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# Annual report 2022

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# The Graduate School in 2022

The past year was one of finding our feet back into the world of offline teaching whilst finding the right balance in both online and offline teaching. The COVID times have taught us that online teaching also brings advantages for our PhD candidates abroad and we strive for a hybrid form in our curriculum.

This was also the year we said goodbye to prof. dr. Liesbet van Zoonen, our rock, who will be missed terribly. On the other hand, we were so happy and fortunate to welcome our fantastic new dean dr. Esther Rozendaal!

With 58 different courses, we are very proud of our curriculum this year. A total of 570 participants joined our courses in 2022.

## The EGSB team in 2022



**Prof. dr. Liesbet van Zoonen**  
Dean



**Dr. Esther Rozendaal**  
Dean



**Dr. Fadi Hirzalla**  
Head of studies



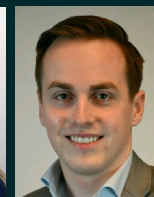
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*Our school is built on **four pillars**:*

- 1. A multidisciplinary and excellent research culture*
- 2. Solid Services in training and supervision needs*
- 3. In- and external collaborations*
- 4. Sound governance and administration*

*The 2022 results for these four areas are presented in the following pages.*

# Multidisciplinary research culture

As was the case in previous years, in 2022 our aim to foster a multi-disciplinary research culture was realised through our teaching offers in which we steadily have expanded the classes about research methods that integrate various approaches and are usable in a wide range of social science and humanities disciplines, such as Qualitative Comparative Analysis, Mixed Methods or Q-methodology. Our course about philosophy of the social sciences and humanities has been a stronghold in our curriculum since the beginning of the school.

Our second instrument for enhancing multi-disciplinarity comes from our annual award selection of best PhD-thesis, article, paper, poster and impact, while not forgetting that all of this excellence only flourishes because of great supervision, collegiality and education. This year, again, the submissions for these categories were many and diverse, coming from all our participating communities.

The winners and nominees of the 2022 EGSH Awards present at our ceremony on March 23, 2023.



The following awards were granted:

**Award for Best Poster 2022**

**Winner: Novika Purnama Sari**

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

For her poster 'Maternal age, autistic-like traits and mentalizing as predictors of child autistic-like traits in a population-based cohort' presented at the ISSBD conference Rhodes Island, Greece

**Award for Best Conference Paper 2022**

**Winner: Sabrina Rahmawan-Huizenga**

Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management (ESHPM)

For her conference paper 'The clocks run at slightly different speeds. Clashing timeframes in COVID-19 health risk governance' presented at the 4S congress in December 2022 in Cholula, Mexico. Theme: Reunion.

**Award for Best Article 2022**

**Winner: Britt Swartjes**

Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC)

For her article 'Designing Conviviality? How Music Festival Organizers produce Spaces of Encounter in an Urban Context' in 'Leisure Sciences'

**Award for Best PhD Thesis 2022**

**Winners: Yuri Scharp**

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

For his thesis 'Playful Work Design: Homo Ludens Faber'

**Award for PhD Colleague 2022**

**Winner: Sophie van Balen**

Erasmus School of Philosophy (ESPhil)

**Award for PhD Supervisor 2022**

**Winner: Jurian Edelenbos**

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB), Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)

**Award for Graduate School Lecturer 2022**

**Winner: Marleen de Moor**

For her course 'Multilevel Modelling'

**Award for Best Societal Impact 2022**

**Winners:**

**Kayla Green**

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

**Kristel de Groot**

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

# Solid services in training and supervision needs

In 2022, 58 courses and workshops were offered.

Figure 1 indicates how many courses were offered from 2014 to 2022

Figure 1. **Number of courses** 2014 – 2022

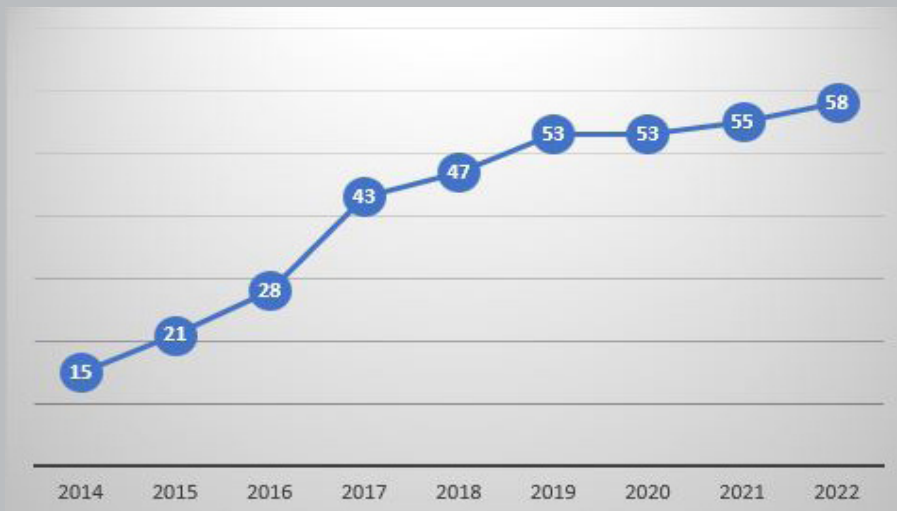


Figure 2 mentions how many students participated in our courses from 2014 to 2022.

