshuijzen, and the secretary Marina Lurks were replaced by Fenanda Jacobs and Saskia Litler.

Over the course of 2019, the OZSW has continued to grow in terms of size and visibility. The membership database has been updated thoroughly, which resulted in a total of 866 members at the end of 2019, an increase of 10%. There were 225 Research Master student members, 259 PhD student members, 368 senior members, and 14 international members. The OZSW became more visible through the online platform for academics, Phine, and several new social media accounts.

During the year, multiple educational activities were organized under the umbrella of the OZSW: 12 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 133 PhD students and 91 Research Master students.

With the establishment of new study groups on a variety of topics, the number of OZSW study groups was 29 in 2019. Study groups have organized research-related activities in which all OZSW members could participate, such as seminars and reading groups. In 2019 less budget was available for study group grants. Six study group grants were awarded, allowing study groups to invite international guest speakers or to organize all-day workshops.

In November 2019, the seventh OZSW Annual Conference was organized by the University of Amsterdam and took place at the Doopsgezinde Kerk, the University Library and the Oudemanhuispoort in Amsterdam. Keynote speakers were Anne Phillips (London School of Economics), Barbara Vetter (Freie Universität Berlin), Pauline Kleingeld (University of Groningen) and Ruth Sonderegger (Academy of Fine Arts Vienna). This seventh 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, [Section Philosophy and Ethics](#))
- *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, [Department of Philosophy](#))
- *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 is Leiden University for the period 2019-2023. 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).

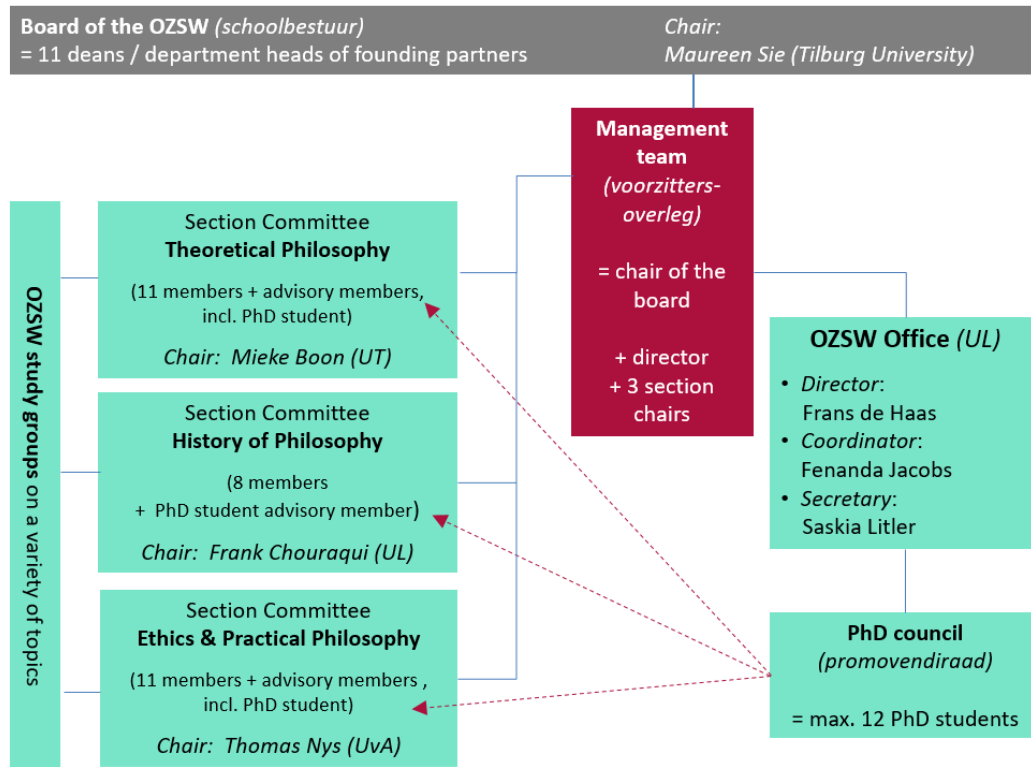
The general purpose of the OZSW is to strengthen the discipline of philosophy. It does so by:

