

Erasmus Graduate School
of Social Sciences
and the Humanities

Annual report 2023

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Erasmus University Rotterdam
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The Erasmus University logo, featuring the word "Erasmus" in a stylized, cursive script.

The Graduate School in 2023

Our focus in 2023 was on the improvement of our workflows. We implemented the online administration system Carta to be able to automate large parts of our course administration. Parallel to this implementation, we had a large project in the migration of our website to Drupal, the content management system of Erasmus University. Both systems were successfully implemented near the end of the year.

This year, we welcomed our new course coordinator Ivana Juric to the team and said goodbye to our student assistants Kim Doornhein and Marine Soler.

As the numbers in this report will show, we had an extensive course curriculum which was very well-attended.

We mourned the loss of one of our lecturers; dr. Karin Willemse passed away in March of 2023. She was the lecturer of our course 'Discourse analysis' for many years. She is missed dearly.

The EGSH team in 2023



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Secretary



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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. Collaboration*
- 4. Sound governance and administration*

The 2023 results for these four areas are presented in the following pages.

Multidisciplinary research culture

As was the case in previous years, in 2023 our aim to foster a multi-disciplinary research culture was realised through our teaching offers.

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 present at our award ceremony for the 2023 EGSB Awards on March 28, 2024.



The following awards were granted:

Award for Best Poster 2023

Winner: Ho ying Chuck

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

For her poster "Youth's Online World: Understanding Youth's Media Literate Behaviors Online and its Determinants"

Award for Best Article 2023

Winner:

Lise Zurné

Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC)

For her article 'Women at the front: remediating gendered notions of WWII heroism in historical re-enactment'

and

Hager Hussein

Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management (ESHPM)

for her article 'Needs for Aging in Place: Views of Older Moroccan Adults in the Netherlands' in 'The Gerontologist'

Award for Best PhD Thesis 2023

Winners: Vivian Visser

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

For her thesis "Who is invited? A mixed-method study on governments' and citizens' perspectives on invitational governance."

Award for PhD Colleague of the Year 2023

Winner: Annalisa Costella

Erasmus School of Philosophy (ESPhil)

Award for PhD Supervisor of the Year 2023

Winner: Prof. dr. Conrad Heilmann

Erasmus School of Philosophy (ESPhil)

Award for Graduate School Lecturer of the Year 2023

Winner: Jan Pieter Weening

For his course 'How to manage your PhD project'

Award for Best Societal Impact 2023

Winners:

Tim van Meurs

Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)

Solid services in training and supervision needs

In 2023, 65 courses and workshops were offered (of which 44 unique courses, some had multiple editions).

Figure 1 indicates how many courses were offered from 2014 to 2023

Figure 1. **Number of courses** 2014 – 2023

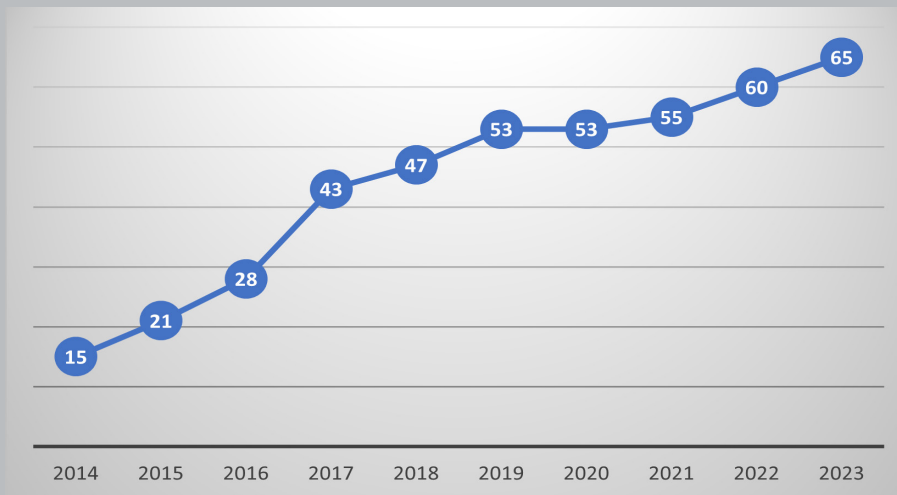


Figure 2 shows how many students participated in our courses and events from 2014 to 2023.

