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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 and Fenanda Jacobs is the assistant director. Saskia Litler was the secretary until October 2022. In November 2022 Thea Koreman became the new secretary. In 2022 Mariam Taj Zai continued to support the OZSW team as a student-assistant.

The OZSW has 869 members: 269 Research Master student members, 204 PhD student members and 385 Senior members. These numbers have been cleaned up at the start of the year, that is, it was checked whether all ReMA students subscribed for over 3 years were still a student. The PhD member database is up-to-date, and the Senior member database will be updated in 2023.

In 2022 the number of OZSW activities (e.g. courses and conferences) that took place were similar to 2021, Although the OZSW had the intention to organize more activities in 2022, the amount of activities actually remained the same. As in previous years the OZSW suffers from the high workload in academia, with which also coordinators of OZSW courses and events, section chairs and other representatives struggle, causing delays and cancellations. However, the activities did attract more participants: 2021 attracted 297 participants, this year 372.

In 2022 it was decided to postpone the tenth OZSW Annual Conference due to the risk of Covid-19 measures and the resistance to another online version of the conference. Also, the OZSW decided that, in view of covid, aiming to organize the annual event in the summer would be a good thing. The tenth OZSW Annual Conference will take place in June 2023.

The number of active OZSW study groups was 24 in 2022. This is a decline compared to previous years. Study groups who are not active for a year will be labelled 'inactive'. Four study groups sent a grant proposal, and all were awarded a grant.

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).

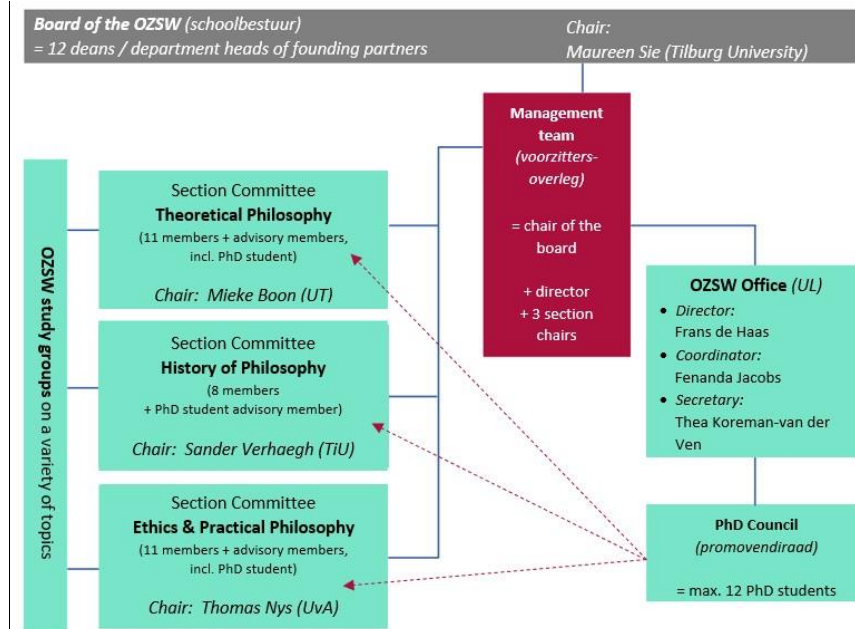
The general purpose of the OZSW is to strengthen the discipline of philosophy. It does so by:

- (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 at the end of 2022:



2.2 Members

All who are active in academic research in philosophy can become a member of the OZSW. 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. There are also 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/>

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 - 2022

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Members	552	609	681	698	784	866	932	869	857
Total Research Master Students	126	136	161	147	184	225	318	302	269
Total PhD Members (previously PhD Students)	148	169	201	201	233	259	251	188	204

Regular PhD Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	161	172
Associate PhD Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	32
Total Senior Members	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	379	385
Regular Senior Members (previously Regular Members)	237	265	279	301	322	341	311	325	329
Associate Senior Members (previously the 3 groups below)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54	56
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, 2022. The section memberships of the Associate Senior and Associate PhD members are combined under “Other universities”. 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 - Senior and PhD members per university and section – d.d. 31.12.2022