- (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 2019:



### 2.2 Members

At the end of 2019 the OZSW had 866 members, see the table below.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<i>Total Members</i>	552	609	681	698	784	866
<i>Research Master Students</i>	126	136	161	147	184	225
<i>PhD Students</i>	148	169	201	201	233	259
<i>Regular Members</i>	237	265	279	301	322	341
<i>Regular Members from other University/Faculty</i>	21	21	20	18	16	16
<i>Associate Members</i>	4	6	9	10	10	11
<i>International Members</i>	8	12	11	21	19	14

OZSW Membership in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The members can be categorized as follows:

<b>Members</b>	<b>Per partner university</b>	<b>section* Theoretical Philosophy</b>	<b>section* History of Philosophy</b>	<b>section* Ethics &amp; Practical Philosophy</b>
32	Delft University of Technology	11	0	23
16	Eindhoven University of Technology	10	3	22
90	Erasmus University Rotterdam	21	13	35
55	VU Amsterdam	15	7	24
45	Leiden University	19	18	18
115	Radboud University Nijmegen	22	13	19
41	Tilburg University	12	5	21
35	Twente University	8	2	28
106	University of Amsterdam	22	9	21
97	University of Groningen	17	22	30
121	Utrecht University	23	18	47

\*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 is divided in 3 sections: Ethics and Practical Philosophy (EPP), History of Philosophy (HP) and Theoretical Philosophy (TP). The section Ethics and Practical Philosophy (chaired by Maureen Sie, at the end of 2019 Thomas Nys became the new chair) organized several activities, including the successful recurring activities “Philosophy of Responsible Innovation”, “Philosophy of Risk” and the EPP Summer School. New activities included “How to enhance the enhancement debate?” The section History of Philosophy (with the new chair Frank Chouraqui) organized activities such as the autumn school “Beyond the Canon: Unexplored Topics and Forgotten Thinkers” and “Collegium Spinozanum III”. The section Theoretical Philosophy (chaired by Mieke Boon) organized the annual *Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy* (GCTP) in December 2019. This year less activities were organized per section, possibly due to the changes in office personnel and chair positions. 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, Mailing Lists and Social Media

No major changes were made to the website in 2019. The website continues to attract more visitors each year, in November reaching a maximum of 8822 views when the Annual OZSW Conference takes place (Figure 1). The website also attracts visitors from other countries (Figure 2).

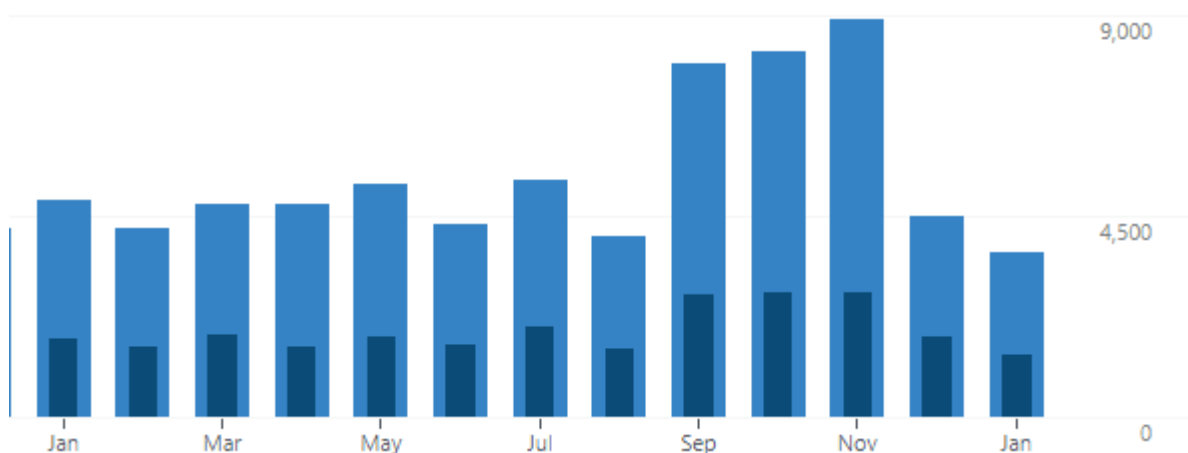


Figure1: Number of OZSW website views per month in 2019.