Figure 2. **Number of course participants** 2014 – 2023

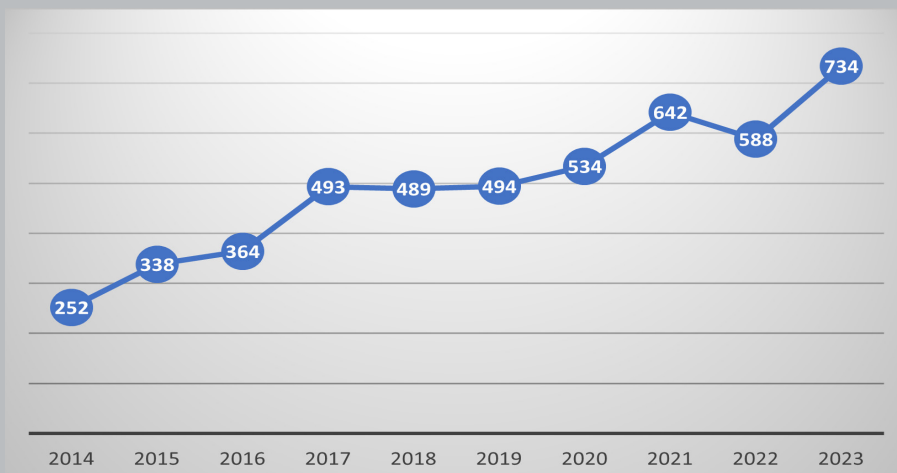


Table 1. **Course and event participation** per faculty/institute and department 2023

	TOTAL	%	Unique participants
Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)	233	31,7%	102
<i>Pedagogical Sciences/Psychology (DPECS)</i>	102	13,9%	51
<i>Public administration/Sociology (DPAS)</i>	92	12,5%	40
<i>Erasmus University college (EUC)</i>	1	0,1 %	1
<i>Other</i>	38	5,2%	11
Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management (ESHPM)	215	29,3%	87
Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC)	54	7,4%	33
<i>Arts and Culture Studies</i>	24	3,3%	12
<i>Media and Communication</i>	11	1,5%	9
<i>History</i>	15	2,0%	9
<i>Other</i>	4	0,5%	3
Erasmus School of Philosophy (ESPhil)	20	2,7%	11
International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)	91	12,4%	44
Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)	42	5,7%	16
DRIFT	6	0,8%	3
Other	73	9,9%	48
Grand total	736	100%	344

