

*Research School*  
*for Media Studies*



## **Annual Report 2018**

Report 2018

Budget 2019



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## 1. Organisation

Academic Director:	Prof. dr Richard Rogers
Host:	University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Humanities
Executive Board:	Prof. dr Marcel Broersma (RUG; chair), Prof. dr Frank Kessler (UU)
Coordinator:	Chantal Olijerhoek
Advisory Board:	Prof. dr Marcel Broersma (RUG; chair); Prof. dr Mark Deuze (UvA), Prof. dr Frank Kessler (UU), Prof. dr Ginette Verstraete and Prof. dr Irene Costera Meijer (both VU; co-members), dr Peter Verstraten (UL); as of June 2018; Prof. dr Sybille Lammes (UL), Prof. dr Susanne Janssen (EUR), Prof. dr Anneke Smelik (RU), Vacancy (UM), there will be a new member as of April 2019.
PhD council:	Co-chairs: Tim Groot Kormelink (VU) & Rashid Gabdulhakov (EUR), Wouter Oomen (UU), Sofie Willemsen (RUG), Sanne Rotmeijer (UL) Rik Spanjers (UvA); until January 2018, Lianne Toussaint (RU); until September 2018, both positions of UvA and RU are still vacant.
RMeS Office:	Chantal Olijerhoek

### Participating Universities

- Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)
- Leiden University (UL)
- Maastricht University (UM)
- Radboud University Nijmegen (RU)
- University of Amsterdam (UvA)
- University of Groningen (RUG)
- Utrecht University (UU)
- VU University Amsterdam (VU)

### Members

Number of Staff members:	151
Number of PhD members:	57 ( <i>See appendix I</i> )
Number of External PhD members:	6
Number of RMa members:	81 ( <i>Cohort 2017: 45   Cohort 2018: 52, See appendix II</i> )

## 2. Course programme and other educational activities

<b>Date</b>	<b>Course</b>	<b>Number of participants</b>	<b>Number of PhD's</b>	<b>Number of RMa's</b>	<b>ECTS</b>
18-19 January 2018	<i>RMeS Masterclass: Global Culture of Competition</i>   University of Amsterdam	4	1 (auditor)	3 (auditor)	1
23 & 24 January 2018	<i>Winter School</i>   University of Amsterdam	14	14		2
February 2018	<i>RMeS Seminar: What, of Art, belongs to the present</i>   Utrecht University & Amsterdam University (Category A: participants who actively took part in the course and gave a presentation)	10 (total)	1	7	2
February 2018	<i>RMeS Seminar: What, of Art, belongs to the present</i>   Utrecht University & Amsterdam University (Category B: participants who wrote an additional paper and gave a presentation)	10 (total)		2	5
16 February – 16 March 2018	<i>RMa Course: Trending Topics – Engaging Objects</i>   Utrecht University (Category A: participants who actively took part in the course)	21 (total)	1 (auditor)	3	3
16 February – 16 March 2018	<i>RMa Course: Trending Topics – Engaging Objects</i>   Utrecht University (Category B: participants who wrote an additional paper and gave a presentation)	21 (total)		17	6
29 March 2018	<i>Symposium: The politics of memory and platforms</i>   University of Groningen	7 (RMeS only)		7	
6 April – 18 May 2018	<i>RMeS RMa Course: Contemporary approaches to digital cultures: platforms, politics, performances and people</i>   Erasmus University Rotterdam (Category A: participants who actively took part in the course)	15 (total)		2 4 (auditor)	3
6 April – 18 May 2018	<i>RMeS RMa Course: Contemporary approaches to digital cultures: platforms, politics, performances and people</i>   Erasmus University Rotterdam (Category B: participants who wrote an additional paper and gave a presentation)	15 (total)	2	7	6
25 April 2018	<i>RMeS Network Event: How do you... Disconnect in a Digital Age?</i>   Utrecht University	12	4	8	
8 November 2017 – 9 May 2018	<i>URBAN FRICTION   the [urban interfaces] graduate seminar 2017-2018</i>   Utrecht University	20	1	12 7 (auditor)	4

