

EUROPEAN QUALITATIVE COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS CONFERENCE (EQCA) 2026

Rotterdam School of Management & Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University, Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, 3062 PA Rotterdam, The Netherlands

December 7-9, 2026

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Preliminary Program

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7		
12.30-13.00	CHECK-IN AND COFFEE	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
13.00-13.15	Welcome note – *Organizers*	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
13.15-14.15	Keynote: Understanding causal complexity - *Federica Russo*	
14.15-14:30	SHORT BREAK	
14.30-15:45	Workshop 1a: Getting Calibration right – *Roel Rutten*;	Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 4
	Workshop 1b: Time-based QCA(s) – *Sofia Pagliarin, Lasse Gerrits*	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
15.45-16.15	COFFEE BREAK	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
16.15-17.00	Workshop 2: QCA & AI – *Madeleine Meurer*	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
17.00-18.25	Workshop 3: Mapping the future of QCA – *Seweryn Krupnik, Roel Rutten, Johannes Meuer, Claude Rubinson, Julia Bartosch, Lasse Gerrits, Anna Sławik, Aleksandra Rudawska, Esther Staes*	
18.25-18.30	Wrap up	
18.30-19.00	joint tram ride	Tram stop Burge-meester Oudlaan
19.00-22.00	Networking Dinner	Old Scuola

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8		
9:00–9:30	COFFEE AND BREAKFAST	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
9:30-10.30	Panel discussion: Hybrid theorizing – *Joep Cornelissen, Julia Bartosch, Peer Fiss, Santi Furnari, Pursey Heugens*	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
11.00-12.30	PDW Feedback I – *schedule see below;* Expert Corners I	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1, 2, 3, 4; Floor 3 Room T03-42, Floor 7 Room T07-67, Floor 8 Room T08-67
12.30-13.30	LUNCH	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
13.30-15.00	PDW Feedback II – *schedule see below;* Expert Corners II	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1, 2, 3, 4; Floor 3 Room T03-42, Floor 7 Room T07-67
15.00-15.30	COFFEE BREAK	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
15.30-16.00	QCA Community Initiatives – *Julia Bartosch* (COMPASSS)*, Michael Schnitzlein, Dennis Imre* (QCA early career scholar community), Benoît Rihoux (MethodsNET)	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
16.00-17.00	Poster & Best paper award reception	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
17.15-18.00	joint tram ride	Tram stop Burge-meester Oudlaan
18.00-21.00	Networking Dinner	Apartt

WEDNESDAY, December 9		
8:30–9:10	COFFEE AND BREAKFAST	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
09.10-10:30	*Method Development Session 1: Methodological standards* Moderator: Roel Rutten • *Johannes Meuer* — Calibrating Set Membership • *Judith Glaesser* — Calibration, measurement and the importance of thresholds in Qualitative Comparative Analysis • *Martin Schneider, Adrian Dusa, Claus-Jochen Haake* — More Games with QCA: An Update on the Banzhaf Index • Jan Dul and Claude Rubinson – Multimethod NCA-QCA: Producing the NCA-Extended Solution Table (NEST) for Combining Results	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
10.30-11.00	COFFEE BREAK	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
11.00-12.00	*Method Development Session 2: Large N QCA* Moderator: Benoît Rihoux • *Barbara Vis, Jessy Hendriks, Koen Damhuis* — The Best of Two Worlds? Analyzing Over 1,000 Tweets by Politicians Using QCA While Maintaining Case Intimacy • *Sho Niikawa, Ran Chu, Airo Hino* — Taking diminishment seriously: The proposal of inclusion difference in large-N QCA • *Lungta Seki, Taketo Terada, Wakana Azuma, Sho Niikawa, Airo Hino* — Why Do Political Scientists Use QCA? Changing Justifications for Method Choice, 1994–2025	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
12.00-13.00	LUNCH	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
13.00-14.00	*Method Development Session 3: Interpretation and Research Judgements* Moderator: Santi Furnari • *Armand Smits, Priscilla Alamos-Concha* — From configurational solutions to theoretical meaning: Interpretive moves in management research • *Hibat Khyari* — How Much of the Solution Is the Researcher? Auditing Sensitivity to Logical Remainders in Small-N, Interview-Based Crisp-Set QCA • *Chris Willis* — A review of how "we followed emerging standards" in fsQCA	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2