Figure 3. **Course participation** by unique participants 2023

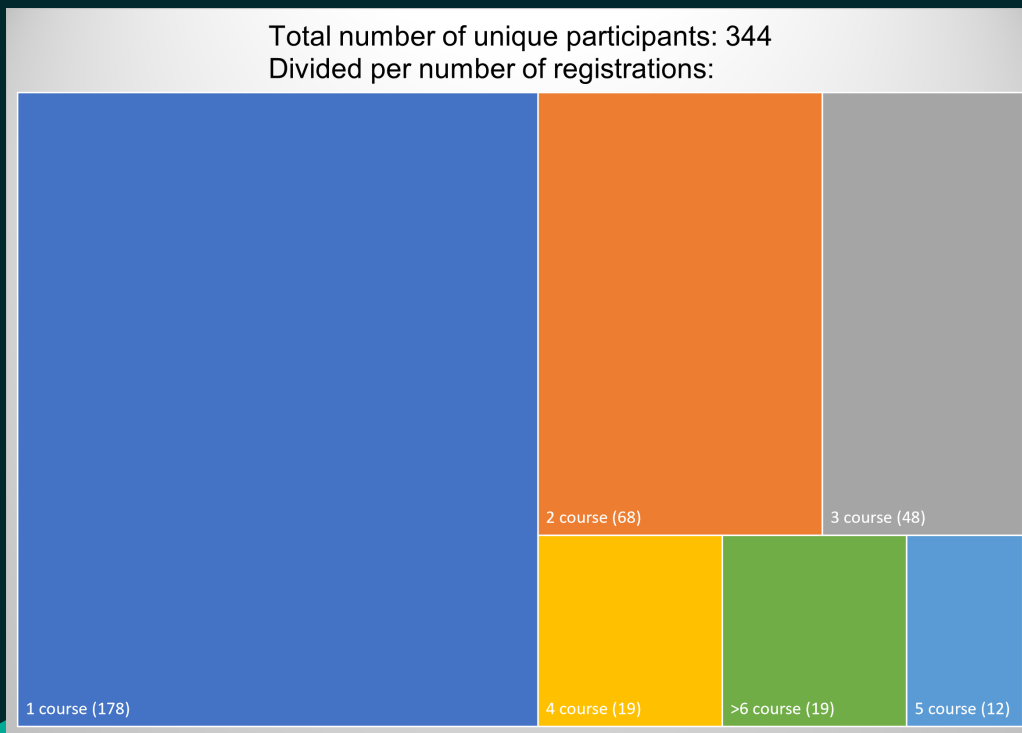


Figure 4. **Percentage of students that would recommend the course**

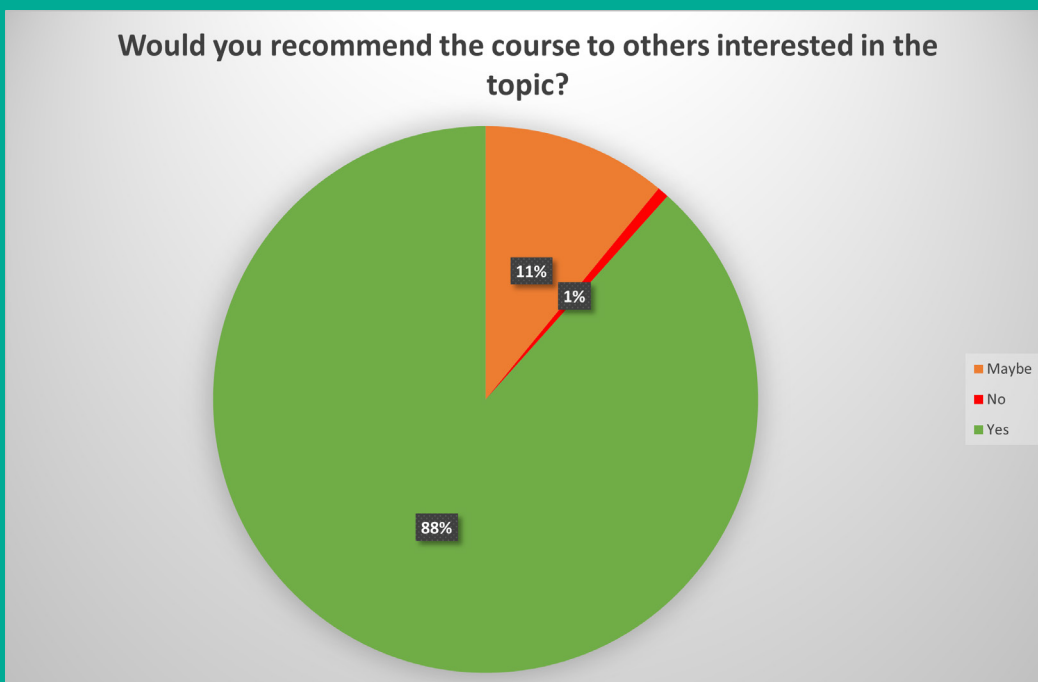
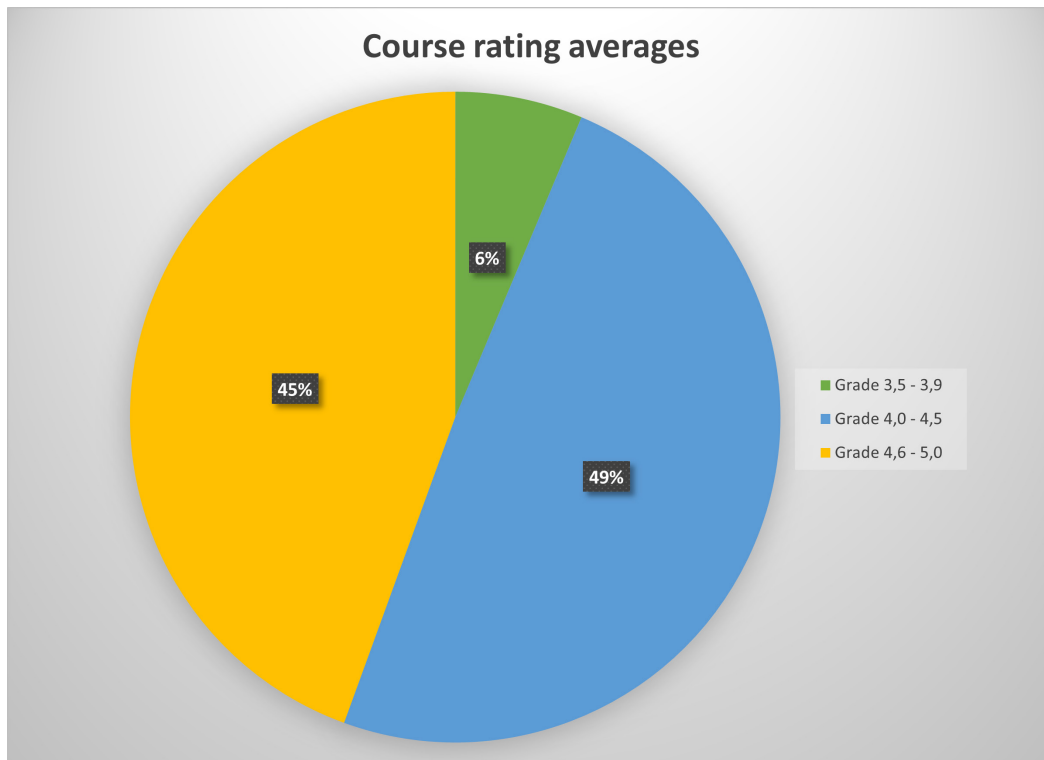


Figure 5. **Evaluations 2023**

Figure 5 indicates how our courses and teachers 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 14 sessions in the year 2023 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 Board of supervisors, the Program Board and the PhD-council. Our organization 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.

In 2023, the Erasmus Graduate School of Social Sciences and the Humanities continued to be actively involved in the collaboration.

Colophon

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