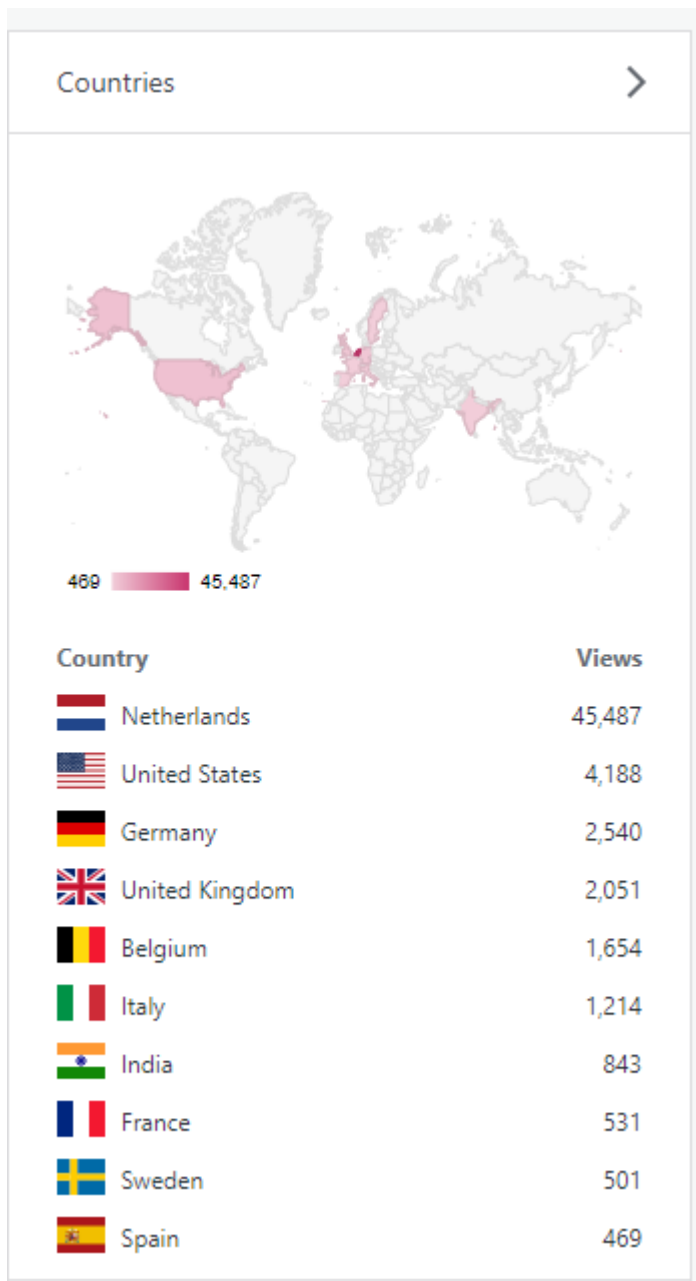


Figure 2: Number of OZSW website views per country in 2019.

In 2019, Friso Timmenga and Sven Duiker, two Leiden University student assistants, 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, upcoming doctoral thesis defences, job openings and other events on philosophy in the Netherlands.

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). In 2019, the mailing lists have been updated in line with the thoroughly updated membership database. Courses and events are also announced at Filos-NL and Philos-L mailing lists. In 2019, the ownership of the mailing list Filos-NL has been transferred to OZSW.

In order to reach and interact with OZSW members through different communication channels and to improve the visibility of the OZSW, three social media accounts were created just before the 2019 OZSW conference: [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#), on which philosophy events, upcoming PhD defences, job openings and other news are posted.

