

Erasmus Graduate School  
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# Annual report 2021-2022

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# The Graduate School in 2021-2022

The past year was one of further accommodation to the COVID-situation but also of more stability as we all more or less got used to it. Most of our program was once again taught online, and we have noticed that this often makes it easier for our PhD-researchers who are abroad with family or for fieldwork to join courses, nevertheless. We also found out that PhDs from other international schools have found us on the web and joined us, which is inspiring and testifies of the great work that our staff and teachers do!

Fortunately, we were able to organize our annual award ceremony on campus, in the company of our staff, teachers and PhD-researchers. It was good to have our community together and once again we were impressed by the quality of the submissions and of the award-winning work.

This was also the year that our dean Liesbet van Zoonen announced that she will resign on September 1, 2022. After about 8 years of building and stabilizing the school, Liesbet felt that a change of leadership was needed to inspire the energy in the school. The school thanks Liesbet for all the extremely valuable work she has done in all these years for our PhD candidates. We are very happy to have found a worthy successor in dr. Esther Rozendaal, associate professor of Communication and Behavioural Change at ESSB.

## The EGSB team in 2021-2022



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



**Dr. Fadi Hirzalla**  
Head of studies



**Ada Noorlander**  
Secretary



**Roos Kemna**  
Communications officer



**Michelle ter Laak**  
Student assistant



**Sidney van den Broek**  
Student assistant

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# Multidisciplinary research culture

As was the case in previous years, in 2021-22 our aim to foster a multi-disciplinary research culture was realized 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 (87) and diverse, coming from all our participating communities.

Welcome to the award ceremony for the  
**EGSH AWARDS** for **PhD** EXCELLENCE



The following awards were granted:

**Award for Best Poster 2021**

**Winner:** Ilse van de Groep

PhD candidate at the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences Developmental / Neuroscience in Society

**Award for Best Conference Paper 2021**

**Winner:** Vincent Baptist

PhD candidate at the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication / Department of History

**Award for Best Article 2021**

**Winner:** Chiara Carboni

PhD candidate at the Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management / Health Care Governance

**Award for Best PhD Thesis 2021**

**Winners:** Carolina Della Chiesa

Former PhD candidate at the Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication Department of Arts and Culture Studies

Lee Yin Jacqueline Wong

Former PhD candidate at the Erasmus School of Social and Behavioral Sciences / Department of Psychology, Education, and Child Studies

**Award for PhD Colleague of the Year 2021**

**Winner:** Luciana dos Santos Duarte

PhD candidate at the International Institute of Social Studies

**Award for PhD Supervisor of the Year 2021**

**Winner:** Prof. dr. Hester van de Bovenkamp

Erasmus School of Health Policy & Management / Health Care Governance

**Award for Graduate School Teacher of the Year 2021**

**Winner:** Prof. dr. Thea Hilhorst, Dr Rodrigo Mena, Linda Johnson

International Institute for Social Studies

**Award for Best Societal Impact 2021**

**Winners:** Joris Krijger

PhD candidate at the Erasmus School of Philosophy

Tamara Thuis

PhD candidate at the Rotterdam School of Management / Department of Technology and Operations Management

# Solid services in training and supervision needs

In the last year, 55 courses and workshops were offered.

Figure 1 indicates how many courses were offered from 2014 to 2021

Figure 1. **Number of courses** 2014 – 2021

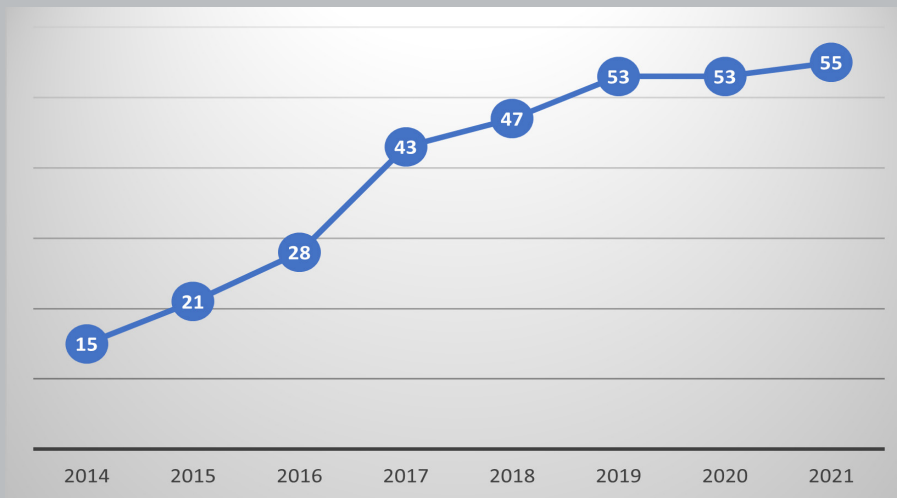


Figure 2 mentions how many students participated in our courses from 2014 to 2021.