Founding partner university	Total Members	Senior	PhD	Theoretical Philosophy	History of Philosophy	Ethics & Practical Philosophy
Delft University of Technology	42	21	21	11	1	26
Eindhoven University of Technology	22	18	4	10	2	17
Erasmus University Rotterdam	49	26	23	21	13	23
Leiden University	27	25	2	6	11	12
Maastricht University	9	8	1	2	3	8
Radboud University Nijmegen	55	41	14	20	15	17
Tilburg University	37	29	8	10	7	20
Twente University	31	12	19	8	3	18
University of Amsterdam	42	36	6	15	4	8
University of Groningen	81	35	46	22	18	39
Utrecht University	65	52	13	19	9	33
VU Amsterdam	40	26	14	18	8	16
Other universities	88	56	32	19	7	67

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 amongst the successful recurring activities *Philosophy of Responsible Innovation* and *Philosophy of Risk*, some new courses like Biomedical Ethics and Digital Well-Being. The section History of Philosophy (chaired by Sander Verhaegh) organized the course History of Philosophy and the Sciences. The section Theoretical Philosophy (chaired by Mieke Boon) organized successful activities in 2022, namely the Utrecht Philosophy Graduate Conference, the NVWF Conference and the Dutch Logic PhD Day. 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/>.

Since the start of last academic year the OZSW has been looking for a new chair for the section TP because the current chair has fulfilled this task for 7 years. After repeated calls for self-nomination in the chamber and approaching many people personally, thus far no replacement has been found.

3.2 Website, Newsletter and Social Media

In February 2022 the OZSW decided to inform their members and others who are interested through a monthly newsletter. The newsletter consists of an overview of the OZSW activities, other activities and job openings in philosophy and other news. The feedback on this way of informing people has been very positive as people don't get lots of individual promotion e-mails in their inbox but receive it in one overview.

The newsletter started with 860 recipients, and by 31 December 2022 it had 977 subscribers, which includes 120 non-members. The average open rate was 46% and the average click rate was 13%. These rates are very high compared to the average rates in the Education & Training sector having an average open rate of 23,42% and an average click rate of 2,9%.

Courses and events are also announced at Filos-NL mailing list. In 2022, Filos-NL had 2075 subscribers. Several OZSW mailing lists are still in operation which 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 2022, Mariam Taj Zai, the OZSW student assistant, continued to see to it that the OZSW website calendar included all academic events in philosophy in the Netherlands as advertised on Filos-NL, 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.

No major changes were made to the website in 2022. The website had 57.173 views in 2022, with the most views in April and September (Figure 1).

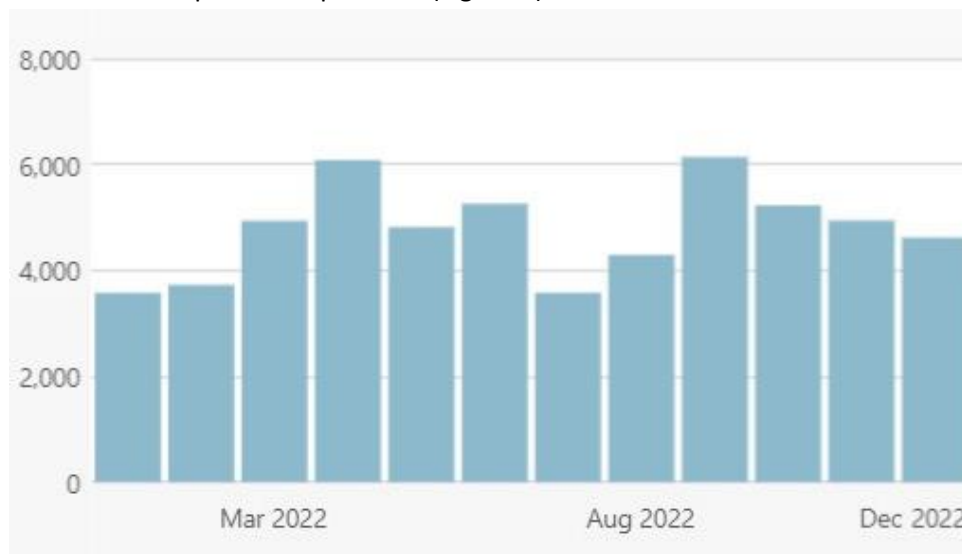


Figure 1: Number of OZSW website views per month in 2022.