25 June 2018	<i>Workshop: Media Sports and World Building</i>   University of Amsterdam	4	1 (auditor)	1 2 (auditor)	1
20-22 June 2018	<i>Summer School: New Materialism See Me, Feel Me, Touch Me: Material and Affective Turns in Media Studies (Category A: participants who actively took part in the Summer School)</i>   Radboud University Nijmegen	39 (total)	6 4 (auditor)	13 2 (auditor)	2
20-22 June 2018	<i>Summer School: New Materialism See Me, Feel Me, Touch Me: Material and Affective Turns in Media Studies (Category B: participants who wrote an additional paper of 5000-6000 words)</i>   Radboud University Nijmegen	39 (total)		14	5
27-29 June 2018	<i>The NECS 2018 Conference – Media Tactics and Engagement</i>   University of Amsterdam, VU University of Amsterdam & Utrecht University	711 (640 presenters)			
8 October – 17 December 2018	<i>Datafied Society seminar: Governance &amp; Governmentality</i>   Utrecht University	4		1 3 (auditor)	3
					<b>Total PhD/2018: 64 Total RMA/2018: 331</b>

### 3. Other information

In 2018 RMeS prepared for its accreditation by writing a self-assessment. Such a process provides a moment of reflection, looking back upon the past five years, evaluating the efforts of the school, and examining in greater detail the achievements as well as what can be improved. RMeS has as its mission to provide state-of-the-art training in Media Studies to its PhD candidates and research masters students as well as to provide a platform to build the field of media studies in the Netherlands. With respect to the training program, RMeS has consolidated its Winter and Summer school training formats. Both themes and locations rotate, so that the current PhD cohort has the possibility to attend a Summer or Winter School at each of the universities that are part of RMeS in order to meet the faculty members and to benefit from their expertise. Each cohort also has had exposure to the rotating themes of ethics, valorization and working outside of academia. The schools also provide state-of-the-art education by focusing on contemporary topics such as datafication, digital methods, new materiality and dis/connectivity. For the research masters, RMeS offers now two courses, Trending Topics, which rotates between Amsterdam and Utrecht, and Digital Cultures, now based in Rotterdam with the hope that it rotates with Leiden. These two axes (Amsterdam-Utrecht and Rotterdam-Leiden) form only one part of RMeS intellectual geography. In 2018 Radboud University in Nijmegen organized the Summer School and in 2019 Groningen will organize the next Summer School. As reported in the self-assessment, the quality of the Summer and Winter Schools as well as the Master classes is routinely evaluated as are the RMA courses. Overall the training is considered to be of high quality.

To the establishment and development of the field of Media Studies in the Netherlands, RMeS has made substantial contributions not only through the creation of a network of universities, with the rotating Summer or Winter Schools, and RMa courses moving back and forth between cities, but also through the establishment of Media Studies as a recognized field by the NWO and the Royal Academy of Science, together with the establishment of quality indicators. These quality indicators are flexible enough to incorporate the rich diversity of the field as well as the publishing cultures of the humanities (where many media studies programs are based) but also the social sciences.

In its self-assessment RMeS expressed a desire to expand its 'platform' function and provide more opportunities to (senior as well as junior) researchers for networking and substantive exchange. It is an important theme for 2019. Bottom-up efforts that encourage junior staff to organize events (such as invited experts and masterclasses) are being organized alongside the existing PhD cohort networking events. Other formats are in the works, as RMeS looks to expand its field-building and platform function for Media Studies in the Netherlands.

