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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 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'.

Leiden University is the hosting university for the OZSW and its office for the period 2019-2023. Prof. dr. Frans de Haas is the scientific director, Fenanda Jacobs is the assistant director and Saskia Litler the secretary.

At the beginning of 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic had an effect on the OZSW and its activities. Due to the adjustments course organisers had to make in order to work from home and teach (their regular courses) online, many courses were postponed hoping that they could be taught face-to-face later that year. Unfortunately, that was still not possible. Some courses were held online, most were postponed to 2021 to be held online or offline. In 2020, 7 activities were organized, mostly online. The number of participants in these activities (excluding the Annual Conference) amounted 52 PhD students and 83 Research Master students.

Over the course of 2020, the OZSW has again continued to grow in size, which resulted in a total of 932 members at the end of 2020, an increase of 7%. There were 318 Research Master student members, 251 PhD student members, 346 senior members, and 17 international members. The increase is mainly due to an increase in Research Master students. With the changes made in the membership policy (following the policy developed by the council of deans of Dutch Humanities faculties (DLG)) the membership database appeared to be very outdated with quite some 'ghost members', so these numbers might not represent all the 'real' members.

In 2020 the OZSW has been less visible due to fewer face-to-face activities and therefore fewer promotion of these activities. However, the OZSW remained visible on social media, the webportal Phine and the Young Philosophers.

The number of OZSW study groups was 31 in 2020. At the beginning of 2020 five study group grants were awarded, but due to the pandemic all events for these grants were postponed.

In December 2020, the eighth OZSW Annual Conference was organized by the University of Tilburg. Due to the pandemic the conference was completely online to keep academic philosophers in the

Netherlands and abroad connected. The online conference did not have keynote speakers but consisted of online discussion sessions via Zoom. Participants were asked to prepare for the conference beforehand, by watching pre-recorded lectures or by reading papers. The discussion sessions were organised in groups of papers and presentations on similar themes and topics.

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, Department of Values, Technology and Innovation, [Section Ethics/Philosophy of Technology](#))
- *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](#))
- *University of Twente* (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).

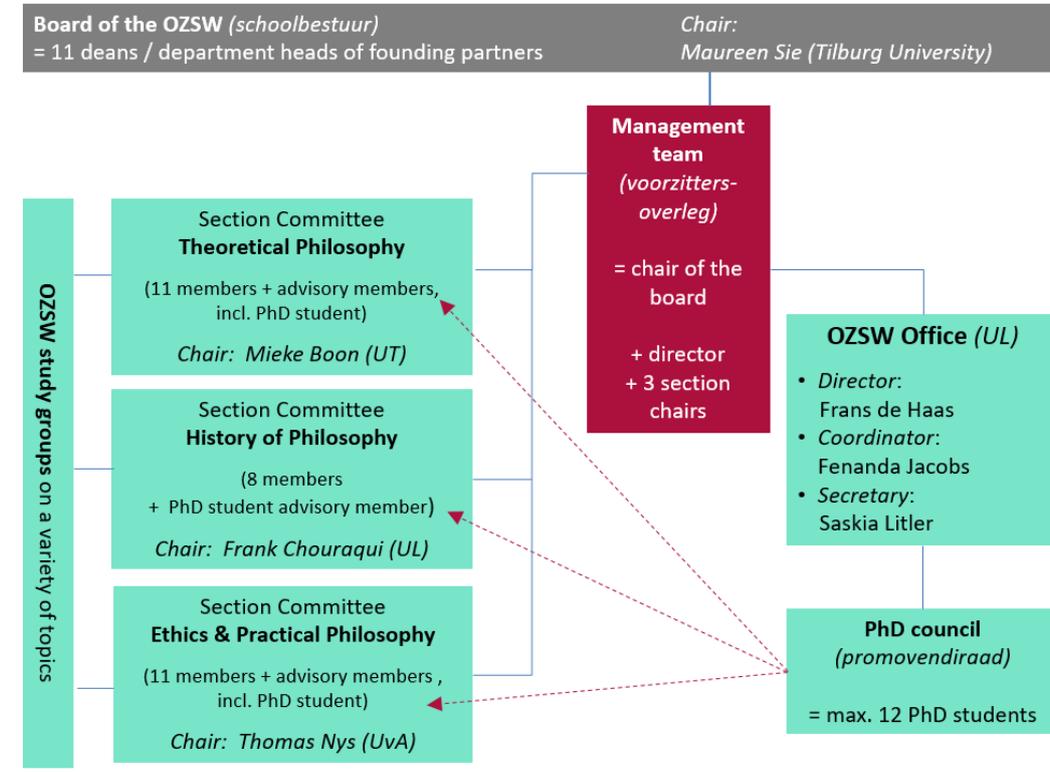
The general purpose of the OZSW is to strengthen the discipline of philosophy. It does so by:

- (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, 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 2020:



### 2.2 Members

In 2020 free membership applies to all senior faculty members of the 11 founding partners. Their PhD students may subsequently join for free. Other senior researchers in academic philosophy must pay a membership fee. A fee membership option of 'Associated Member' is offered to scholars who do not bring in any PhD students. At the end of 2020 the OZSW decided to follow DLG policy and charge a fee for PhD memberships. The founding partners pay the fee for their own (selected) PhDs. PhDs who are not affiliated with the founding partners can become Associate PhD members. With this change of policy, the senior memberships have been simplified as well, with only two membership types: Regular Senior Members and Associate Senior Members. The new membership policy and the different types of membership can be found at: <https://www.ozsw.nl/membership-2020/>

The table below shows the number of members per membership type, following the old membership policy:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Members	552	609	681	698	784	866	932
Research Master Students	126	136	161	147	184	225	318
PhD Students	148	169	201	201	233	259	251
Regular Members	237	265	279	301	322	341	311
Regular Members from other University/Faculty	21	21	20	18	16	16	16
Associate Members	4	6	9	10	10	11	19
International Members	8	12	11	21	19	14	17

OZSW Membership in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020.

The members can be categorized as follows:

Members	Per partner university	section* Theoretical Philosophy	section* History of Philosophy	section* Ethics & Practical Philosophy
32	Delft University of Technology	10	1	24
14	Eindhoven University of Technology	7	2	12
86	Erasmus University Rotterdam	15	10	40
41	VU Amsterdam	15	2	20
43	Leiden University	19	19	18
109	Radboud University Nijmegen	26	14	19
29	Tilburg University	8	6	16
30	Twente University	6	1	26
81	University of Amsterdam	20	6	17
87	University of Groningen	16	22	26
97	Utrecht University	20	16	41

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

### 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 Thomas Nys) organized the successful recurring activities *Philosophy of Responsible Innovation* and *Philosophy of Risk*. The section History of Philosophy (chaired by Frank Chouraqui) organized the autumn school *Through the Lens of Plato*. The section Theoretical Philosophy (chaired by Mieke Boon) postponed the annual *Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy* (GCTP) to April 2021. This year sections organized less activities due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of the activities were postponed to the autumn hoping offline activities would be possible, but eventually most were postponed to 2021. 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

The major change made to the website in 2020 was the restructuring of the menu to make navigation for visitors user-friendly. The different member types can now easily find what they need. Also, an ‘[information package](#)’ was developed, with all the information needed to organize an OZSW course for the OZSW and templates to fill out to make organizing a course easier and more efficient.

The website attracted less visitors this year, in September reaching a maximum of 6120 views (Figure 1). The website also attracts visitors from other countries (Figure 2).