The OZSW also (financially) supports the websites *Young Philosophers*, *Bij Nader Inzien* and *Phine*, for more information, see § 5.3 Outreach Activities.

### 3.3 ReMa Students Policy

In 2015 it was decided that the OZSW will continue to receive funding from *Regieorgaan Duurzame Geesteswetenschappen* for organizing Research Master 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 *Disciplineoverleg Geesteswetenschappen* (DLG; the council of deans of Dutch humanities faculties) each year.

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. Special sections on the OZSW website provide ReMa students a list of offered courses. This information is being updated every semester with input from the universities that offer these courses for Research Master students.

The OZSW ReMa Winter School is an established event in which Research Master students from several faculties participate. For the academic year 2019-2020 the Winter School was organized in February 2019 by Radboud University and attracted 58 Research Master students. ReMa students also participated in several other activities organized by the OZSW (see § 4.1).

### 3.4 PhD Council

In 2019 the composition of the PhD Council has not changed much: Lukas Wolf remained treasurer and Marthe Smedinga remained chair of the PhD Council. At the end of the year, however, Yvette Drissen became chair of the PhD Council. Carli Coenen left the PhD Council, but a number of new regular members were welcomed: Mayli Mertens, Mandi Astola and Sonia de Jager. Kritika Maheshwari and Eva Sancho Rodriguez remained members. The PhD Council has an annual budget to organize events. The Writer's retreat, where PhD's get the opportunity to focus on their writing, not only because of the distraction-free environment, but also by formulating a writing goal, getting a "writing-buddy" and sharing writing goals. The retreat has been such a success, it was organized twice. The RANT workshop consisted of 6 presentations of PhD students' work and getting valuable feedback from their from other PhD students but also invited professors. Besides these events, a medical ethics workshop was organized.

### 3.5 Office

In 2019, with the change of the hosting institution from Erasmus University Rotterdam to Leiden University, the OZSW office had a complete personnel change. Prof. dr. Frans de Haas replaced Han van Ruler as the scientific director of the OZSW. The current assistant director, Dr. Christine Boshuijzen, and the secretary Marina Lurks were replaced by Fenanda Jacobs and Saskia Litler. Two student assistants from Leiden University were hired: Sven Duiker and Friso Timmenga.

## 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 some general OZSW activities, such as the 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.

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 2019 was as follows:

Student participants in OZSW activities in 2019:

90 OZSW PhD students	43 non-OZSW PhD students	<i>Total PhD students: 133</i>
85 OZSW ReMa students	6 non-OZSW ReMa students	<i>Total ReMa students: 91</i>












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.

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

Title	Date(s)	Section	Type	EC	Location	PhD students	ReMa students	Total	Organizer	
<a href="#">PhD Writing Retreat Winter 2019</a>	December 6 – 8	-	Writing Retreat	-	Leusden	18	-	18	OZSW and ISVV	
<a href="#">OZSW Annual Conference</a>	November 15 – 16	-	Conference	-	Amsterdam	57	31	185	OZSW	
<a href="#">Philosophy of Risk 2019</a>	October 28 – November 1	EPP	Course	5	Eindhoven	3	5	20	TU/e	
<a href="#">Beyond the Canon: Unexplored Topics and Forgotten Thinkers</a>	October 25 – 26	HP	Autumn School	2,5	Tilburg	8	1	10	TU	
<a href="#">Moral Psychology and Technology</a>	October 21 – 25	EPP	Course	4	Delft	9	6	15	TU Delft	
<a href="#">EPP Summer School</a>	August 26 – 30	EPP	Summer School	5	Groningen	25	5	31	RUG	
<a href="#">How to enhance the enhancement debate?</a>	August 28 – 30	EPP	Workshop	5	Rotterdam	11	1	12	EUR	
<a href="#">Collegium Spinozanum III</a>	July 2 – 5	HP	Summer School	5	Groningen	21	11	46	RUG	
<a href="#">PhD Writing Retreat 2019</a>	May 24 – 26	-	Writing Retreat		Leusden	18	0	18	OZSW and ISVV	
<a href="#">ReMa Winter School</a>	February 22 – 23	-	Winter School	2,5	Nijmegen	0	58	58	RU	
<a href="#">OZSW Graduate Conference Theoretical Philosophy</a>	January 9	TP	Graduate Conference	1	Leiden	6	2	9	UL	

