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200 PhD defences at ISS. A milestone worth celebrating. Because, what would ISS be without our PhD researchers? They are the youngest generation of researchers at our institute, building their future career. Coming from different countries and backgrounds, they bring out – like our MA students do – the real flavour to our institute.

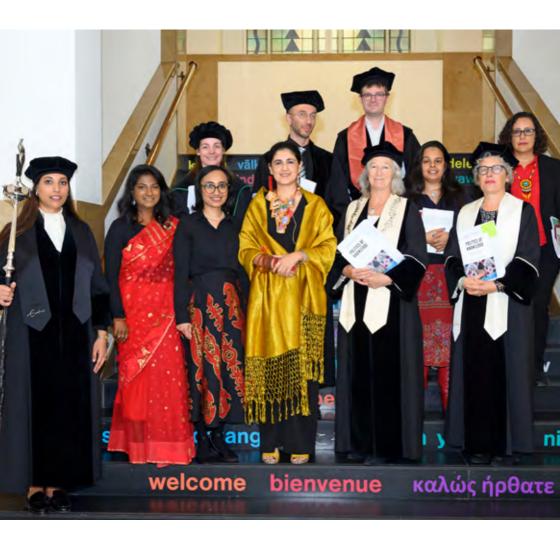
Now, 200 is only a number. It is definitely more interesting to know *who* our PhD graduates are, and on *what* they conducted their research. First, numberwise, we see almost a gender balance: 47% of the 200 PhD degree holders are women, 53% are men. The PhD distinctions (N=12) are equally divided between women and men: 50-50. More than a third of the PhD holders (36%) originates from Asia, a third (33%) from Africa, 15% from Latin America. Then, a majority (72%) did not study at ISS before. Interesting figures, for sure. In the digital version you will find the narratives about *who* the PhD researchers are and *what* their research was about as we provide the links to the theses.

On a more personal note, I still remember my own PhD research period very well. Nowadays, being older and more advanced in my career, I look back and wonder whether I realized at the time (in the early 1990s) what a wonderful period it was? Did I enjoy it enough? Did I make the most of the time I had to conduct research and have all the time in the world to do so, to conduct fieldwork for a long period in India, to write my thesis and in fact to already start building my professional career? Now, almost 30 years later, I *do* realize how my PhD thesis formed the basis of my academic career, and what a happy and wonderful time it was. I especially cherish the close contacts that I had with my fellow PhD colleagues who have remained friends for life.



So, what I actually want to say is: behind the *number* of 200 theses, as presented in this booklet, there are 200 interesting research projects, 200 personal stories and experiences, and 200 ISS alumni who now bring their academic expertise, built and defended at ISS, into the world. And *that* is something to celebrate!

Professor Inge Hutter Rector ISS



200 PhDs at ISS

Since ISS joined the Erasmus University Rotterdam in 2009, our PhD programme has rapidly expanded and it is with great pride that the institute is now celebrating its 200th PhD defence.

The ISS has been able to develop a high-level PhD programme that continues to have a steady inflow of bright, development-oriented candidates and despite general setbacks in development funding, many candidates have succeeded in attracting the necessary funds through their own government or from other sources. In recent years, we have also seen a growth in research programmes that provide the opportunity for groups of PhD candidates to converge around specific themes. In addition, we have set up a number of collaborative partnerships with universities in the global south through which their academic staff can top up their qualifications to PhD level. The PhD programme thus comprises a wide spectrum of projects that together form a multi-faceted research programme focusing on global development and social justice.

Since 46,5% of the 200 candidates so far have been women, the programme is making good progress towards gender equality. The large majority of the PhD candidates at ISS have come from Asia (72) and Africa (66). We are very happy that ISS is clearly attractive to people from many different backgrounds. We are proud to report that more than 70% of the candidates applied to ISS without previously having gone through our MA programme.

As the PhD programme has grown in importance for ISS, the support for the programme has become more professional and more finely tuned. The PhD office, and many of the tools and processes developed by ISS, are seen as good practice within our university. In the past few years, much attention has gone into improving the systems, communication and support for our PhD researchers. As a result of these efforts, the programme is running ever more smoothly.

There is much to celebrate on the occasion of the 200th PhD defence at ISS. The excellent research on global development and social justice executed by our PhD candidates and the buzz of seminars, uptake activities, blogs and activist agendas that the candidates bring to ISS, keep our institute alive.

These young researchers keep us firmly in touch with, and often part of, the social movements of our time, ranging from protesting about climate politics, analyzing and confronting new forms of populism and inequality, decolonizing academia, countering the crisis of solidarity in Europe and elsewhere, to shaping our ability to imagine what a just world could look like.



Let me end by expressing huge thanks to the academic advisers, the support professionals and especially the PhD candidates. I look forward eagerly and with hope to the years ahead for the ISS PhD community. I am absolutely sure that our young researchers will continue to surprise, challenge and inspire us.

Professor Thea Hilhorst Chair of the Research Degree Committee

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⁴⁴The extremely high quality of my doctoral supervision, combined with my connection to ISS' large network of like-minded students and scholars from across the world, provided me with an excellent platform to successfully complete my PhD and continue to build a career in academia.⁷⁷

Ben Radley

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⁴⁴The Doctoral Degree allowed me to pursue an academic career and inspire dozens of students that come to ISS every year. When I finished my PhD, I thought it was the arrival point of my studies, but I soon realized that it was a connecting point to another journey. I could reach spaces where citizens of the whole world learn together.³¹

Georgina Gomez Associate Professor at ISS

⁴⁴I considered myself a 'typical' economist before joining the ISS PhD Programme in Development Studies; however, after obtaining the degree, I began to see and project myself as an economist with development policy perspective. This has opened immense opportunities for me to serve, since 2004, in three different United Nations agencies. ³¹

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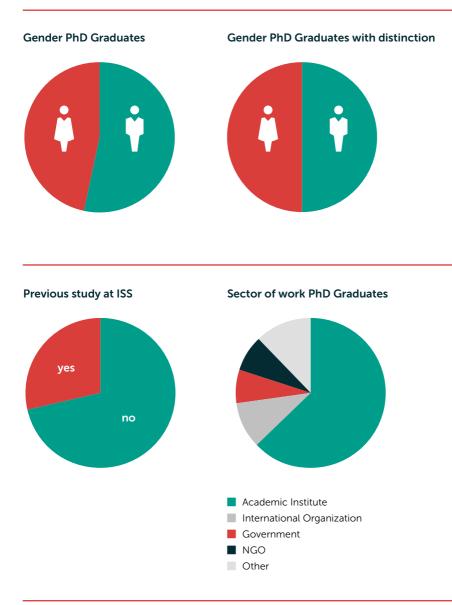
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