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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 twelve 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. Friso Timmenga and Sven Duiker supported the OZSW office as student assistants and Mariam Taj Zai joined the team in December 2021 to take over their tasks.

Over the course of 2021 the OZSW decreased in size due to the change of the membership policy and the cleaning up of the membership directory. This has led to a decrease in total members from 932 members to 869. There were 302 Research Master student members, 188 PhD student members and 379 Senior members.

The number of active OZSW study groups was 30 in 2021. One study group sent a grant proposal and was awarded a grant. Due to the pandemic study groups decided to put their events on hold until they could be organized in person, or they decided to have online events, which does not come with costs for a foreign speaker.

Despite the continuing pandemic, more OZSW courses took place in 2021. Unfortunately, many courses still could not take place on campus, and were therefore offered online. The Research Master Winter School and the Flemish-Dutch Philosophy Day did not take place in 2021, because the in-person interaction is an important element for these activities.

In 2021 the OZSW was more visible again through promotion of the OZSW activities and some more face-to-face activities. The OZSW was also visible at the Brainwash Festival where Young Philosophers were able to give their inspiring talks again.

In December 2021, the ninth OZSW Annual Conference was organized, again by Tilburg University, with the intention of having an offline conference again. Unfortunately, just before the conference was to take place, the Covid-19 measures became stricter, and the pandemic made the conference to be held completely online again.

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 twelve 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)
- *Maastricht University* (Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Department of Philosophy)

The OZSW was established at the end of 2012 by the deans of the 12 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 2021:
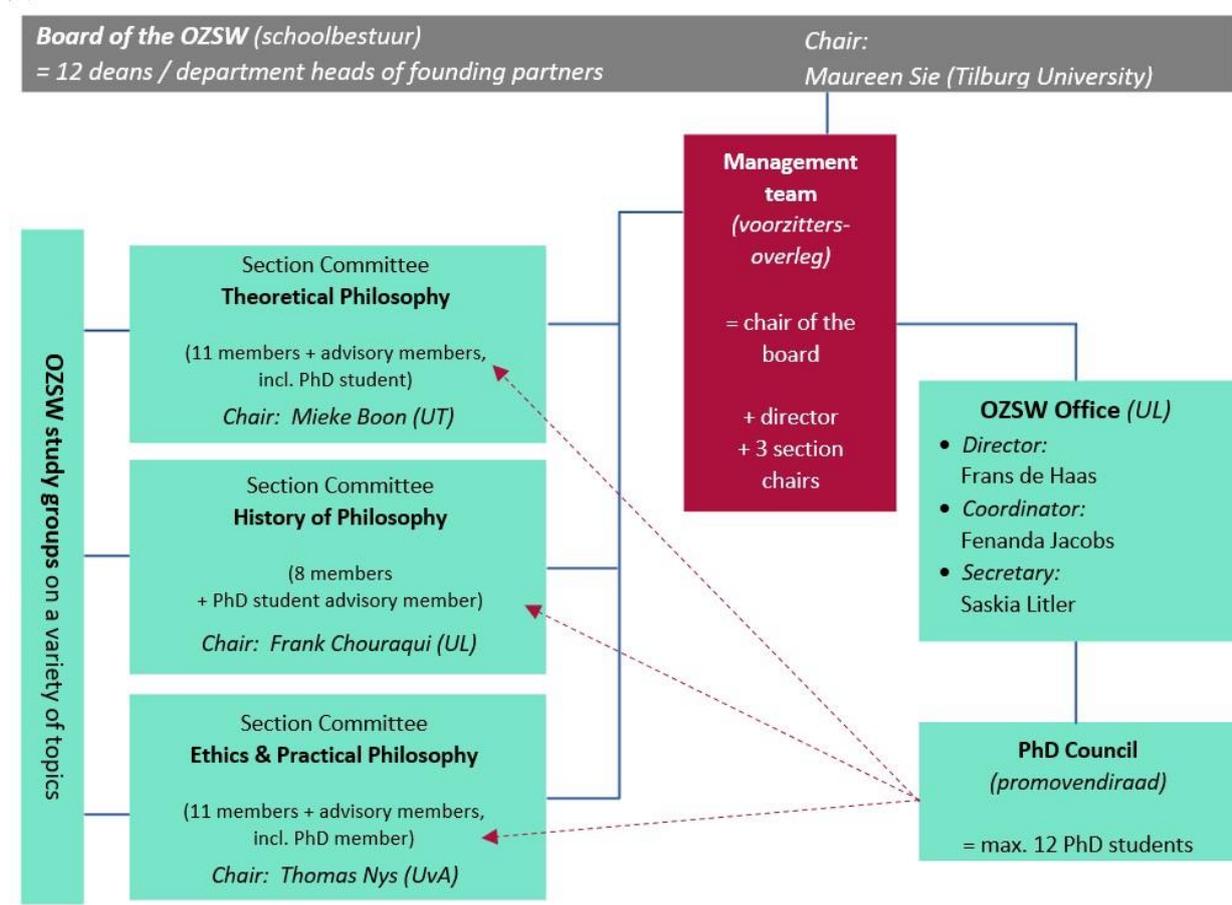
2.2 Members