Figure 2. **Number of course participants** 2014 – 2021



Table 1. **Course participation** per faculty/institute and department 2021-2022

<b>Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB)</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>28,0%</b>
<i>Pedagogical Sciences/Psychology (DPECS)</i>	85	13,2%
<i>Public administration/Sociology (DPAS)</i>	55	8,6%
<i>Other</i>	40	6,2%
<b>International Institute of Social Studies (ISS)</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>18,7%</b>
<b>Erasmus School of Health Policy and Management (ESHPM)</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>15,4%</b>
<b>Erasmus School of History, Culture and Communication (ESHCC)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>15,3%</b>
<i>Arts and Culture Studies</i>	51	7,9%
<i>Media and Communication</i>	39	6,1%
<i>History</i>	8	1,2%
<b>Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3,6%</b>
<b>Erasmus School of Philosophy (ESPhil)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3,0%</b>
<b>DRIFT</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,1%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>14,9%</b>
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>100%</b>



Figure 3. **Course participation** by unique participants 2021-2022

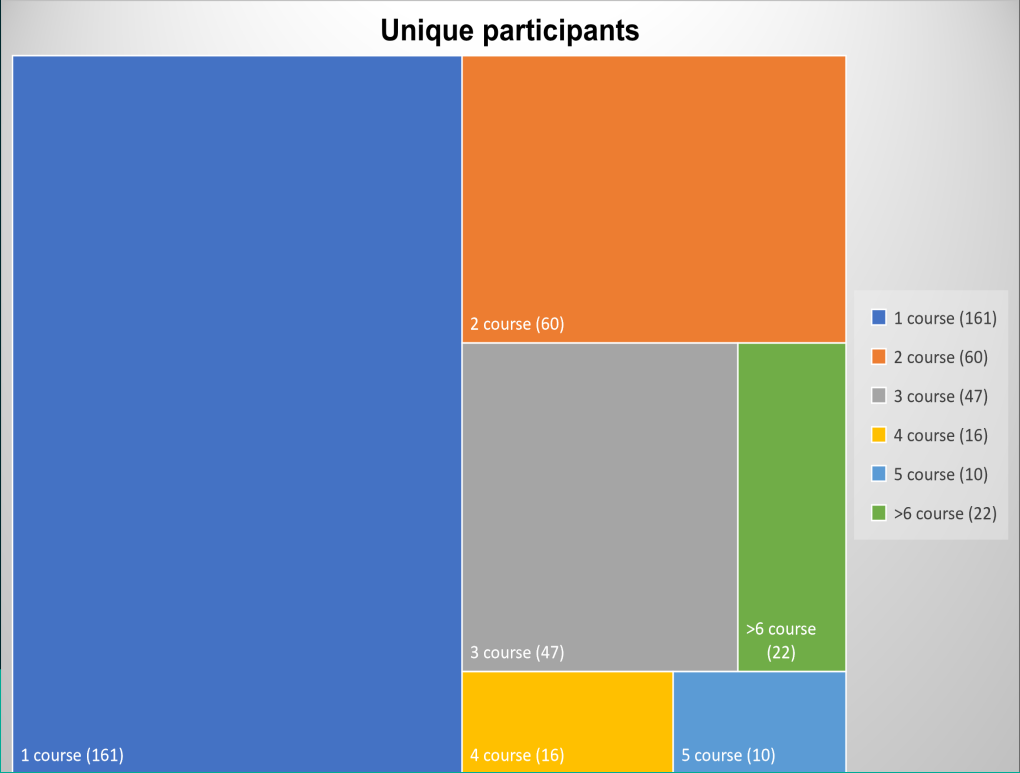
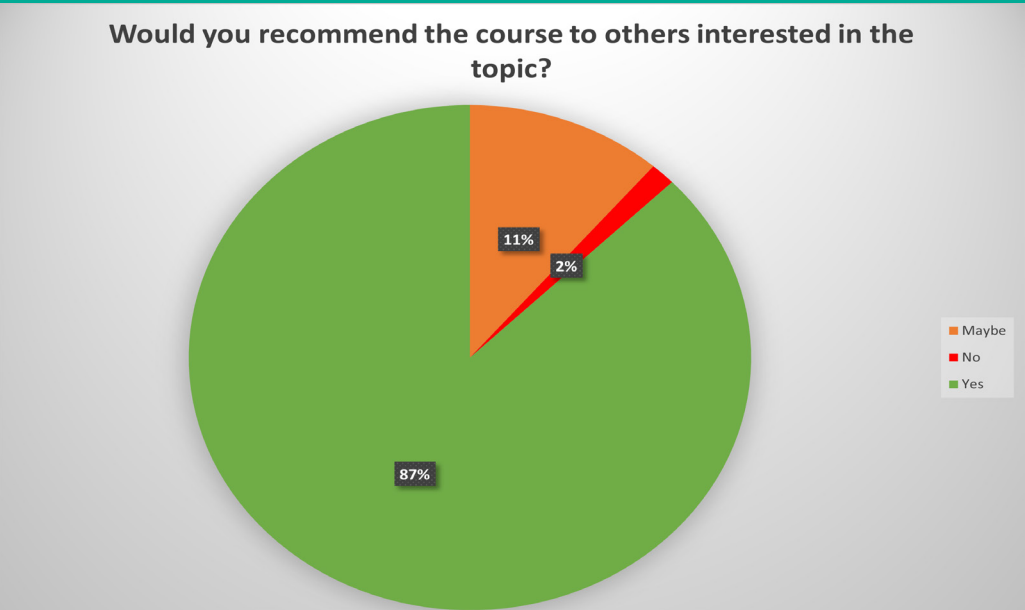