Twitter seems to be the most popular social media channel among philosophers, the OZSW also uses the [OZSW Twitter account](#) to inform OZSW members and other people interested in philosophy, about 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 2022, the OZSW account gained 96 more followers, and now has 674 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.

In 2022, 124 Research Master students participated in OZSW activities, compared to 69 participants in 2021 and 89 participants in 2020. The ReMa Winter School attracted the most Research Master students. In 2022 a total of 231 ECs were rewarded to Research Master students, more than double the number of ECs in 2021 of 106,5 ECs. Some of the rewarded ECs were for courses that took place in the last months of 2021. With an average of 70 new Research Master students per year, according to DLG policy 350 ECs should be rewarded per year. This is a continuous point of attention for the school. Although there is a widespread wish to organise more ReMa courses, the struggle is to find enough

people to organize these courses, since, as everywhere in academia people are struggling with lack of time.

The intention is to increase the number of ReMa courses. To this end Christopher Lüthy, former chair of the *Discipline Overleg Wijsbegeerte*, together with Frans de Haas the director of the OZSW has undertaken the task to get the cooperation of all local ReMa-coordinators. The chairs of the respective sections of the OZSW have encouraged the representatives in the section to develop initiatives to increase the number of courses.

3.4 PhD Council

In 2022 the composition of the PhD Council was as follows: Wouter Wiersma (chair), Barbara Bziuk (treasurer), Sam Rijken, Ties van Gemert, and Matteo Michelini. Ana Barbosa Mendes left the PhD Council. In October, the PhD Council organised the annual Autumn Writing Retreat, which took place at the ISVW. The Council also organised the postponed community building event called “Blackout Friday”.

3.5 Office

In 2022, the OZSW Office operated at Leiden University for the fourth year. The office was run by prof. dr. Frans de Haas as the scientific director (0,2 fte), Fenanda Jacobs as the assistant director (0,5 fte), Saskia Litler as the secretary (0,3 fte) who left the OZSW during the year and was replaced by Thea Koreman, and Mariam Taj Zai as the student-assistant (0,15 fte).

The office experiences that the people working in academia have little time to contribute to the OZSW. The OZSW office spends a lot of time and effort to plan meetings, explain national research school policy, and request information for the organization of events and courses, member data, PhD defences and study groups. This information is necessary to be able to properly run a research school office. This is a problem the board is well aware of but that is not easy to solve.

In 2022, the office has also struggled with illness and other difficulties under the staff which burdened the remaining staff members. Those problems have been addressed now and the office is again functioning as it should.

4. Educational Program

4.1 Overview of All Educational Activities

The OZSW educational activities are initiated and organized by the respective OZSW sections (History of Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy, and Ethics and Practical Philosophy), its members are the representatives of the departments and faculties of Philosophy in the Netherlands and in charge of the local educational activities (or closely related to those who are). In addition, the PhD council organizes some activities that benefit their members (such as the writing retreat). The OZSW office coordinates the general OZSW activities, such as the Dutch Flemish Day of Philosophy and the annual conference. They make sure one of the OZSW partners takes on the organisation of the activities. 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 International Conference*: a yearly community-building event in which academic philosophers in the Netherlands from all three OZSW sections present their work to one another and to participants from abroad and during which all sections organize a public meeting at which participants are informed about and able to discuss the organised activities and future plans.

Table 3 – the number of participants in OZSW activities in 2022.

	OZSW members (incl. 4TU members)	Not OZSW members**	Total
PhD candidates	81	83	164
Research Master students*	108	16	132
Other (e.g. senior researchers)	25	51	76
Total	214	150	364

*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.

** Not OZSW-members are members from other research schools in Humanities, academics from abroad, and other professionals

The total number of 364 participants in OZSW activities excludes those people who participated in the Social Safety meeting (see § 4.2), the RANT workshop, and the activities organized by the OZSW study groups (see § 5.1).