At the end of 2020 the OZSW decided to follow DLG policy and charge a fee for PhD memberships, and this policy was further implemented in 2021, also simplifying the memberships for senior members. Free membership applies to all senior faculty members of the 12 partners. Senior staff from other universities in the Netherlands and abroad can become an Associate Member (the distinction between International and Associate Members has been discontinued). There are now two PhD Membership types. The PhDs for whom the partners are willing to pay the fee for their own (selected) PhDs are Regular PhD Members. PhDs whose fee is not paid for by their university or who are not affiliated with a partner can become Associate PhD members. The memberships are the same, the only difference is the payment method. The new membership policy and the distinct types of membership can be found at: https://www.ozsw.nl/membership-2020/

The change of the membership policy and the cleaning up of the membership directory has led to a decrease in total members from 932 members to 869. Not only is this due to former PhD members not becoming a paid member, but the membership directory also had double profiles and members who have left the academic field or have changed affiliation and could not be reached anymore. The cleaning up of the directory is still a work in progress, members are annually being reminded to update

their profile, and in 2022 the university's secretariats will be asked to check if the senior memberships are still up to date.

Table 1 shows the number of members per membership type, including both previous (in light grey) and current membership types.

Table 1 - OZSW Membership in 2014 - 2021

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Total Members	552	609	681	698	784	866	932	**869**
Total Research Master Students	126	136	161	147	184	225	318	**302**
Total PhD Members (previously PhD Students)	148	169	201	201	233	259	251	**188**
Regular PhD Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161
Associate PhD Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27
Total Senior Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**379**
Regular Senior Members (previously Regular Members)	237	265	279	301	322	341	311	325
Associate Senior Members (previously the 3 groups below)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
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	-

Table 2 categorizes the Regular Senior members and Regular PhD members for the 12 collaborating partners, and their membership in the 3 sections based on how it was registered in the OZSW membership directory per December 31, 2021. The total amount of the 3 sections does not correspond with the total number of members, as some members do not join a section while others join 2 or 3 sections.

Table 2 - Regular Senior and Regular PhD members per university and section

Founding partner university	Total Members	Regular Senior	Regular PhD	Theoretical Philosophy	History of Philosophy	Ethics & Practical Philosophy
Delft University of Technology	44	22	22	12	1	26
Eindhoven University of Technology	22	16	6	11	3	18
Erasmus University Rotterdam	47	25	22	17	12	22

Leiden University	29	27	2	6	11	12
Maastricht University	6	5	1	1	2	5
Radboud University Nijmegen	50	40	10	19	11	15
Tilburg University	37	29	8	10	7	21
Twente University	39	17	22	7	2	25
University of Amsterdam	40	34	6	15	5	7
University of Groningen	72	34	38	18	18	31
Utrecht University	64	52	12	20	11	27
VU Amsterdam	36	24	12	16	3	12