<a href="#">Philosophy of Responsible Innovation</a>	January 9 – 11 and 14 – 18	EPP	Course	5	Delft and Wageningen	10	1	30	TU Delft and WU	 
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### 4.3 Final Remarks

In 2019, 110 Research Master students participated in OZSW activities, which is almost double the amount compared to 2018. The OZSW annual conference and the OZSW ReMa Winter School attracted the most ReMa students. A total of 144,5 ECTS were awarded to ReMa students who completed these courses. The OZSW also facilitates OZSW ReMa students who wish to follow courses at other universities by giving an overview of all the ReMa courses in the Netherlands.

It should be mentioned that not all participating departments and faculties have implemented the DLG policy in their Teaching and Examination Regulations (OER). Differences in implementation of this policy could have led to less participation in OZSW courses and a lower total of ECTS. To acquire the whole subsidy from DLG, a total of 517 ECTS had to be awarded through OZSW activities.

#### Research Master Winter School

The OZSW organizes an annual Winter School, which is exclusively for Research Master students, and through which they can earn 2,5 ECTS. The ReMa winter school for the academic year 2019-2020 took place on February 22-23, 2019, and was organized by Carla Rita Palmerino, from the Radboud University Nijmegen. Fleur Jongepier (RU), James Pearson (UL), Lodi Nauta (RUG) and Joel Anderson (UU), who are active at different universities and in different phases of their careers, give a lecture on a topic linked to their current research. Workshops were focused on learning and practicing a skill useful for academics, panel sessions were held on career prospects within and beyond academia and the role of philosophy and humanities in academia and society.

## 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 2019, the OZSW hosted 29 active study groups, of which 5 were established in 2019, namely *African Intercultural Philosophy*, *Continental Philosophy*, *Phenomenology*, *Philosophy of Economics* and *Philosophy of Sport*. At the end of 2019 the following study groups were active:

Study Group	Coordinator(s)	Members
<a href="#">African Intercultural Philosophy</a>	Angela Roothaan & Louise Müller	14
<a href="#">Ancient Philosophy</a>	Frederik Bakker & Albert Joosse	20
<a href="#">Business Ethics</a>	Wim Dubbink	44
<a href="#">Christian Philosophy</a>	Gerrit Glas & Corné Rademaker	23
<a href="#">Comparative &amp; Global Philosophy</a>	Stephen Harris, Andrea Sangiacomo	43
<a href="#">Continental Philosophy</a>	Philippe van Haute	70
<a href="#">Early Modern Philosophy</a>	Andrea Sangiacomo & Doina-Cristina Rusu	53
<a href="#">Enactivism</a>	F.A. Muller	27
<a href="#">Ethics of Care &amp; Health</a>	Lily Frank	96
<a href="#">Environmental Philosophy</a>	Marc Davidson	31
<a href="#">Feminist Philosophy</a>	Annemie Halsema & Nathanja van den Heuvel	48
<a href="#">Classical German Idealism and its Relevance / Klassieke Duitse filosofie en haar Actualiteit</a>	Christian Krijnen	18
<a href="#">Metaethics</a>	Daan Evers & Herman Veluwenkamp	14
<a href="#">MetaMetaphysical Club, The</a>	F.A. Muller & Tim de Mey	25
<a href="#">Metaphysics</a>	Nathan Wildman & Martin Lipman	6
<a href="#">Mind in Action</a>	Naomi Kloosterboer & Niels van Miltenburg	16
<a href="#">Moral Psychology</a>	Katrien Schaubroeck & Alfred Archer	31
<a href="#">Peer Review Circle in Practical Philosophy</a>	Yara Al Salman & Marina Uzunova	28
<a href="#">Phenomenology</a>	Corijn van Mazijk & Catherine Robb; Maren Wehrle; Sanem Yazicioglu	34
<a href="#">Philosophy and Psychiatry</a>	Derek Strijbos, Gerrit Glas & Roy Dings	82
<a href="#">Philosophy in Central and Eastern Europe</a>	Natalia Danilkina	12
<a href="#">Philosophy of Biology</a>	David Ludwig	24
<a href="#">Philosophy of Economics</a>	Annalisa Costella & Måns Abrahamson	14