4.2 Educational Activities for PhD candidates and Research Master Students

The amount of OZSW activities that took place in 2022 did not increase, despite intentions. Especially the increase in number of courses and activities for Research Master students was not realised despite several attempts at the level of the OZSW board to get the people locally responsible for the research masters together. However, the issue is now firmly on the agenda of the chairs of the respective sections so the OZSW is determined to realize a substantial increase in 2023 and 2024.

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	January 12 - 21	EPP	Course	5	Online	26	9	19	54	WUR (4TU)
Biomedical Ethics	January & February	EPP	Course	6	Online	13	2	-	15	
ReMa Winter School	March 25 - 26	ReMa	Winter School	2,5	Utrecht	-	57	-	57	UU
Utrecht Philosophy Graduate Conference	May 13 - 14	TP	Conference	2,5 - 4	Utrecht	29	24	7	60	UU
RANT Workshop	June 20	PhD Council	Workshop	-	Nijmegen	6	-	6	12	RU
NVWF Conference	June 27-28	TP	Conference	1 - 2	Leusden	10	4	29	43	12 Founding Partners
Vlaams-Nederlandse Filosofiedag 2022	June 30	-	Conference	-	Wageningen	11	2	21	34	WUR
Dutch Logic PhD Day	July 1	TP	Symposium	-	Utrecht	18	4	3	25	UU

Design for Values	September	EPP	Course	5	Delft	9	3	-	12	TUD (4TU)
Digital Well-Being	September	EPP	Course	6	Eindhoven	6	4	-	10	TUE (4TU)
PhD Writing Retreat	October 25 - 28	PhD Council	Retreat	-	Leusden	20	-	-	20	PhD council
Philosophy of Risk	Oct. 31 – Nov. 4	EPP	Seminar	5	Eindhoven	13	9	-	22	TUE (4TU)
The History of Philosophy and the Sciences	December 9 - 10	HP	Course	2,5	Groningen	9	14	-	23	RUG

* Research Master students include 4 to 6 Msc students from the PSTS Master of the University of Twente and some other Master students with special permission to join. Their ECs are not taken into calculation of ReMa ECs.

5. Research Collaboration and Outreach

5.1 OZSW Study Groups

As mentioned in Chapter 1, the general purpose of the OZSW is to strengthen the discipline of philosophy by promoting and supporting national and international cooperation in the research, with the aim of creating focus and mass and profiling the discipline. One of the ways to fulfil this purpose is facilitating 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 2022, the OZSW hosted 24 active study groups. The following study groups were active:

Study Group	Coordinator(s)	Members
African Intercultural Philosophy	Angela Roothaan & Louise Müller	22
Business Ethics	Wim Dubbink	50
Christian Philosophy	Gerrit Glas & Corné Rademaker	45
COMET – Metaphysics in Contemporary Continental Philosophy	Arjen Kleinherenbrink	10
Comparative & Global Philosophy	Stephen Harris, Andrea Sangiacomo	34
Early Modern Philosophy	Andrea Sangiacomo & Doina-Cristina Rusu	43
Engineering Ethics (Education and Research)	Diana Martin & Andrea Gammon	18
Environmental Philosophy	Marc Davidson	37
Feminist Philosophy	Annemie Halsema & Nathanja van den Heuvel	67
Classical German Idealism and its Relevance	Christian Krijnen	22
Metaethics	Daan Evers & Herman Veluwenkamp	21
MetaMetaphysical Club, The	F.A. Muller & Tim de Mey	27
Moral Psychology	Katrien Schaubroeck & Alfred Archer	39
Peer Review Circle in Practical Philosophy	Yara Al Salman & Marina Uzunova	29
Phenomenology	Corijn van Mazijk & Catherine Robb	47

Philosophy and Psychiatry	Derek Strijbos, Gerrit Glas & Roy Dings	86
Philosophy of Economics	Annalisa Costella & Måns Abrahamson	47
Philosophy of Physics	F.A. Muller	13
Philosophy of Responsibility	Philip Robichaud & Jan Willem Wieland	61
Philosophy of Science	Guido Bacciagaluppi & Jan-Willem Romeijn	51
Political Philosophy	Eric Boot & Tim Meijers	156
Social Choice and Group Dynamics	Erica Yu & Frederik Van De Putte	25
Structuralism	F.A. Muller	14
Theological Ethics	Angela Roothaan & Steven van den Heuvel	22

Once a year study groups may receive a grant of maximum of 500 euros to be able to organize an event with a foreign speaker. In 2022 four study groups sent a proposal and were rewarded a grant, namely African Intercultural Philosophy, Philosophy of Responsibility, Moral Psychology, and Social Choice and Group Dynamics.