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 many activities this year. Amongst the successful recurring activities *Philosophy of Responsible Innovation* and *Philosophy of Risk,* new courses were organized, for example [Judging the Robojudge: Ethical and Legal perspectives on Using Artificial Intelligence in Legal Decision-Making Procedures](). The section History of Philosophy (chaired by Frank Chouraqui) organized the course [Contesting (Self-) Perceptions in the History of Philosophy](). The section Theoretical Philosophy (chaired by Mieke Boon) organized the postponed annual *Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy* (GCTP). For a complete overview of all the educational activities organized by the sections, see table 4 in 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 2021. However, 2 minor important aspects have been added: the link to the educational program is clearly visible on the homepage, and several statements and information links on diversity and social safety have been added.

The website attracted 22.997 visitors and had 57.973 views in 2021, with the most views in October and November (Figure 1 and 2). The website also attracts visitors from other countries (Figure 3).
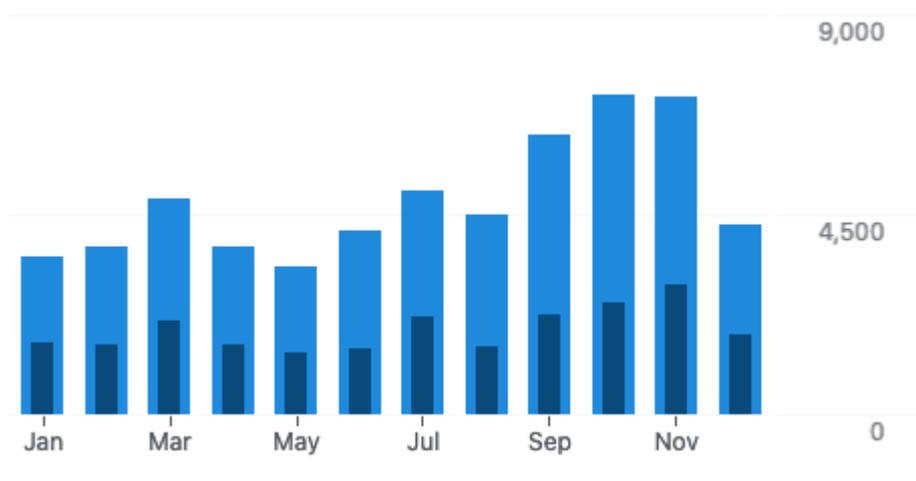

Figure 1: Number of OZSW website views per month in 2021.

2021	
👁 VIEWS	57,973
👤 VISITORS	22,997
› VIEWS PER VISITOR	2.52

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Figure 2: Total number of OZSW website views and visitors in 2021.