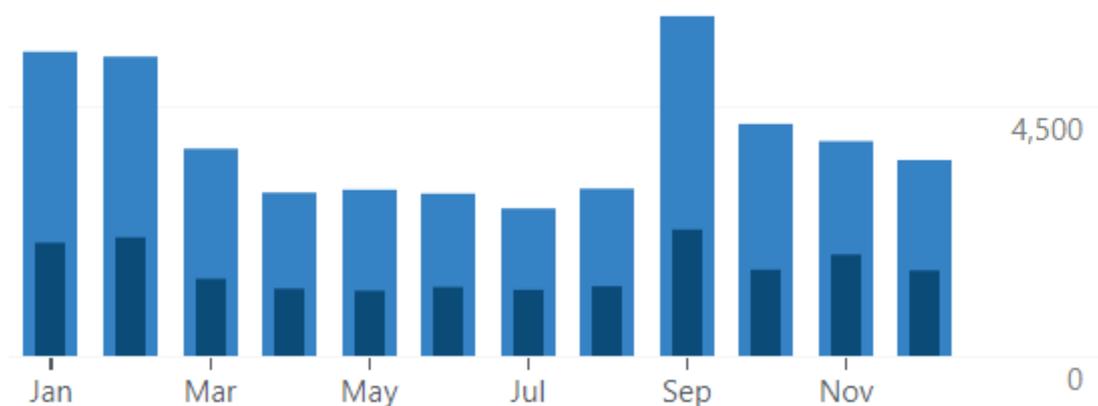


Figure1: Number of OZSW website views per month in 2020.

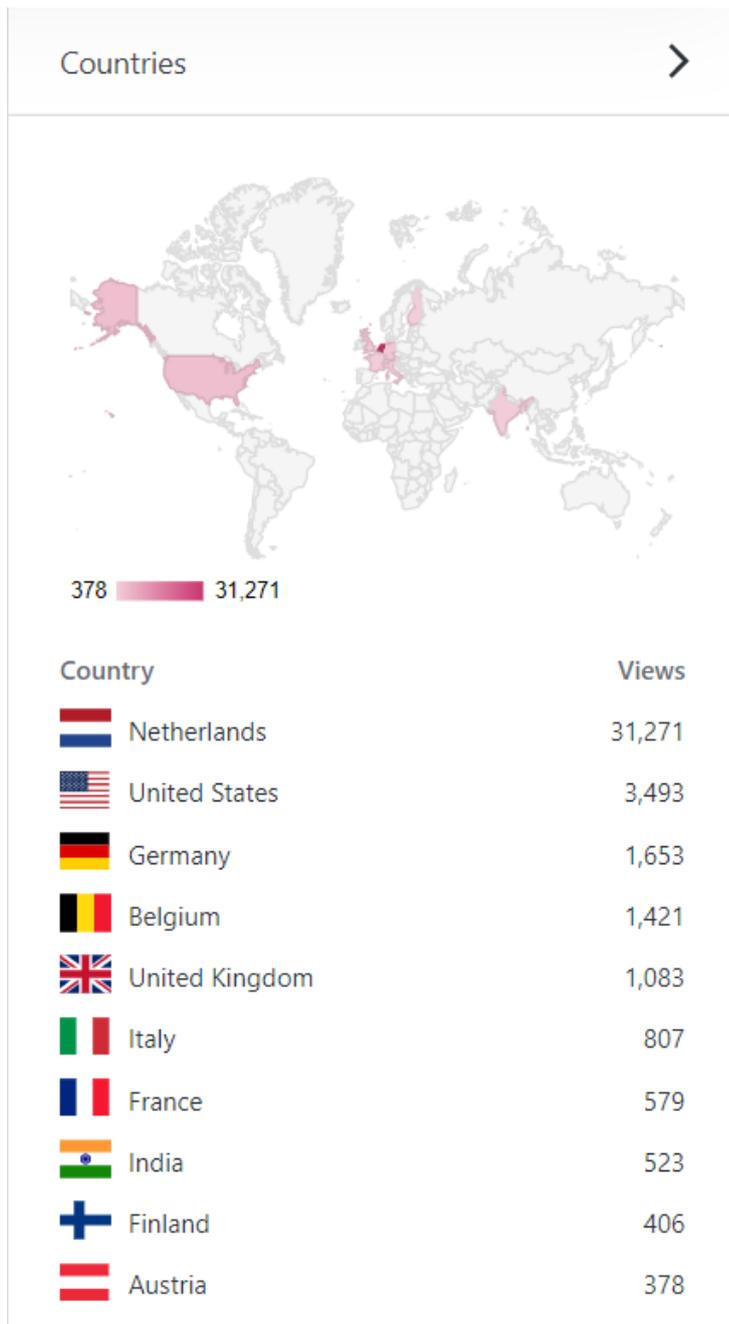


Figure 2: Number of OZSW website views per country in 2020.

In 2020, 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, which is also managed by the OZSW. 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). Courses and events are also announced at Filos-NL mailing list. In 2020, Filos-NL had 1843 subscribers and people sent 410 messages through the mailing list.