<a href="#">Philosophy of Physics</a>	F.A. Muller	12
<a href="#">Philosophy of Responsibility</a>	Philip Robichaud & Jan Willem Wieland	54
<a href="#">Philosophy of Sport</a>	Martine Prange, Ivo van Hilvoorde & Alfred Archer	11
<a href="#">Political Philosophy</a>	Eric Boot & Tim Meijers	138
<a href="#">Structuralism</a>	F.A. Muller	13
<a href="#">Theological Ethics</a>	Angela Roothaan & Steven van den Heuvel	29

Study groups may receive a grant of maximum of €500 for organizing an event with a foreign speaker. The call for study group grant proposals used to be announced in January and October each year, but for budget reasons it has been decided to only send out a call once a year. In 2019 six study group grants were awarded to the following study groups: “Comparative and Global Philosophy”, “Philosophy and Psychiatry”, “Political Philosophy”, “Philosophy of Responsibility”, “Phenomenology and Continental Philosophy” and “Moral Psychology”.

## 5.2 OZSW Annual Conference

The OZSW’s seventh Annual Conference took place on 15 and 16 November 2019. It was organized by Maria Aloni, Hein van den Berg, Stefan Niklas, Robin Celikates and Thomas Nys from the University of Amsterdam. The event took place at the Doopsgezinde Kerk, University Library and Oudemanhuispoort in Amsterdam.

Keynote speakers were:

- Anne Philips (London School of Economics) on *Unconditional Equality*
- Barbara Vetter (Freie Universität Berlin) on *What do we talk about when we talk about metaphysical modality?*
- Pauline Kleingeld (RijksUniversiteit Groningen) on *Kant’s Republican Conception of Freedom of the Will*
- Ruth Sonderegger (Academy of Fine Arts Vienna) on *The emergence of philosophical aesthetics and its colonial entanglements*

The conference was a meeting place for OZSW members. It featured six panel discussion sessions, consisting of around 5 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 *Computational approaches to (the history of) philosophy*, *Philosophical reflections on Research Integrity*, *Global and Comparative Perspectives on Canons in Philosophy*, *Philosophy & Psychiatry*, *The meaning of generics*, and many more. On Saturday, the new website ‘Phine’ was officially launched, and the new editors of ‘Bij Nader Inzien’ were introduced to the conference. Afterwards, a constructive plenary panel discussion was held on the subject of *Diversifying Philosophy*, featuring the four keynote speakers, all of whom were women. The PhD council also discussed the *Philosophy PhD Wellbeing survey* with a health management expert (for insights on the survey, see <https://www.ozsw.nl/external-news/het-welzijn-van-de-filosofie-phd-schokkende-cijfers-en-levendige-discussies/>). The conference was highly



instrumental for community building, as well as for the recognisability of the OZSW as a whole.

The conference received 118 submissions, of which 105 papers, 5 posters and 8 symposia. All submissions (received before the official deadline) received one or two peer reviews. All poster submissions and symposia were accepted. Of the 105 paper submissions, 90 were accepted, 8 were rejected and 7 were reclassified as poster submissions and then accepted. The final conference program had 9 symposia, 75 research showcase talks, 4 keynote lectures and 1 plenary panel discussion. An extended book of abstracts will be published on the site, and participants will be notified.