Countries >

817 | | 38,907

| Country	Views
Netherlands	38,907
United States	2,551
Germany	1,994
Belgium	1,589
Finland	1,462
United Kingdom	1,235
China	1,106
Austria	987
Italy	935
France	817
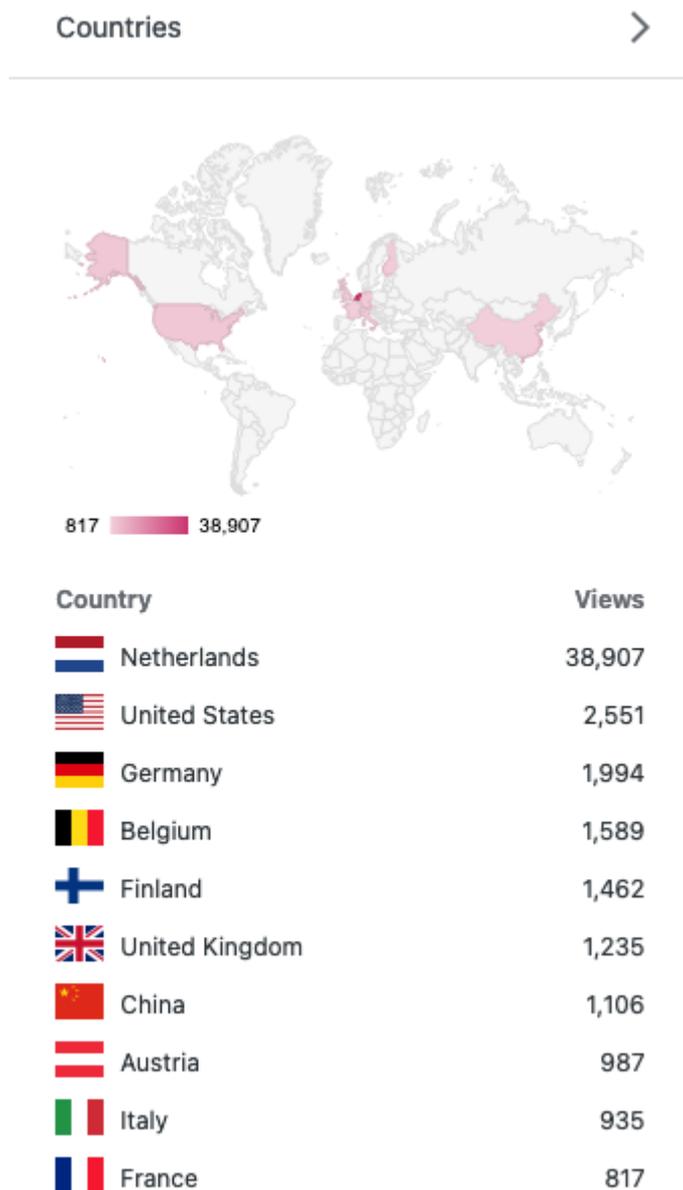
Figure 3: Number of OZSW website views per country in 2021.

In 2021, 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 in 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 2021, Filos-NL had 2000 subscribers (150 more than in 2020) and people sent 530 messages through the mailing list.

As Twitter seemed to be the most popular social media channel under philosophy, the OZSW uses the [OZSW Twitter account](#) the most to inform OZSW members and other people interested in philosophy, on upcoming events, PhD defences and job openings. People also 'tag' the OZSW when they follow OZSW events, or have interesting news to share, which the account can amplify again. In 2021, the OZSW account gained 160 more followers, and now has 578 followers.

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. The ReMa Winter School for the academic year 2021-2022 did not take place in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. The added value of the Winter School is to meet in-person. Therefore, it was decided to postpone the Winter School to 2022, in the hope that an in-person meet-up will be possible.

3.4 PhD Council

In 2021 the composition of the PhD Council was as follows: Wouter Wiersma (chair), Barbara Bziuk (treasurer), Sam Rijken, Ties van Gemert, Matteo Michelini and Ana Barbosa Mendes. Yvette Drissen, Lukas Wolf, Kritika Maheshwari and Mandi Astola left the PhD Council.

In October, the PhD Council organised the annual Autumn Writing Retreat, which could take place physically at the ISVW with Covid-proof measures in place. The Council also intended to organise a drinks event called "Blackout Friday" but due to the Covid measures it has been postponed to the Spring of 2022.

3.5 Office

In 2021, the OZSW Office operated at Leiden University for the third year. The office had only one personnel change: prof. Dr. Frans de Haas remained scientific director, Fenanda Jacobs remained assistant director and Saskia Litler remained the secretary. The two student assistants from Leiden University, Sven Duiker and Friso Timmenga, continued to support the office in their tasks, but as they would leave the OZSW in 2022 to continue their studies and careers elsewhere, the office welcomed Mariam Taj Zai in the team.

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, 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 4.

The type of activities 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.

Table 3 - the number of participants in OZSW activities in 2021

	OZSW members (incl. 4TU members)	Not OZSW members	Total
Phd candidates	135	39	**174**
Research Master students*	62	7	**69**
Other (e.g. senior researchers)	11	43	**54**
Total	**208**	**89**	**297**

*OZSW members – Research Master students include 4 to 6 Msc students from the PSTS Master of the University of Twente. Their ECTS are not taken into calculation of ReMa ECs.

The total number of 297 participants in OZSW activities excludes participation in the Annual OZSW Conference (155 participants) and the activities of OZSW study groups (see § 5.1).