Figure 2. **Number of course participants** 2014 – 2022

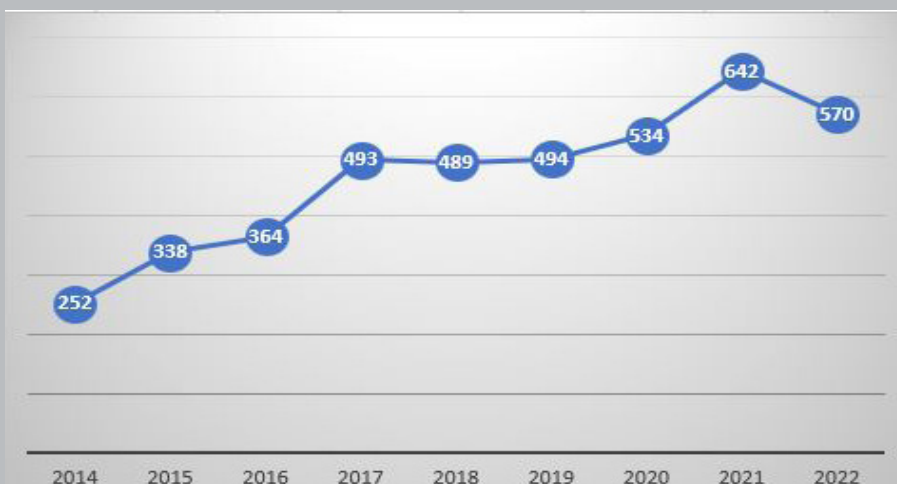


Table 1. **Course participation** per faculty/institute and department 2022

<b>Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>36,1%</b>
<i>Pedagogical Sciences/Psychology (DPECS)</i>	127	22,3%
<i>Public administration/Sociology (DPAS)</i>	74	13%
<i>DRIFT</i>	5	0,9%
<b>International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>17,2%</b>
<b>Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management (ESHPM)</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>18,3%</b>
<b>Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC)</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>13,2%</b>
<i>Arts and Culture Studies</i>	41	7,2%
<i>Media and Communication</i>	23	4%
<i>History</i>	11	2%
<b>Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3,7%</b>
<b>Erasmus School of Philosophy (ESPhil)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3,7%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>7,9%</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>100%</b>