## 4. Finances

### Benefits and expenses 2018 (€)

<i>Benefits</i>	<i>Estimate</i>	<i>Result</i>
Bijdrage PhD-researchers <sup>1</sup>	4.000	6.000
Bijdrage Rma-studenten <sup>2</sup>	10.000	11.085
Basisbudget Bureau (DLG) <sup>3</sup>	38.000	38.000
Budget Bureau t.b.v. ReMa (DG) <sup>4</sup>	13.000	13.291
Matching Bureau FGW-UVA <sup>5</sup>	19.000	15.651
Summer School	0	1.000
Correctie foutieve boeking 2017		1.500
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>84.000</b>	<b>86.527</b>
<i>Expenses (€)</i>		
Directie (integraal)	35.000	37.229
Coördinatie en secretariaat (integraal)	35.000	29.713
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>70.000</b>	<b>66.942</b>
Winter School Amsterdam	3.500	3.193
Summer School Nijmegen	6.000	5.325
Workshop Grant	1.000	0
RMa-course Trending Topics	1.000	1.053
RMa-course Digital Cultures	1.000	236
Master classes	1.500	119
Extra Curricular Activities	1.500	602
NECS	2.500	1.500
Costs Board, Office and Website	1.000	1.076
<b>Total Courses</b>	<b>19.000</b>	<b>13.104</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>89.000</b>	<b>80.046</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>-5.000</b>	<b>6.481</b>

1. Contribution of € 1000 per new PhD Candidate from participating universities (2018)
2. Payment of € 400 (instead of € 500) per registered RMa student. See 'Regeling persoonlijke budgetten researchmasterstudenten m.i.v. 2016' - LOGOS, DLG & Regieorgaan Geesteswetenschappen. Definitieve versie, 6 april 2016
3. See Regeling DLG-LOGOS d.d. oktober 2010. This arrangement has been extended – including inflation correction as of 2017 until December 31, 2021. Staff costs for the Academic Director are not written off from the WBS-Element from the National Research School RMeS. The contribution from DLG for the director's seat is based on the costs for teaching replacement (scale 11.0). In principle, the basis budget covers the gross-gross salary costs of the Office.
4. This concerns the costs from het Regieorgaan Geesteswetenschappen. For the Office costs for the benefit of organisation RMa-education (See letter Brief OCW aan RG d.d. 20-8-2015; nr. 803150). This amount is not debited to R.2026.0021.
5. Matchings budget FGW-UvA. This contribution, because of FGW-UVA covers the difference between the real (integral) salary costs of Academic Director. Coordinator and secretariat and the budget made available by DLG and Regieorgaan

## Estimate 2019

<b>Benefits (€)</b>	
Fees PhD Researchers	6.000
Fees RMa Students	11.500
Regular Office Budget (DLG)	38.000
Additional Budget RMa (DG)	13.000
Matching Bureau FGW-UvA	19.000
From reserve fund <i>PhD/RMA courses</i>	4.000
<b>Total Benefits</b>	<b>91.500</b>
<b>Expenses (€)</b>	
Director	38.000
Coordinator & Office Manager	32.000
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>70.000</b>
Winter School Leiden	3.500
Summer School Groningen	8.500
RMa-course Trending Topics	1.000
RMa-course Digital Cultures	1.000
Master classes	2.500
RMeS Workshop Grant	1.250
Extra Curricular Activities	2.500
Costs Board, Office & Website	1.250
<b>Total Courses</b>	<b>21.500</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>91.500</b>

The RMeS reserve fund on January 2019 is € 50.909. In 2019 the estimated deployment of the reserve fund is € 4.000 (see estimate 2019). For 2020/2021 a national conference is scheduled, in order to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of RMeS.



With respect to the budget planning, RMeS has a healthy reserve and an economical educational programme, which we have budgeted currently at EUR 11.500 for 2019. We expect to receive 13.000 in our budget for education (in October 2019).

In 2018 RMeS awarded 331 EC, which is 64% of the 520 expected for 52 registered students. The programme itself, however, is good sized, with over 50 new RMA students enrolling in 2018, which is a substantial increase from 2017.

It should be mentioned that not all participating universities have implemented the policy of RMeS course participation for their RMA students in their Teaching and Examination Regulations (OER). For instance, at University of Amsterdam, students are required to take at least 6 ECTS in two years. At Utrecht University, students are required to obtain 5 per year, unless they spend their second year at a foreign university, in which case they only need to obtain 5 ECTS in two years. Such policies have had consequences for RMeS.