4.2 Educational Activities for PhD and Research Master Students

Despite the continuing pandemic, more OZSW courses took place in 2021. Unfortunately, many courses still could not take place on campus, and were therefore offered online. The Research Master Winter School and the Flemish-Dutch Philosophy Day did not take place in 2021, because the in-person interaction is an important element for these activities.

Table 4 presents an overview of the activities, including the organizing institute and number of participants. A distinction is made between PhD candidates, ReMa students, and other participants

(e.g. senior researchers). The table 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.

Table 4 – OZSW Educational Program for PhD and Research Master students

Title	Date(s)	Section	Type	EC	Location	PhD candidates	ReMa students*	Other	Total	Organizer
Philosophy of Responsible Innovation 2021	January 13 – 21	EPP	Course	5	Online	15	3	15	33	TU Delft and WUR (4TU)
Judging the Robojudge	April 7 – 9	EPP	3-day Spring School	3	Online	29	11	22	62	UVA: Philosophy dpt. and Amsterdam Law School
Moral Theory and Real Life	April 19 – 23	EPP	5-day Spring School	6	Online	27	9	8	44	RU & UU
Graduate Conference in Theoretical Philosophy 2021	April 22	TP	Conference	1	Online	4	7	2	13	TUD & TUE
RANT Workshop 2021	June 4	-	Workshop	-	Online	10	-	5	15	PhD Council
The promise of Human Enhancement	August 30 – Sept. 3	EPP	5-day Summer School	5	Online	8	5	-	13	EUR
Design for Values	Sept. 20 – 24	EPP	5-day course	2,5 – 5	Delft	19	3	1	23	TUD (4TU)
PhD Writing Retreat	October 18 – 21	-	Retreat	-	ISVW	20	-	-	20	PhD Council
Philosophy of Risk	Nov. 1-5	EPP	5-day Course	5	Hybrid: Eindhoven + Online	11	10	-	21	TUE
Metaethics: Moral Objectivity	Oct. 22, 29,	EPP	PhD Course	3	Hybrid: Leiden + Online	11	10	1	22	UL

	Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Dec. 10, 17									
Contesting (Self-) Perceptions in the History of Philosophy	Nov. 4 – 5	HP	2-day Course	2,5	Rotterdam	5	5	-	10	EUR
Amsterdam Graduate Conference in Political Theory	Dec. 6 – 7	EPP	2-day Conference	2,5	Online	15	6	-	21	UVA

* Research Master students include 4 to 6 Msc students from the PSTS Master of the University of Twente. Their ECs are not taken into calculation of ReMa ECs.

Table 5 presents a comparison of the participants for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, divided by different ways of offering the activity (i.e. offline, online, hybrid). By comparing these numbers, one might be able to conclude if offline, online or hybrid attracts more participants. So far, none of the ways of offering an activity stands out as attracting more students.

Table 5 – Comparison of the participants for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021

	Ways of offering	Number of activities*	Total number of participants	Average number of participants per activity
2019	Offline	10	209	21
	Online	-	-	-
	Hybrid	-	-	-
	Total	**10**	**209**	
2020	Offline	3	76	25
	Online	3	62	21
	Hybrid	-	-	-
	Total	**6**	**138**	
2021	Offline	3	53	18
	Online	7	201	29
	Hybrid	2	43	22
	Total	**12**	**297**	

* Excluding Annual OZSW conference and the ReMa Winter School. The ReMa Winter School attracts the same number of students and is always held offline.

4.3 Final Remarks

In 2021, 69 Research Master students participated in OZSW activities, compared to 110 participants in 2019 and 89 participants in 2020. If the ReMa Winterschool would not have been postponed due to the covid measures, the number would have been much higher. In 2021 a total of 106,5 ECs were rewarded, compared to 144,5 ECs in 2019 and 95 ECs in 2020. Many of the ECs rewarded in 2021 were for courses that took place in 2020. A total of 44 ECs were handed out for the courses that took place in 2021. For two events in 2021 the EC certificates have not been handed out in 2021.