5.2 OZSW Annual Conference

In 2022 it was decided not to organize the OZSW conference. Usually, the conference take place in November and December, but due to possible Covid-19 measures and having held the conference online twice in a row, it was decided to postpone the conference to June the next year. This way it is less likely to have Covid-19 measures or adjustments for ventilation or outside activities could be easily made.

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 usually publishes interviews with young philosophers (i.e. OZSW PhDs with an interesting thesis). In 2022 no interviews were published, but in October these Young Philosophers gave [inspiring talks at the Brainwash Festival](#).

The Young Philosophers who gave talks at the Brainwash Festival were:

- Josette Daemen (Leiden University) on “(Un)certainty about the future”
- Mandi Asolta (Eindhoven University) on “Collective Virtues”
- Ype de Boer (Radboud University) on “Agamben and the happy life”
- Yvette Drissen (Tilburg University) on “Downsides of Competition”

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 2022 74 articles were published, and the best-read article can be found [here](#) (> 4.000 views). The website attracted 10.000 visitors a month and attracted visitors through Google and the various social media accounts. Four new student members will join the editorial team. One new editor has joined Bij Nader Inzien and will mainly focus on audio-visual storytelling. In September 2022, the editors organized a public event with the theme 'home' in De Brakke Grond (Amsterdam). The event was sold out with 130 visitors.

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. OZSW members were asked to check their profile, this resulted in better Phine profiles. In total the website had 3.734 visitors compared to 3.048 visitors in 2021. Most website visitors arrive at the website via Google or a direct link. Three academic philosophers have expressed interest in forming an editorial board for Phine. The editorial meetings show that they mainly see opportunities in expanding the page with philosophers and bringing young academics to the attention of journalists and program makers.

Phine was developed in 2018 by the OZSW in order to realize the fifth aim of the OZSW: 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. Since two years the OZSW is evaluating whether the portal fulfils its role well enough to justify continued financing by the OZSW. Last year it was decided to continue the contract of Lianne Tijhaar for one more year and install an editorial board. At the end of the academic year 2022/23 a decision will be taken by the board about the continuation.

For the first time and after request by several of the OZSW members, the OZSW organised a Social Safety meeting to discuss the ongoing current social safety issues in academic philosophy. Professor Naomi Ellemers first gave a lecture, and after a break and Q&A people split up in small groups to discuss cases brought in by participants, under the guidance of experts. Although many people requested such an event the amount of 26 participants was a bit disappointing.

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 participants after the activity. The course organizers and the organizing section receive all results of the evaluations.

The average response rate of the evaluation forms was 50% (fluctuating between 23% – 73%), the total evaluations received was 162. The average course evaluation score was 8.48 on a scale of 1 to 10, with fluctuations between 7.56 – 9.77 measured over 12 activities. These evaluations are discussed in the three sections in order to improve future activities. The OZSW is of course very satisfied with the fact that its evaluations continue to score very high. Since 2022 the OZSW has added 2 non-mandatory questions on social safety to its forms: 1. Have you experienced any issues with social safety? (Answer options: yes or no) and 2. If you would like to share the social safety issues with us, you can write it here. A brief explanation of how to take action (i.e. where a person can find local guidelines and confidential advisors) has been added, as well as the appreciation of the OZSW to be informed about any actions taken in order to improve the social safety.

Three people (1 per event) have answered 'yes' to the first question, but have not elaborated on what the issue is (which is also not a mandatory question in the evaluation form).

Unfortunately, there is little that we can do with the information thus gathered except monitor it and make sure it reaches the sections and responsible coordinators. Obviously if many complaints reach us, we can intervene by cancelling a course or looking for a new course coordinator.