## 5. Curriculum 2018-2019 & 2019-2020

### Academic year 2018-2019

8 October – 17 December 2018 | Utrecht University | 3 ECTS

*Datafied Society seminar: Governance & Governmentality*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMA Students

February – March 2019 | Utrecht University | 4 ECTS

*URBAN FRICTION The Right to the City & Urban Commons | the [urban interfaces] graduate seminar 2018-2019*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMA Students

18 January 2019 | University of Amsterdam | 1 ECTS

*RMeS Masterclass: Spatiotemporal Interface perturbations with Dr James Ash (Newcastle University)*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMA Students

18 January 2019 | University of Groningen, VU University & KNAW | 1 ECTS

*Masterclass: Researching media use (prof. dr Kim Schrøder and prof. dr Rasmus Kleis Nielsen)*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMA Students

31 January 2019 | Leiden University | 2 ECTS

*RMeS Winter school & Graduate symposium*

Open to PhD Candidates

14, 21 & 22 February 2019 | Utrecht University & University of Amsterdam | 2 ECTS

*Exploring Death... and Ways to Live: RMeS Seminar On Contemporary Theory, Creativity, The Earth And Us.*

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Open to PhD Candidates and RMA Students

February - April 2019 | University of Amsterdam | 6 ECTS

*RMeS RMA Course: Trending Topics*

Open to RMA Students, PhD candidates can audit the course

February – June 2019 | VU University | 9 ECTS

*Research Master's Seminar: "Imagining the Image"*

Open to RMA Students, PhD candidates can audit the course

April – May 2019 | Erasmus University Rotterdam | 5 ECTS

*RMeS RMa Course: Contemporary approaches to digital cultures: platforms, politics, performances and people*

Open to RMa Students, PhD candidates can audit the course

22 March 2019 | Utrecht University

*RMeS PhD & RMa Network Event: How do You... Collaborate with External Partners?*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMa Students

1 April 2019 | University of Groningen | 1 ECTS

*RMeS Workshop Appnography: Researching the apps of life and the life of apps*

*RMeS Workshop Grant 2018-2019*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMa Students

17 -19 June 2019 | University of Groningen | 2 or 5 ECTS

*RMeS Summer School 2019: Algorithmic Culture and Digital Literacy*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMa Students

1 July 2019 | Utrecht University | 1 ECTS

*Masterclass Fandom and Audience Studies Methodologies with Lori Morimoto*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMa Students

#### **Academic year 2019-2020**

January 2020 | Utrecht University | 2 ECTS

*RMeS Winter school & Graduate symposium*

Open to PhD Candidates

February - April 2020 | Utrecht University | 6 ECTS

*RMeS RMa Course: Trending Topics*

Open to RMa Students, PhD candidates can audit the course

April – May 2020 | Erasmus University Rotterdam | 5 ECTS

*RMeS RMa Course: Contemporary approaches to digital cultures: platforms, politics, performances and people*

Open to RMa Students, PhD candidates can audit the course

Spring 2020 | Utrecht University

*RMeS PhD & RMa Network Event*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMa Students

June 2020 | VU University | 2 or 5 EC

*RMeS Summer School 2020*

Open to PhD Candidates and RMa Students

***NOTE: We are currently finalizing our educational programme for 2019-2020; therefore, dates and venues are preliminary. Additionally, we expect to organize more activities during the year. A more complete programme can be found on our website [www.RMeS.nl](http://www.RMeS.nl) as of September 1, 2019.***

## 6. Appendix

### Appendix I – PhD Candidates

#### Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)

1. Joyce Neys
2. Lela Mosemgvdlishvili
3. Balazs Boross
4. Leonieke Bolderman (*promoted in 2018*)
5. Nicky van Es
6. Yosha Wijngaarden (*dissertation defence scheduled 2019*)
7. Frank Weij
8. Henry Chow
9. Anouk Mols
10. Roel Lutkenhaus
11. Rashid Gabdulhakov
12. Qian Huang
13. Qiong Gong

#### Leiden University (UL)

14. Sanne Rotmeijer
15. Jiyu Zhang

#### Maastricht University (UM)

16. Elena Fronk
17. Tim van der Heijden (*promoted in 2018*)

#### Radboud University Nijmegen (RU)

18. Lianne Toussaint (*promoted in 2018*)  
*Although Lianne Toussaint is officially a NICA member, she was a member of the RMeS PhD Council from 2014 until 2017 and actively contributed to the RMeS programme.*