Social media accounts are used to reach and interact with OZSW members in a different way, on which philosophy events, upcoming PhD defences, job openings and other news are posted. In 2020, [Twitter](#) is the most popular channel with 418 followers and still growing.

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 the ReMa course coordinators under the umbrella of OZSW.

The OZSW ReMa Winter School is an established event in which Research Master students from several faculties participate. For the academic year 2020-2021 the Winter School was organized on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 by Erasmus University Rotterdam and attracted 52 Research Master students. ReMa students also participated in several other activities organized by the OZSW (see § 4.1).

### 3.4 PhD Council

In 2020 the composition of the PhD Council was as follows: Yvette Drissen remained the chair of the Council and Lukas Wolf remained the treasurer. Eva Sancho Rodrigues and Mayli Mertens left, but Kritika Maheshwari, Mandi Astola and Sonia de Jager stayed part of the group. Towards the end of the year, Barbara Bziuk and Sam Rijken joined the team as well. In December 2020, it was decided that Barbara Bziuk will take over Lukas' treasurer role, because he will be leaving the council in 2021.

In January, the PhD Council [published the results of the PhD wellbeing survey of 2019 on Phine](#). The PhD Council also has an annual budget to organise events. However, due to the global pandemic, some activities needed to be cancelled, postponed or changed. The Spring Writing Retreat was cancelled, but the council offered several online alternatives, like a Discord page where philosophy PhD's could connect and do an online pub quiz with teams from different universities. The Discord page was not a great success, since not many people use Discord. The quiz however was well attended and fun. Fortunately, the Autumn Writing Retreat could take place physically at the ISVW with Covid-proof measures in place, and for those who could not attend, there was an online version of the Retreat. Both the offline and the online version were positively received.

### 3.5 Office

In 2020, the OZSW Office operated at Leiden University for the second year. The office did not have any personnel changes: prof. Dr. Frans de Haas remained scientific director, Fenanda Jacobs remained assistant director and Saskia Litler remained the secretary. Also, the two student assistants from Leiden University, Sven Duiker and Friso Timmenga, continued to support the office in their tasks.

The major change for the office was having to work from home for most of 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which required several adaptations to work processes and teamwork, and slowed down some projects the OZSW office had in mind for 2020.

## 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 2020 was as follows:

Student participants in OZSW activities in 2020:

45 OZSW PhD students	7 non-OZSW PhD students	Total PhD students: 52
79 OZSW ReMa students	4 non-OZSW ReMa students	Total ReMa students: 83

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

Due to the pandemic, most OZSW courses were postponed in the hope that courses could take place offline by the end of 2020. Unfortunately, course organisers had to conclude that this was unlikely to happen and decided to offer some courses online. Some of these courses took place in 2020, others will take place in 2021.

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="#">Philosophy of Responsible Innovation 2020</a>	8-01 / 17-01	EPP	Course	5	Delft & Wageningen	13	6	39	TU Delft and WU
<a href="#">ReMa Winter School 2020</a>	14-02 / 15-02	EPP	Winter School	2,5	Rotterdam	3	48	52	EUR
<a href="#">39th Dutch-Flemish Day of Philosophy</a>	22-02	-	Conference	-	Enschede	3	6	23	UT
<a href="#">RANT Workshop 2020</a>	19-06	-	Workshop	-	Online	16	-	-	PhD Council
<a href="#">PhD Writing Retreat Autumn 2020</a>	5-10 / 9-10	-	Writing Retreat	-	ISVW	14	0	14	PhD Council
<a href="#">Philosophy of Risk 2020</a>	26-10 / 30-10	EPP	Seminar Course	5	Online	9	6	20	TU/e
<a href="#">Through the Lens of Plato</a>	29-10 / 30-10	HP	Course	2,5	Online	9	17	26	RU

### 4.3 Final Remarks

In 2020, 89 Research Master students participated in OZSW activities, which is almost half of the amount compared to 2019. The OZSW annual conference and the OZSW ReMa Winter School attracted the most ReMa students. A total of 95 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 few participating departments and faculties have implemented the DLG policy in their Teaching and Examination Regulations (OER). Differences in implementation of this policy led to less participation in OZSW courses and a lower total of ECTS.