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 ECs.

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 ECs. The ReMa winter school for the academic year 2021-2022 did not take place in 2021 due to Covid restrictions. The added value of the Winter School is for Research Masters to meet up in-person. Therefore, it was decided to postpone the Winter School to 2022, in the hope that an in-person event will be possible.

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 2021, the OZSW hosted 30 active study groups. The following study groups were active:

Study Group	Coordinator(s)	Members
African Intercultural Philosophy	Angela Roothaan & Louise Müller	14
Ancient Philosophy	Frederik Bakker & Albert Joosse	21
Business Ethics	Wim Dubbink	45
Christian Philosophy	Gerrit Glas & Corné Rademaker	21
Comparative & Global Philosophy	Stephen Harris, Andrea Sangiacomo	35
Continental Philosophy	Philippe van Haute	66
Early Modern Philosophy	Andrea Sangiacomo & Doina-Cristina Rusu	47
Enactivism	F.A. Muller	29
Ethics of Care & Health	Lily Frank	92
Environmental Philosophy	Marc Davidson	44
Feminist Philosophy	Annemie Halsema & Nathanja van den Heuvel	49
Classical German Idealism and its Relevance / Klassieke Duitse filosofie en haar Actualiteit	Christian Krijnen	18
Metaethics	Daan Evers & Herman Veluwenkamp	20
MetaMetaphysical Club, The	F.A. Muller & Tim de Mey	24
Metaphysics	Nathan Wildman & Martin Lipman	9
Mind in Action	Naomi Kloosterboer & Niels van Miltenburg	17
Moral Psychology	Katrien Schaubroeck & Alfred Archer	34
Peer Review Circle in Practical Philosophy	Yara Al Salman & Marina Uzunova	26
Phenomenology	Corijn van Mazijk & Catherine Robb	41

[Philosophy and Psychiatry](#)	Derek Strijbos, Gerrit Glas & Roy Dings	82
[Philosophy in Central and Eastern Europe](#)	Natalia Danilkina & Evi Zacharia	9
[Philosophy of Economics](#)	Annalisa Costella & Måns Abrahamson	34
[Philosophy of Physics](#)	F.A. Muller	12
[Philosophy of Responsibility](#)	Philip Robichaud & Jan Willem Wieland	50
[Philosophy of Science](#)	Guido Bacciagaluppi & Jan-Willem Romeijn	28
[Philosophy of Sport](#)	Martine Prange, Ivo van Hilvoorde & Alfred Archer	12
[Political Philosophy](#)	Eric Boot & Tim Meijers	123
[Social Choice and Group Dynamics](#)	Erica Yu & Frederik Van De Putte	13
[Structuralism](#)	F.A. Muller	14
[Theological Ethics](#)	Angela Roothaan & Steven van den Heuvel	30

Study groups may receive a grant of maximum of 500 euros for organizing an event with a foreign speaker once a year. In 2021 one study group sent a grant proposal, namely Philosophy of Economics. Again, due to the pandemic, study groups decided to put their events on hold until they could be organized in person, or they decided to have online events, which does not come with costs for a foreign speaker.

5.2 OZSW Annual Conference

The OZSW's ninth Annual Conference took place on 3 and 4 December 2021. It was organized by Tilburg University for the second year in row, and the committee consisted of Willem van der Deijl, Catherine Robb, Georgie Mills, Stefaan Blancke, Maureen Sie, and Ruud Welten. For a long time, it seemed that the conference could take place in person, but unfortunately the covid-19 restrictions forced the event to go online last minute.

Keynote speakers were:

- [Michael Beaney](#) (University of Aberdeen) on *Knowing and Knowing-as: Seeing Chinese Philosophy from a Wittgensteinian Perspective*
- [Tommy Curry](#) (University of Edinburgh) on *Confronting Categorical Failure(s): Philosophical Analysis in Light of the Realities of Anti-Black Violence and Death*
- [Sara Heinämaa](#) (University of Jyväskylä) on *Theorizing Embodiment and Gender: Phenomenological Interventions*
- [Zofia Stemplowska](#) (University of Oxford) on *Distributing commemoration*

Despite the conference going online, the conference featured 83 sessions and symposiums spread over two days. A variety of philosophical topics were addressed, for example: phenomenology, ethics of technology, ethics and economics, social and feminist philosophy, mind & language, philosophy of

sport and mathematics. More detailed information about the sessions can be found [here](). The book of abstracts can be found [here]().