7. PhD Defences

Table 6 provides an overview of doctoral defences of OZSW PhD alumni in 2022 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 2022

Title of the PhD Thesis	Name	Affiliation	Date
Practical Wisdom in Governance	Henk den Uijl	VU University	January 12
Sums, numbers and infinity	Anna Bellomo	University of Amsterdam	January 12
Presumptions in argumentation - a systematic analysis	Petar Bodlovic	University of Groningen	February 21
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Collective Virtues: A Response to Mandevillian Morality	Mandi Astola	TU Eindhoven	April 26
Religion and Democracy	E.A.M. Thabet	VU University	May 25
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Disbelief at the threshold epistemic injustices in asylum-seeking	Sanjana Govindaraja	University of Groningen	September 13
Reconceptualizing autonomy in elderly care in the robot era: A relational perspective	Shuhong Li	TU Delft	September 26
How knowledge affects obligations: A study on the logic of knowledge-based obligations	Xingchi Su	University of Groningen	September 29
Group character - a study of collective virtue and vice	Barend de Rooij	University of Groningen	October 13
Plato on pleasure and illusion	Derek van Zoonen	University of Groningen	October 27

Moral Responsibility at the limits of awareness	Wessel van Dommelen	University of Groningen	November 3
Time, Life and Memory	Laurens Landeweerd	Erasmus University	November 4
Epistemic Conservatism: Evaluation and Defence	Geertjan Holtrop	VU University	December 2
Responsibilities in a Datafied Health Environment	Chirag Arora	TU Eindhoven	December 6
Algorithmic Colonization: Automating Love and Trust in the Age of Big Data	Hao Wang	University of Amsterdam	December 21

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 2022 has been approved by the OZSW board of directors.

8.3 Financial Situation

The OZSW made a small loss in 2022. The *Disciplineoverleg Geesteswetenschappen* (DLG; the council of deans of Dutch humanities faculties) requires the research schools to not have a big financial reserve. In order to lower the OZSW's financial reserve the research school has to have a loss every year.

8.4 Budget Plans for 2023

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

Despite recovering from the additional workload that the 2 covid years brought academia, in 2022 the OZSW organized the same number of activities. Unfortunately, the OZSW still fell short according to the DLG policies which states that the national research schools in Humanities should offer sufficient relevant educational courses for PhD candidates and Research Master students. Specifically, ReMa students should be able to earn 10 EC in 2 years through OZSW courses, and this requirement should be mentioned in the local exam regulation (OER). This has the full attention of the OZSW and we are determined to address this issue in subsequent years. Although the OZSW is committed continually to developing its program of educational activities specifically directed at the needs of PhD and Research Master students. This happens in the various sections of Practical Philosophy, Theoretical Philosophy and History of Philosophy. These sections function smoothly now although it remains an effort to find enough people with room in their task-allocation to chair these sections. Also the chairs struggle to get enough people with room in their task allocation to adequately represent their departments and people to organise courses. The board has encouraged all the deans to make sure that there is enough compensation at the local level (departmental/faculty level) for the people to perform their OZSW related responsibilities and commitments.

Overall, the OZSW activities attracted more participants. More Research Master students participated in OZSW activities, and the number of ECs rewarded was doubled. However, it is still not sufficient according to the DLG policy.

Other points of attention are:

- Articulating a format that allows us to finalize our education program well ahead of offering the courses, so that PhDs and ReMa students can plan ahead for at least 2 years. This needs attending because it is hard to find coordinators who can commit to courses over 1 year before they need to be organized.
- Organizing more courses specifically for Research Master students, following the DLG guidelines on how many ECs should be rewarded. Here too we are in the midst of formulating guidelines that allow us to increase the amount of courses offered by articulating how other OZSW activities that are already being organized (among which PhD courses) can be used as a basis for a ReMa course.

The OZSW will focus on the following issues in 2023:

- Developing an educational program for the upcoming 2 years.
- Moving to a new host.
- Strengthen the structure of the OZSW by ensuring better communication of the value attached by participating departments and faculties to the involvement of their staff with the OZSW.
- Evaluating Phine and finding another way to realize our 5th aim in another way if we need to discontinue it.