#### University of Amsterdam (UvA)

19. Erik Borra
20. Esther Hammelburg
21. Peter Veer
22. Rik Spanjers (*dissertation defence scheduled 2019*)
23. Natalia Sanchez Querubin
24. Merel van der Vaart
25. Laura Vermeeren
26. Arjen Nauta
27. Inge Kalle-den Oudsten
28. Arnoud Arps
29. Guillén Torres Sepúlveda
30. Nermin Elsherif
31. *Marloes Geboers\**

**University of Groningen (RUG)**

32. Tom Slootweg (*promoted in 2018*)
33. Ari Purnama
34. Rik Smit (*promoted in 2018*)
35. Yu Sun (*promoted in 2018*)
36. Stefan Baack (*promoted in 2018*)
37. Joëlle Swart (*promoted in 2018*)
38. Steven Willemsen (*promoted in 2018*)
39. Liliana Bounegru (*dissertation defence scheduled for 2019*)
40. Ornella Porcu
41. Amanda Brouwers
42. Sofie Willemsen
43. Veerle Ros
44. Raquel Raj
45. Andrea Wagemans
46. *Kun He\**

**Utrecht University (UU)**

47. Li-An Ko
48. Stephanie de Smale (*dissertation defence scheduled 2019*)
49. Sjors Martens (*dissertation defence scheduled 2019*)
50. Shuangli Guo
51. *Tim de Winkel\**
52. *Maranke Wieringa\**
53. *Dulce de Rocha Gonçalves\**
54. *Jamilla Notebaard\**

**VU University Amsterdam (VU)**

55. Tim Groot Kormelink (*dissertation defence scheduled 2019*)
56. Advan Zubaidi
57. Constanza Gajarda Leon

\* *New PhDs in 2018*

## **Appendix II – RMa Students**

*Cohort 2018*

**NOTE: 8 RMA studenten cohort 2017 zijn gestopt met opleiding**

### **Erasmus University Rotterdam (EUR)**

1. Roxi Cui
2. Maria Indjeian Diaz
3. Noomy Leentvaar
4. Bastiaan van Maanen
5. Sara Perlstein
6. Maria Rodriguez
7. Inge Rots
8. Rahel Schneider

### **Leiden University (UL)**

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### **Maastricht University (UM)**

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### **Radboud University Nijmegen (RU)**

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### **University of Amsterdam (UvA)**

9. Jorn Beuzekom\*
10. Sandro Stegmaier\*
11. Tu Quynh Hoàng \*
12. Willem Jansen\*
13. Joost Dofferhoff\*
14. Máté Gábor Hulesch
15. Hailey Beaman
16. Lukas Beckenbauer
17. Tommaso Campagna
18. Philip Chemayel
19. Sofie van Hamersveld
20. Haykuhi Khachatryan
21. Iva Kontic
22. Jasper Koopmans
23. Dana Lamb
24. Daniel Leix Palumbo
25. Faye Mercier
26. Aikatarini Mniestri
27. Jason Park
28. Vanessa Richter
29. Giovanni Rossetti
30. Luukas Veivo

31. Darsana Vijay
32. Zhen Ye
33. Jasper Koopmans
34. Stoican Raluca
35. Sian Reardon
36. Maria Plichta

**University of Groningen (RUG)**

37. Hanne Nijtmans
38. Désirée Goedhuis
39. Janneke Strazdina

**Utrecht University (UU)**

40. Dhruva Verma
41. Sonja Hamhuis
42. Zora van Harten
43. Eline Langejan
44. Marjolein Wellink
45. Aline Hernandez
46. Dennis Jansen
47. Laura Jimenez Rojas
48. Irkmak Karademirler
49. Marjolein Krijgsman
50. Zane Putnina
51. Andrej Kapor
52. Yotam Rozin

**VU University Amsterdam (VU)**

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*Please Note: All RMa students started their RMa Programme in September 2018. Except \*, they started in February 2018*