The conference received 93 submissions, of which 9 symposia. Each submissions received two blind peer reviews. 90 submissions were accepted and 3 were rejected. The final conference consisted of 75 papers and 8 symposia. The number of registered participants was 155, belonging to the following categories:

Number of OZSW conference participants from Dutch Universities:

- Tilburg University **28**
- Utrecht University **21**
- VU Amsterdam **18**
- University of Groningen **16**
- Erasmus University Rotterdam **13**
- Leiden University **8**
- University of Amsterdam **8**
- Radboud University Nijmegen **6**
- Delft University of Technology **5**
- Eindhoven University of Technology **4**
- University of Twente **2**
- Wageningen University **2**
- Maastricht University **1**
- Protestant Theological University **1**

Number of participants affiliated with non-Dutch Universities:

- Germany **6**
- United Kingdom **4**
- Belgium **2**
- United States **2**
- Denmark **1**
- South-Africa **1**
- Sweden **1**
- Switzerland **1**

Number of participants who did not give an affiliation: 3

Number of participants per registration category:

- Senior Members **73**
- Senior Non-members **21**
- PhD members **38**
- PhD non-members **8**
- ReMa members **8**
- ReMa non-members **1**
- Not Stated/ other: **6**

Total of 155 participants

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. The OZSW (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 (i.e. OZSW PhDs with an interesting thesis). In October these Young Philosophers gave inspiring talks at the Brainwash Festival. The Young Philosophers of 2021 were:

- Naomi Jacobs (Eindhoven University of Technology) on *Apps and Vulnerability*
- Dick Timmer (Utrecht University) on *Extreme Wealth*
- Frank Daudeij (Erasmus University Rotterdam) on *New Citizenship*
- Willemine Willems (Maastricht University) on *Healthcare and Scarcity*
- Daphne Truijens (Erasmus University Rotterdam) on *Nudging and Boosting*
- Merel Semeijn (University of Groningen) on *Fictional Truth*

The Dutch blog *Bij Nader Inzien (BNI)* provides societal issues with philosophical analysis and reflection. Blog articles and the 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. In 2021 94 articles were published, and the best-read articles can be found here. The website attracted 10.000 visitors a month and attracted visitors through Google and the various social media accounts. The numbers are lower than 2020 due to server problems caused by too much data traffic. The KNAW (The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences) rewarded BNI with a subsidy of 10.000 euros. The subsidy is mostly used to hire illustrators, translators and technicians. Hiring translators will make it possible for non-Dutch speaking academics to write for BNI.

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. 167 academic philosophers are now registered, compared to 145 in 2020. OZSW members were asked to check their profile, and this not only resulted in better Phine profiles, but it also resulted in more registrations for profiles. In 2021, videos from the Philosophy Café in Nijmegen, which only invites academic philosophers for their programs, were added to the website. Adding videos helps creating a video archive and attract new partners. In total the website had 3.048 visitors. The top 3 most visited webpages (excluding the homepage) were (1) the overview of academic philosophers, (2) the overview of disciplines and (3) the corona and philosophy page.
The website also promotes philosophy books with affiliate links for which the OZSW earns a small commission (in 2021 € 43,09 of a € 478,73 turnover).

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 on www.aanmelder.nl, 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. In 2021, a question on social safety has been added to the online forms in order to identify social safety issues and become aware of these issues. Should an issue arise, the OZSW office will contact the appropriate authorities in the relevant partner university.

The average response rate of the evaluation forms was 41,42% (fluctuating between 19% – 61%), the total evaluations received was 108. The average course evaluation score was 8.33 on a scale of 1 to 10, with fluctuations between 7.20 – 9.00 measured over 10 courses. These course evaluations are discussed in the three sections in order to improve future courses.