The number of registered participants was 185, belonging to the following categories:

***Number of OZSW conference participants from Dutch Universities:***

University of Amsterdam	39
Utrecht University	25
University of Groningen	15
VU Amsterdam	11
Tilburg University	10
Erasmus University Rotterdam	10
Leiden University	9
Radboud University Nijmegen	9
Technical University Delft	6
University of Twente	7
Eindhoven University of Technology	5
Wageningen University	2
Protestant Theological University	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>149</b>

***Number of international participants:***

Germany	5
Belgium	5
UK	3
Sweden	3
USA	1
Italy	2
Switzerland	2
Turkey	1
Iran	1
Hungary	1
Australia	1
Georgia	1
Japan	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

***Number of participants per registration category:***

Members	65
Non-members	21
PhD members	45
PhD non-members	12
ReMa members	15

### 5.3 Outreach Activities

The OZSW organizes outreach activities, by facilitating online and offline platforms 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 2019, but Erasmus University Rotterdam is working on a new digital way of facilitating the OZSW debates.

The OZSW also (financially) supports three websites: the *Young Philosophers* website, the Dutch blog *Bij Nader Inzien* and the online academic philosophy portal Phine.

The [Young Philosophers](http://www.theyoungphilosophers.org) website publishes interviews with young philosophers (OZSW PhDs with an interesting thesis), and supports the preparation of their live performances on the popular Brainwash Festival (check the videos of the performances on <http://www.theyoungphilosophers.org/videos/>). Two of these Young Philosophers were interviewed for the Dutch newspaper *Trouw* resulting in the article [“Jonge Filosofen vinden het hoog tijd voor een andere blik op politiek en portomonnee”](#).

The Dutch blog [Bij Nader Inzien](#) provides societal issues with philosophical analysis and reflection. Its blog articles make recent developments in academic philosophy more accessible to non-specialists. Much academic philosophy is not freely accessible outside of science. *Bij Nader Inzien* aims to show how you can reflect on current issues from philosophical perspectives that have been influential in shaping our world view, and to show the latest insights from academic philosophy. In 2019 the website has been completely renewed, with a new enthusiastic editorial staff publishing a large number of articles. The new staff was introduced at the OZSW conference, and in order to reach the non-academic audience, the new website was launched at Spui25, followed by a discussion on societal issues with various panel members. Due to the complete renewal of the website, the statistics on visitors are not available.

In 2019, the online academic portal [Phine](#) has been further developed and launched. Phine offers an overview of everything that is happening in the field of philosophy in the Netherlands, both inside and outside the universities, which helps journalists and program makers to consult the best academic experts to reflect on contemporary issues. It contains a database of academic philosophers who are available to share their expertise to a non-academic audience through public speaking (at the moment 77 academic philosophers are registered). The website also has an overview of the different themes in philosophy, important organisations in philosophy, the latest news, podcasts, published books, and much more. Phine is also linked to the above-mentioned websites *The Young Philosophers* and *Bij Nader Inzien*. At the end of the year the website was ready to be launched at the OZSW conference. A week after the launch 244 people already visited the site. The top 3 of most visited pages is: *Academic Philosophy*, *News* and *Themes*. 39% of the visitors finds the website through social media.

## **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 39,5% (fluctuating between 25%-84%), the total evaluations received was 74. The average course evaluation score was 8.66 on a scale of 1 to 10, with fluctuations between 7.40 – 9.80 measured over 8 courses. These course evaluations are discussed in the three sections in order to improve future courses.

## 7. PhD Defences

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: <https://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/>. In 2019 the OZSW started sending PhD Defence announcements to the PhD mailing list to promote the PhD defences under fellow PhDs.