## 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 2020-2021 took place on February 14-15, 2020, and was organized by dr. Nicholas Vrousalis, from the Erasmus School of Philosophy (EUR). Andreas Schmidt (RUG), Dorothea Gädeke (UU), Annelien de Dijn (UU), Martin van Hees (VU) and Amanda Cawston (TiU), who are active at different universities and in different phases of their careers, gave a lecture on a topic linked to their current research, under the general theme of *Freedom and Economic Inequality*. There was a panel session of the relationship between freedom and capitalism, and on whether freedom has a future. The focus was academic freedom and the rights of migrants, women, and workers.

## 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 2020, the OZSW hosted 31 active study groups. In 2020, we welcomed a new study group: *Philosophy of Science*. At the end of 2020 the following study groups were active:

<b>Study Group</b>	<b>Coordinator(s)</b>	<b>Members</b>
<a href="#">African Intercultural Philosophy</a>	Angela Roothaan & Louise Müller	18
<a href="#">Ancient Philosophy</a>	Frederik Bakker & Albert Joose	19
<a href="#">Business Ethics</a>	Wim Dubbink	48
<a href="#">Christian Philosophy</a>	Gerrit Glas & Corné Rademaker	42
<a href="#">Comparative &amp; Global Philosophy</a>	Stephen Harris, Andrea Sangiacomo	45
<a href="#">Continental Philosophy</a>	Philippe van Haute	68
<a href="#">Early Modern Philosophy</a>	Andrea Sangiacomo & Doina-Cristina Rusu	45
<a href="#">Enactivism</a>	F.A. Muller	35
<a href="#">Ethics of Care &amp; Health</a>	Lily Frank	91
<a href="#">Environmental Philosophy</a>	Marc Davidson	30
<a href="#">Feminist Philosophy</a>	Annemie Halsema & Nathanja van den Heuvel	50
<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	19
<a href="#">MetaMetaphysical Club, The</a>	F.A. Muller & Tim de Mey	24
<a href="#">Metaphysics</a>	Nathan Wildman & Martin Lipman	7
<a href="#">Mind in Action</a>	Naomi Kloosterboer & Niels van Miltenburg	18
<a href="#">Moral Psychology</a>	Katrien Schaubroeck & Alfred Archer	35
<a href="#">Peer Review Circle in Practical Philosophy</a>	Yara Al Salman & Marina Uzunova	34
<a href="#">Phenomenology</a>	Corijn van Mazijk & Catherine Robb	43

<a href="#">Philosophy and Psychiatry</a>	Derek Strijbos, Gerrit Glas & Roy Dings	83
<a href="#">Philosophy in Central and Eastern Europe</a>	Natalia Danilkina & Evi Zacharia	10
<a href="#">Philosophy of Biology</a>	David Ludwig	22
<a href="#">Philosophy of Economics</a>	Annalisa Costella & Måns Abrahamson	36
<a href="#">Philosophy of Physics</a>	F.A. Muller	12
<a href="#">Philosophy of Responsibility</a>	Philip Robichaud & Jan Willem Wieland	60
<a href="#">Philosophy of Science</a>	Guido Bacciagaluppi & Jan-Willem Romeijn	35
<a href="#">Philosophy of Sport</a>	Martine Prange, Ivo van Hilvoorde & Alfred Archer	13
<a href="#">Political Philosophy</a>	Eric Boot & Tim Meijers	153
<a href="#">Structuralism</a>	F.A. Muller	13
<a href="#">Theological Ethics</a>	Angela Roothaan & Steven van den Heuvel	25

Study groups may receive a grant of maximum of €500 for organizing an event with a foreign speaker once a year. In 2020 five study group grants were awarded to the following study groups: “Phenomenology”, “Classical German Idealism and Its Relevance”, “Early Modern Philosophy”, “Political Philosophy” and “Philosophy of Responsibility”. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, their events had to be postponed to 2021.