7. PhD Defences

Table 6 provides an overview of doctoral defences of OZSW PhD alumni in 2021 who provided us with information about their defence. The table can also be viewed on the website: https://www.ozsw.nl/upcoming-doctoral-thesis-defenses/.

Table 6 - Overview of doctoral defences by OZSW members in 2021

Title of the PhD Thesis	Name	Affiliation	Date
Utility Spots. Science Policy, Knowledge Transfer and the Politics of Proximity	Jorrit Smit	Leiden University	May 6
Genders as Genres: Understanding Dynamic Categories	Alex Thinius	University of Amsterdam	July 7
Fiction and common ground: a workspace account	Merel Semeijn	University of Groningen	August 30
Thresholds and limits in theories of distributive justice	Dick Timmer	Utrecht University	September 17
Responsible Prediction under Critical Uncertainty - an epistemic analysis of neuroprognostic innovation practices after cardiac arrest	Mayli Mertens	University of Twente	September 29
Values and Capabilities: Ethics by Design for Vulnerable People	Naomi Jacobs	Eindhoven University of Technology	September 29
Rationalism and sentimentalism as a topic of empirical research	Joost Schreuder	University of Groningen	October 4
Diseased without symptoms – the moral desirability of Alzheimer biomarker testing	Marthe Smedinga	Radboud University	October 5
Paradoxen van gesloten- en openheid	Jan van Overwijk	University of Amsterdam	November 10

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 2021 has been approved by the OZSW board of directors.

8.3 Financial Situation

Unexpectedly, the OZSW made a profit in 2021. It was uncertain how the new membership policy would affect the OZSW budget. In 2020 it seemed that institutions decided to select fewer PhDs for the paid memberships, but in 2021 more PhDs became a paid member after all. Also, the OZSW had less costs due to courses moving online and cutting costs on personnel.

8.4 Budget Plans for 2022

One of the main plans of the OZSW for 2022 is to organize more courses for the educational program of PhDs and Research Master students. Also, some of the budget will be used for the continuation and upgrade of the webportal *Phine.*

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 2021 the Covid-19 pandemic still had an impact on the offering of OZSW activities. Out of 12 activities, 7 had to go online, and 2 courses offered a hybrid course. Relatively, the OZSW courses attracted the same average number of participants as 2020 and 2019. There isn't a significant difference in the average number of participants attending online or offline activities. The ReMa Winter School has been postponed to 2022. This resulted in less ReMa participants compared to 2020. Despite the lower number of participants, more ECs were rewarded to ReMa students in 2021 (106,5 ECs) compared to 2020 (95 ECs), but less than in 2019 (144,5 ECs). The OZSW conference also had to go online last minute. It attracted more participants than 2020, which was also held online.

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 finished this in 2021. The change of the membership policy and the cleaning up of the membership directory has led to a decrease in total members from 932 members to 869. Not only is this due to former PhD members not becoming a paid member, but the membership directory also had double profiles and members who have left the academic field or have changed affiliation and could not be reached anymore. The implementation of the membership policy and cleaning up the directory took up significant amount of time of the OZSW office.

The OZSW will focus on four issues in 2022:

- Developing an application form and budget form for course organisers to submit before May 1st for the following calendar year. This makes it possible for the OZSW to make a more realistic budget and have an educational program for the upcoming year.
- Organizing more courses specifically for Research Master students, following the DLG guidelines on how many ECs should be rewarded.
- Creating a monthly newsletter to replace the promotion of OZSW activities in separate emails. The newsletter will also announce job openings, relevant news, and information for members, like quick links how to start organizing a course for the OZSW and how to start a study group. Non-OZSW members can subscribe as well, which will make it possible to inform members of other Research Schools in the Humanities directly.
- Setting up an editorial board consisting of (PR) employees from the local universities to further advance the webportal Phine, in line with OZSW's purpose of making the societal relevance of academic research in philosophy in the Netherlands visible.