Table 2: Overview of doctoral defences by OZSW members in 2019

Title of the PhD Thesis	Name	Affiliation	Date
Explanation, Understanding and Knowledge	Philippe Verrault-Julien	Erasmus University Rotterdam	January 18
Designing for Darkness: Urban Nighttime Lighting and Environmental Values	Taylor Stone	VU Amsterdam	January 21
Moral Objectivity: Origins and Foundations	Jeroen Hopster	Utrecht University	February 1
Minds, Brains, and Economic Agents	James Grayot	Erasmus University Rotterdam	February 8
Human Dignity as the Ground of Human Rights. A Study in Moral Philosophy and Legal Practice	Marie Göbel	Utrecht University	April 17
Spinoza's theory of the human mind: consciousness, memory, and reason	Oberto Marrama (cum laude)	University of Groningen	May 16
Deontic Modality in Rationality and Reasoning	Alessandra Marra	Tilburg University	May 20
Philosophy of Mind and Epistemology	Jasper van der Herik	Erasmus University Rotterdam	June 6
Gerrit Mannoury (1867 - 1956). Een relativistisch denker	Mireille Kirkels	Erasmus University Rotterdam	June 6
On De Finetti's Philosophy of Probability	Colin Elliot	Tilburg University	June 28
Progress in philosophy, A defense of philosophical scepticism	Leon Geerding	University of Groningen	July 4
Is This Civil? Transnationalism, Migration and Feminism in Civil Disobedience	Natasha Basu	University of Amsterdam	September 17
Design for Green: Ethics and Politics for Behavior-Steering Technology	Ching Hung	University of Twente	November 13
The Transparent Self: a normative investigation of changing selves and relationships in the age of the quantified self	Marjolein Lanzing	Technical University Eindhoven	December 11
Oocyte Banking for Third-party Assisted Reproduction: An Ethical Analysis	Emy Kool	Utrecht University	December 12

## **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 numbers, which are tied to a sub number of the faculty budget.

### **8.2 Financial Statement**

The financial report 2019 has been approved by the OZSW board of directors.

### **8.3 Financial Situation**

The OZSW made a small profit in 2019 due to organizing less activities and a strict management of the expenses in the first year of the OZSW in Leiden.

### **8.4 Budget Plans for 2020**

One of the main plans of the OZSW for 2020 is the further development of the webportal *Phine*, for the promotion of academic philosophy outside the academic world, and a continuation of the Dutch blog *Bij Nader Inzien*. The budget will be drawn from the OZSW reserve.

The reduced income of the OZSW due to the implementation of DLG rules, but without taxing the institutes per PhD as all research schools do, as well as the need to secure the continuity of the successful outreach activities (websites and editor) requires a serious re-thinking of the financial structure of the OZSW.

## 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 2019 Leiden University became the OZSW host institution with professor Frans de Haas, as the scientific director. The assistant director, Dr. Christine Boshuijzen, and the secretary Marina Lurks were replaced by Fenanda Jacobs and Saskia Litler. Due to this transfer in 2019 the OZSW office mainly focused on creating administrative and financial order of the OZSW (e.g. updating the membership database thoroughly, improving the financial situation, reorganization of the archive), securing OZSW activities were organized on time, and all the communication channels (e.g. the websites, mailing lists) were up-to-date.

In 2019, the development of the webportal *Phine*, a national forum representing the subject of academic philosophy in the Netherlands resulted into the launch in November 2019 at the OZSW conference, contributing to the development and promotion of a narrative for the place of philosophy in society.

In order to improve the visibility and accessibility of OZSW, some minor adjustments were made to the OZSW website and several social media accounts were created. Additionally, the mailing list Filos-NL has been transferred from VU Amsterdam to Leiden University.

The promotion of young philosophers continued by updating the website Young Philosophers with interviews and videos of live performances, and gaining media attention through an article in the Dutch newspaper *Trouw*. The website *Bij Nader Inzien* has been completely renewed and refreshed, and a new enthusiastic editorial staff takes care of publishing a large number of articles.

The OZSW will focus on three issues in 2020:

- In order to make it easier for members and non-members to find their way on the website, the current OZSW-website will be restructured.
- Facilitation of the course organisers will be improved by creating an easy-to-use “how to organize an OZSW activity” package. This should lead to more efficiency, convenience and clarity for the course organisers.
- The website *Phine* will be further developed and linked to the several initiatives in philosophy in the Netherlands.