## 5.2 OZSW Annual Conference

The OZSW’s eighth Annual Conference took place on 11 and 12 December 2020. It was organized by Tilburg University, and the committee consisted of Catherine Robb, Willem van der Deijl, Georgie Mills, Stefaan Blancke, Maureen Sie, Ruud Welten and Nathan Wildman. The event took place online due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The online conference did not have keynote speakers this year, its main aim was community building and consisted of online discussion sessions via Zoom. Participants were asked to prepare for the conference beforehand, by watching pre-recorded lectures or by reading papers. The discussion sessions were organised in groups of papers and presentations on similar themes and topics. A variety of philosophical topics were addressed, for example: political philosophy, epistemology, philosophy of mind, philosophy of education, philosophy of psychology, ethics of technology, well-being, logic, feminist philosophy, the meaning of the philosophical cannon, philosophy of history, aesthetics, philosophy of health, philosophy of war, philosophy in times of crisis, and the nature of free will.

The conference received 65 submissions. All submissions received two peer reviews. 60 submissions were accepted and 2 were rejected. The final conference consisted of 56 papers, as a few participants had to pull out at the last minute. The number of registered participants was 143, belonging to the following categories.

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

- University of Amsterdam **17**
- Utrecht University **19**
- University of Groningen **11**
- VU Amsterdam **10**
- Tilburg University **10**
- Erasmus University Rotterdam **15**
- Leiden University **7**
- Radboud University Nijmegen **13**
- Delft University of Technology **6**
- University of Twente **6**
- Eindhoven University of Technology **2**
- Wageningen University **3**
- Open Universiteit **1**
- Avans (Den Bosch) **1**

Total **121**

**Number of international participants:**

- Belgium **1**
- China **1**
- Australia **1**
- India **1**
- Bangladesh **1**
- Croatia **1**
- England **2**
- Germany **2**
- U.S. **1**
- Spain **2**
- Sweden **1**

Total **14**

**Number of participants who did not give an affiliation: 8**

**Number of participants per registration category:**

- Members **49**
- Non-members **14**
- PhD members **26**
- PhD non-members **4**
- ReMa members **33**
- ReMa non-members **2**
- Not Stated **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. In 2020 Erasmus University Rotterdam developed a new alternative for the OZSW debate, [the OZSW webinar](#), this time devoted to research acquisition. Several colleagues who recently managed to acquire substantial research funding, share their experiences.

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](#) website publishes interviews with young philosophers (OZSW PhDs with an interesting thesis). Due to the pandemic the Brainwash Festival, where Young Philosophers could give their inspiring talks, had to be cancelled. If the pandemic allows it, there might be an alternative small event in 2021.

The Dutch blog [Bij Nader Inzien \(BNI\)](#) provides societal issues with philosophical analysis and reflection. Blog articles and the newly started [podcast](#) 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. BNI also started book reviews and video reviews in 2020. 136 articles were published, and the best-read articles can be found [here](#). The website attracted 12.000 visitors a month and attracts visitors through Google and the various social media accounts.

The online academic portal [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. 145 academic philosophers are now registered, compared to 77 in 2019. In 2020, the website added some new pages and features: an [overview of podcasts](#) on philosophy, an automatic update of the news from the philosophy faculties and institutes, and an overview of philosophy books with affiliate links for which the OZSW earns a small commission (in 2020 € 12,12 of a € 134,71 turnover). Phine showed its added value in the pandemic: a special Covid-19 page was created, where 64 philosophers from the Netherlands offered their expertise to highlight the philosophical issues at stake in the heated debates on the pandemic. Among the database this corona page was the most viewed page of 2020. In total Phine had 2335 visitors. In 2021 Phine will work on attracting more visitors.

## 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 32,5% (fluctuating between 13%-46%), the total evaluations received was 52. The average course evaluation score was 8.17 on a scale of 1 to 10, with fluctuations between 7.67 – 9.17 measured over 5 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 doctoral defences of OZSW PhD alumni in 2020. The table can also be viewed on the website: <https://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/>.