Figure 3. **Course participation** by unique participants 2022

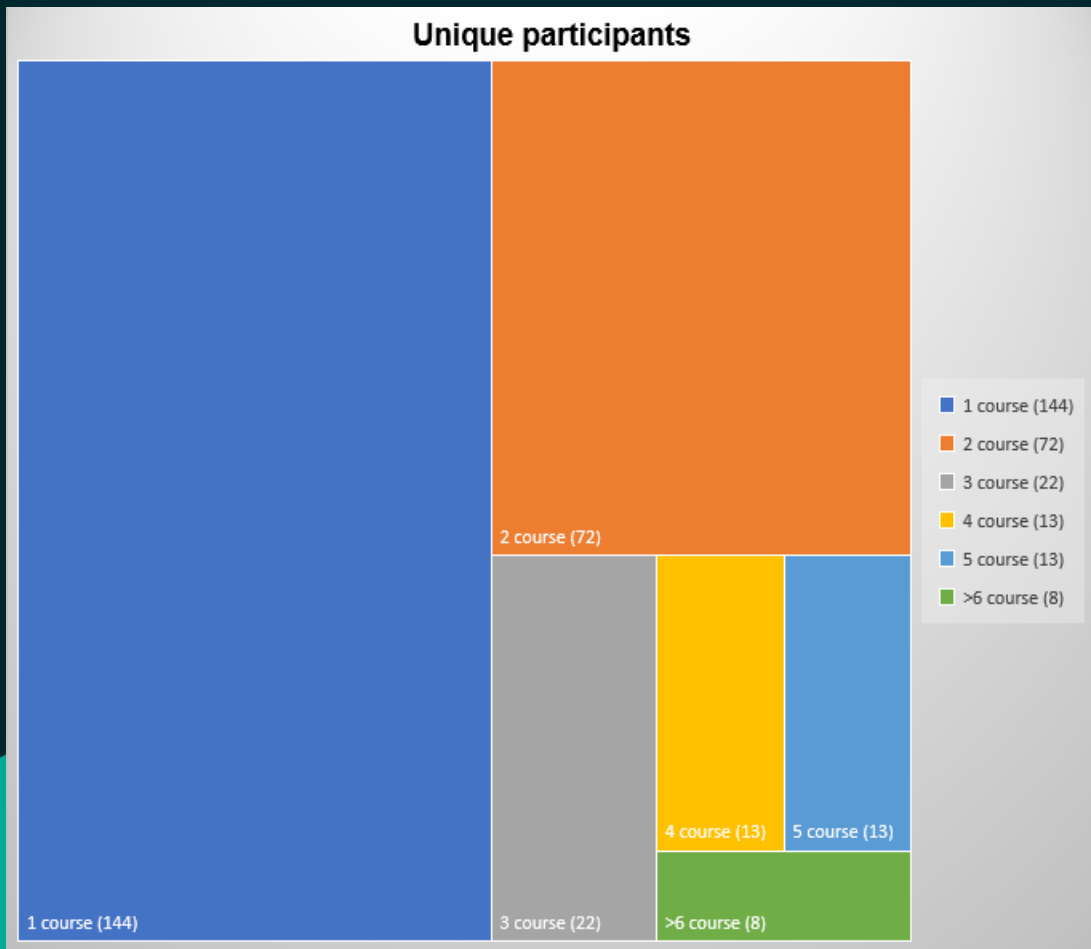
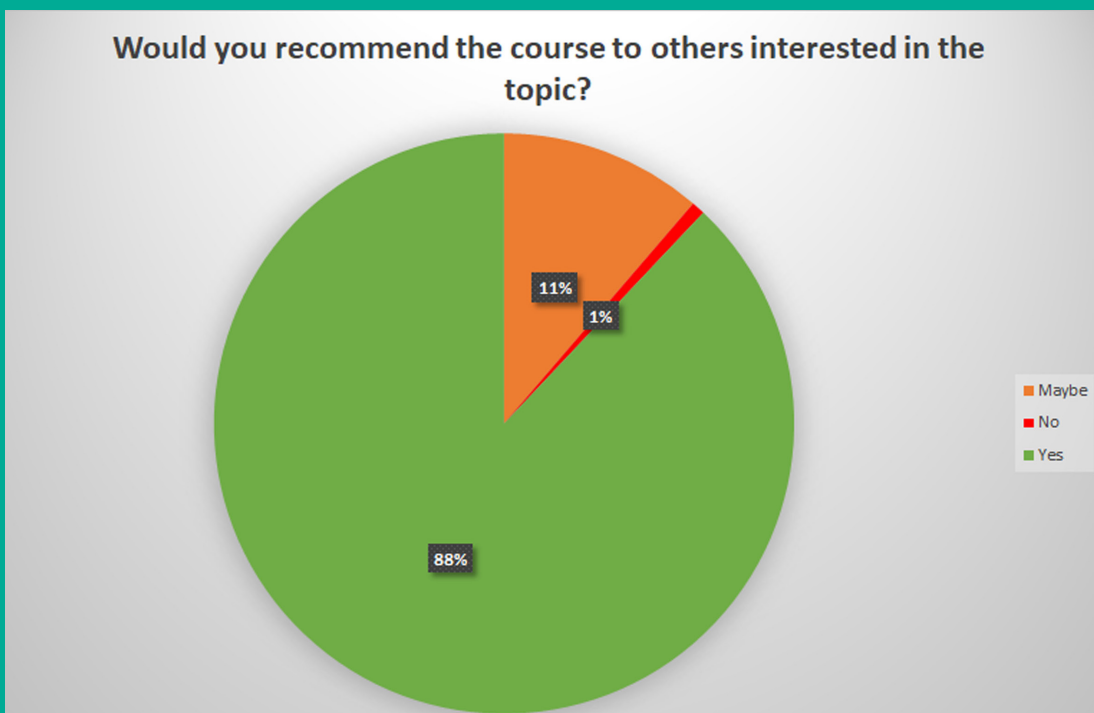