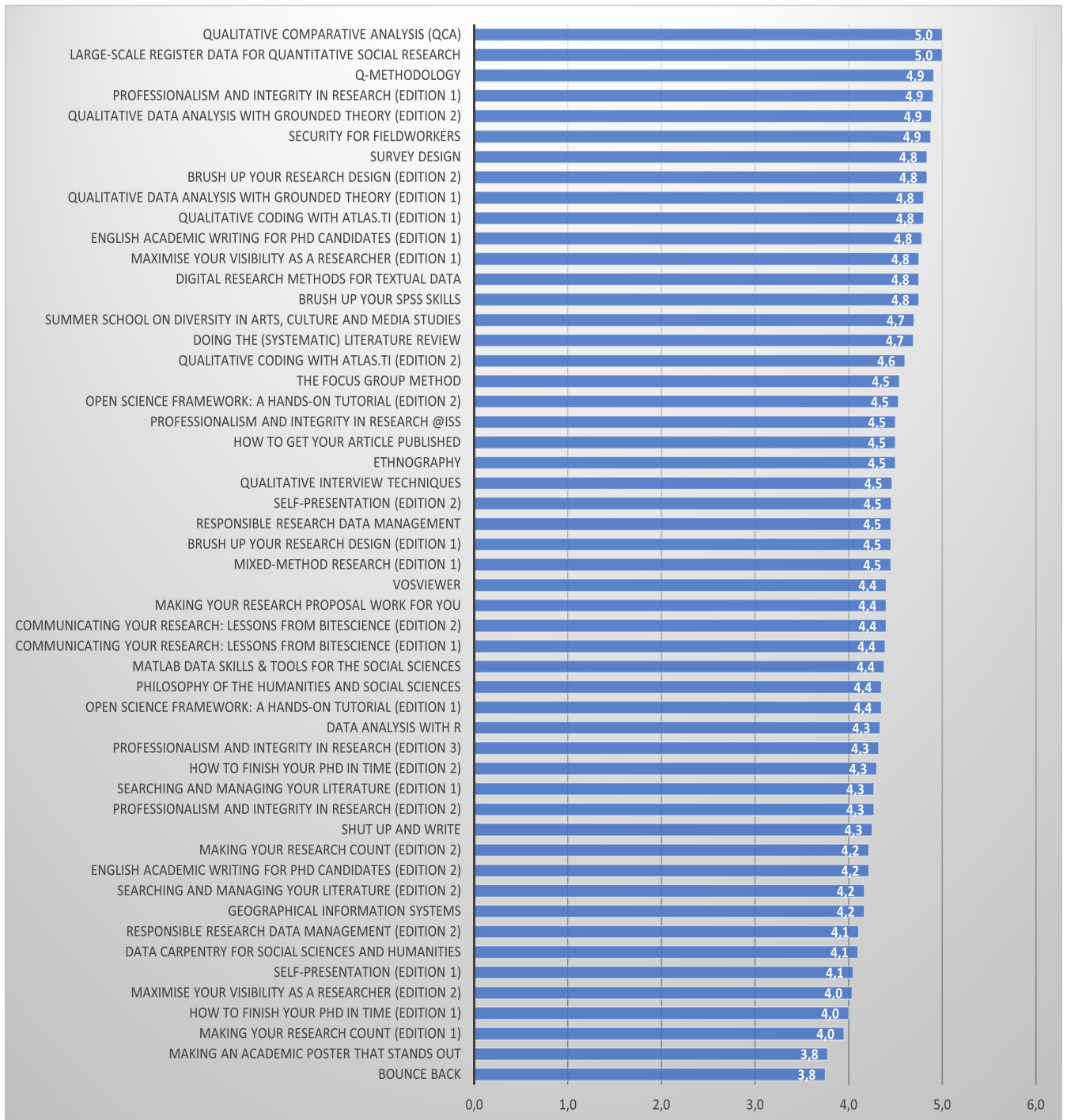
Figure 4. **Percentage of students that would recommend the course**



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

Figure 5. **Evaluations 2021-2022**

Figure 5 indicates how our courses and teachers were rated on a scale from 1 to 5. The average rating was 4.5.



### **Methodology consultant**

Our methodology consultant, Dr. Fadi Hirzalla held 12 sessions in the academic year 2021-22 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.

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