Table 2: Overview of doctoral defences by OZSW members in 2020:

Title of the PhD Thesis	Name	Affiliation	Date
Desert, Luck, and Justice	H.M. Brouwer	University of Tilburg	January 7
Not being oneself? Self-ambiguity in the context of mental disorder	Roy Dings	Radboud University	January 8
Harmed Lives and Senses of Land. Repair to Peasants Victims from the Capability Approach	B.A. Aguilar	University of Tilburg	March 9
Sophiology and Modern Society: Sergei Bulgakov's conceptualization of an alternative modern society	Josephien van Kessel	Radboud University	March 23
The General Reformation <i>divini et humani</i> : The Rosicrucian Call for Change, Its Sources, and Early Impact	Lyke de Vries	Radboud University	March 26
The Specific Vulnerability of Religious Minorities	Dennis P. Petri	VU Amsterdam	May 29
Realtime realiteit. Een exploratie van taal, techniek en tijd met Martin Heidegger en Sybren Polet	Joris Raven	Erasmus University	September 2
Reasoning about morality: the Empirical Turn in Early-Modern Moral Philosophy from Hobbes to Rousseau	Willem Verhoeven	University of Groningen	September 3
Balancing Tradition and Development. A deliberative procedure for the evaluation of cultural traditions in development contexts	Matthias Kramm	Utrecht University	September 18
Autonomy-Respectful E-Coaching Systems. Fending Off Complacency	Bart Kamphorst	Utrecht University	September 28
Contested Modernity. Karl Löwith, Hans Blumenberg and Carl Schmitt and the German Secularization Debate	Sjoerd Griffioen	University of Groningen	October 1

Morals for the Mighty: Political legitimacy as impact on sustainable development	Jojanneke Vanderveen	VU Amsterdam	November 26
Tales of Similarity and Imagination	Tom Schoonen	University of Amsterdam	December 4
Objectivity without reality. Implications of conceptual role semantics in metaethics	Herman Veluwenkamp	University of Groningen	December 10
Where Responsibility Takes You: Logics of Agency, Counterfactuals and Norms	I. Canavotto	University of Amsterdam	December 15

## 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 2020 has been approved by the OZSW board of directors.

### 8.3 Financial Situation

The OZSW made a small loss in 2020. Due to the pandemic activities were held online or postponed, which resulted in fewer expenses. However, the contribution for the Technical Universities was lowered, resulting in 9.000 euro less income, and with the introduction of the new membership policy, institutions decided to select fewer Phds for the paid memberships than expected, resulting in 7.700 euro less income.

### 8.4 Budget Plans for 2021

At the end of 2020 it was decided to implement DLG rules on taxing the institutes per PhD member. In 2021 it will become clearer how this will affect the OZSW budget.

One of the main plans of the OZSW for 2021 is organizing the postponed courses of 2020 and organizing more courses in general for the educational program of PhDs and Research Master students. Whether this will be face-to-face teaching depends on the development of the pandemic.

For the continuation of the webportal *Phine*, and the Dutch blog *Bij Nader Inzien* budget will again be drawn from the OZSW reserve.

## 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 Research Master students in the various sections of Practical Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy and History of Philosophy.

In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic had a major impact on the possibility of offering OZSW courses. Course organisers showed flexibility and creativity in finding the right way and time to offer courses online or offline, but unfortunately less courses were offered. With half the number of courses offered, the number of Research Master students attending the courses remained quite the same as 2019. The number of PhDs attending the courses more than halved compared to 2019. The OZSW Conference however attracted the same number of participants. Hopefully in 2021 more activities can be offered and take place face-to-face again.

In order to follow the DLG policy of charging a membership fee per PhD, a new membership policy was developed and agreed on at the end of 2020. The OZSW office started the implementation in 2020 and will finish this in 2021. In 2021 it will become clear how many PhDs will remain a member. Likely the numbers will decrease due to a more rigid selection of PhD candidates member institutions wish to pay for. At least the new number will represent the members that will actively participate in the OZSW.

In order to improve the user-friendliness and accessibility of the OZSW, the menu of the OZSW site has been restructured. A special page with information on “how to organize an OZSW activity” was created with templates and guidelines to make organizing a course more convenient and efficient.

The website *Phine* has been further developed and linked to the several initiatives in philosophy in the Netherlands. The promotion of young philosophers continued by updating the website *Young Philosophers* with interviews. The website *Bij Nader Inzien* continued to grow with an enthusiastic editorial staff continuing to take care of publishing a large number of articles and attracting many visitors.

The OZSW will focus on three issues in 2021:

- Developing an educational program for the upcoming academic year so students can plan their curriculum better;
- The current OZSW-website will be further restructured and cleaned up in order to make navigation for visitors easier;
- Developing a webpage in collaboration with the PhD council with all the information philosophy PhD's in the Netherlands might need for practical and psychological issues.