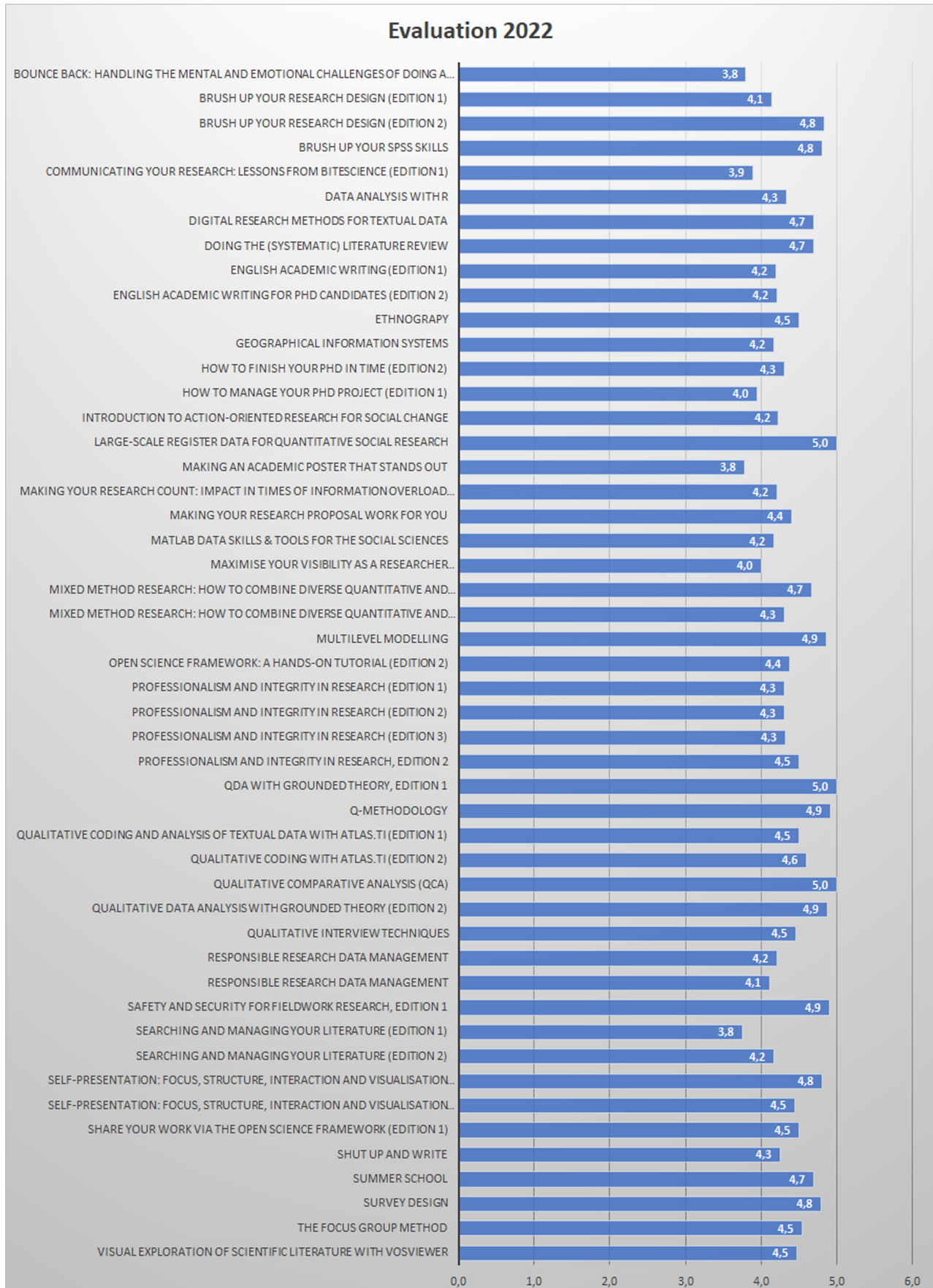
Figure 4. **Percentage of students that would recommend the course**



The evaluation specifics of courses and workshops are shown on the next page.

Figure 5. **Evaluations 2022**

Figure 5 indicates how our lecturers and courses were rated on a scale from 1 to 5. The average rating was 4.4.



## **Methodology consultant dr. Fadi Hirzalla**

Our methodology consultant, Dr. Fadi Hirzalla held 10 sessions in 2022 with individual candidates, helping them with fundamental reflection and concrete directions for method and research issues.

# **Sound governance and administration**

The management team has met several times with the Supervisory board and the PhD council. Our organisation and administration have suffered from illness in the team and we have had to work with various student assistants to cover for the resulting gaps. We are crossing our fingers for the healthy recovery of our team members.

# **Collaborations**

## **UNIC**

UNIC is a European alliance of eight universities based in post-industrial cities with a mission to boost mobility and inclusion for societal impact. UNIC was formed as a response to the European Commission's call to create bottom-up networks of universities throughout Europe that enable students to obtain degrees by combining studies in several EU countries.

Erasmus University Rotterdam has joined Koc University Istanbul, Ruhr University Bochum, University of Liege, University College Cork, University of Deusto, University of Oulu, and University of Zagreb to form the UNIC alliance. UNIC is an alliance today but strives to be a model for the European Universities of tomorrow by embodying common values and visions of our shared European future.

The Erasmus Graduate School of Social Sciences and the Humanities is actively involved in the collaboration.

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