14.00-15.00	*Method Development Session 4: Time & QCA(s)* Moderator: Johannes Meuer • *Bin Chen, Xiaomin Zhang, Bo Yan, Yao Liu, Long Wu* — Public-Sector AI Skill Development across 87 Countries: A Two-Point Longitudinal Configurational Approach • *Sofia Pagliarin, Lasse Gerrits, Tommaso Savini, Ramiro ten Bras* — Connecting the dots: Punctuated equilibrium, tipping points and trajectory-based qualitative comparative analysis (TJ-QCA) • *Roel Rutten* — Connecting case-level and cross-case causality in QCA: A critical realist approach	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
15.00-15.30	COFFEE BREAK	Mandeville Floor 14 Common Area
15.30-16.30	*Method Development Session 5: Computational advancements & Configurational approaches* Moderator: Barbara Vis • *Madeleine Meurer, Peer Fiss* — How Words Do Things Together: Configurational Grammar for Computational Text Analysis • *Santi Furnari, Khodr Badih, Tim Hannigan* — Configurational Topic Modeling: A Relational Approach to Meaning in Large-Scale Textual Data • *Rohit Nishant, Federico Iannacci, Christian Rupietta* — Integrating Generative AI into Generalized Analytic Induction: An Evidence-Grounded and Adversarial Protocol for Configurational Theory Development	Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2
16.30-16.45	Conference wrap up	
16.45-17.00	END OF CONFERENCE / SHORT BREAK	
17.00-18.00	COMPASSS meeting *(invitation only)*	Mandeville Floor 3 T03.42
18.00-18.30	Walk to the water taxi *(invitation only)*	
18.30-19.00	Water taxi ride *(invitation only)*	Plantagelaan
19.00-22.00	Expert dinner *(invitation only)*	Rozey

Preliminary PDW Program

PDW Feedback I – December 8th, 11.00-12.30

Each roundtable discusses three or four papers on related topics with two experts. Each paper gets 20 minutes: the author starts with a brief summary of the paper and the questions they would like feedback on (no slides required), followed by feedback from the experts and discussion with the group. With four papers this adds up to 80 minutes; the remaining time is for the welcome, a short buffer and the wrap up. Please read the other papers in your roundtable beforehand; the experts will do so as well.

PDW Feedback Ia – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 2

Theme: **Social, community and lifestyle entrepreneurship**

Experts: Julia Bartosch, Lien Denoo

Papers discussed:

- *Jeanette Ng, Martin Lukeš*: Configuring Strategic Pathways to Organizational Sustainability in Early-Stage Social Enterprises
- *Lonneke Weterings, Caroline Witte*: Adapting Without Abundance: How Material Constraint Organizations Respond to Climate Change
- *Nick Tamo von Andrian, Leonard Frank, Arnim Wiek*: Scaling community-supported food businesses through regional umbrella organizations: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of 15 cases in Germany and Switzerland
- *Giorgia Di Summa, Pursey Heugens, Sai Kalvapalle*: Energizing or depleting? Lifestyle ventures as sites of interaction rituals and emotional energy

PDW Feedback Ib – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 3

Theme: **New ventures: growth, scaling and financing**

Experts: Johannes Meuer, Chris Willis

Papers discussed:

- *Satish Kumar, Dhirendra Mani Shukla*: Return on (Signal) Portfolio: A Configurational Study of Social Enterprise Equity Financing
- *Keith Murphy*: Platform Launches and Short-Term profitability: evidence from Belgian platforms
- *Emmanuel Agha, Christian Lechner, Joris Ebbers*: Many roads to scale: A configurational analysis of the conditions and constraints under which new ventures scale

PDW Feedback Ic – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 4

Theme: **People and collaboration in organizations**

Experts: Santi Furnari, Aleksandra Rudawska

Papers discussed:

- *Tiago Gonçalves, Carla Curado*: Patterns of Complex Individual Performance in Hotels: A Configurational Study
- *Elena Pöhlmann*: From Membership to Mobilization: Career Resources in Women's Leadership Networks
- *Annalisa Bonavita*: Beyond participation: Configurations of internal environmental activism
- *Claudia Heese*: When Ecosystems Are Engineered or Explorative: A Configurational Review of Successful Interdisciplinary Research

PDW Feedback Id – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 3 Room T03-42

Theme: **Democracy, regimes and statehood**

Experts: Benoît Rihoux, Seweryn Krupnik

Papers discussed:

- *Nikolas Karanikolas*: Pathways to Democratisation: A Fuzzy-Set QCA of Democratic Transitions in Sub-Saharan Africa during the 1990s
- *Ben King-Beck*: Drivers of incumbent turnover in flawed elections
- *Tina Rosner-Merker*: Insights into the Derecognition of Statehood. The Interplay of factors contributing to a phenomenon affecting individual lives, regional conflicts, statehood as such and international relations

PDW Feedback Ie – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 7 Room T07-67

Theme: **Digital government and public sector innovation**

Experts: Barbara Vis, Rohit Nishant

Papers discussed:

- *Jieqiong Wu, Yijun Wang, Yun Zhang*: Understanding Variation in AI Implementation in Local Government: A Configurational Analysis of 73 Chinese Cities
- *Stany Nzobonimpa*: A QCA Empirical Application of a New AI Equity Index
- *Nadia Cesario, Luigi M. De Luca, Yingli Wang*: Pathways to Operational Maturity in European Data Spaces: A Configurational Analysis
- *Robert van der Have*: Two perspectives of value: Configurational pathways to social innovation impact in European public sector agencies

PDW Feedback If – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 8 Room T08-67

Theme: **Environmental governance**

Experts: Sofia Pagliarin, Anna Sławik

Papers discussed:

- *Anne Kokkonen*: Institutional complexity and the green transition of Nordic countries
- *Carole Piedeloup*: Conflict escalation over water-sharing projects in France
- *Cathy Rubinos, Ana M. Olaizola Tolosana, Lydia de la Cruz-Amo, Irene Pérez-Ibarra, Elsa Varela*: Collaborative Management of the Forest: Factors Explaining Silvopastoralism in Mediterranean Midmountain Regions

PDW Feedback Ig – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 2

Theme: **Time and process in QCA**

Experts: Lasse Gerrits, Christian Rupietta

Papers discussed:

- *Dennis Imre, Philipp Buchwald, Christiana Weber*: From Configurational Fit to Conditioned Transition: A Longitudinal Perspective on Firm Growth
- *Samuel Sharp*: Dynamics of African Democratic Resilience
- *Leonard Can Stratmann, Karsten Zimmermann*: Delays in plan approval procedures for S-Bahn infrastructure projects in Germany

Expert Corner I – December 8th, 11.00-12.30, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 1

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Experts: Bin Chen, Jan Dul, Peer Fiss, Santi Furnari, Judith Glaesser, Fadi Hirzalla, Sho Niikawa, Roel Rutten, Martin Schneider, Armand Smits

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PDW Feedback IIa – December 8th, 13.30-15.00, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 2

Theme: **Strategy, leadership and corporate governance**

Experts: Peer Fiss, Tiago Gonçalves

Papers discussed:

- *Philipp Buchwald, Christiana Weber*: Developing a Typology of CEOs: A Configurational Approach to Personal Values in Upper Echelons Theory
- *Loretto Leavy*: Constructing a theory of board behavioural processes: Configurational evidence of process and context in capacity outcomes
- *Murat Tarakci, Lonneke Weterings, Luca Berchicci*: Flight as a Response to Negative Performance Feedback

PDW Feedback IIb – December 8th, 13.30-15.00, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 3

Theme: **QCA with survey and experimental data**

Experts: Judith Glaesser, Fadi Hirzalla

Papers discussed:

- *Julia Baumgarten, Sylvia Hubner-Benz*: Scrolling for Stereotypes: The Gendered Evaluation of Entrepreneurs' Social Media Communication about Serendipity
- *Jiayi Zhu, Weiyin Hong*: A Configurational Approach Towards the Understanding of Phishing Susceptibility
- *Marie Neumann, Benedikt Heuckmann*: Beyond Observable Teaching Behavior: Investigating the Role of Domain-Specific Technology-Related Beliefs in Cognitively Activating Technology-Enhanced Biology Instruction

PDW Feedback IIc – December 8th, 13.30-15.00, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 4

Theme: **Law, institutions and political economy**

Experts: Martin Schneider, Bin Chen

Papers discussed:

- *Leo Matsuka*: Mapping Judicial Intervention: Political Party Dissolution Cases in Turkey under the 1982 Constitution
- *Liz Lopez, Jieqiong Wu*: Red flags in public procurement: face mask scandals and corruption in Covid-19
- *Kurt Vandaele*: Unions challenging governments: identifying conditions for workers' mass mobilisation and Belgium's high private-sector strike volume, 1991–2025

PDW Feedback IId – December 8th, 13.30-15.00, Mandeville Floor 3 Room T03-42

Theme: **Energy and sustainability transitions**

Experts: Roel Rutten, Karsten Zimmermann

Papers discussed:

- *Joao Estevao*: Permissive Shocks, Productive Institutions: Renewable-Energy Acceleration across the EU-27 around the 2022 Energy Crisis
- *Andres Felipe Rey Ladino, Johannes Meuer, Gordon Wilmsmeier*: Policy mixes for net-zero readiness: Pathways for decarbonizing road freight in emerging countries
- *Tobias Held*: Revealing trajectories that electrify urban transport: A trajectory-based qualitative comparative analysis of policy mixes of 13 urban battery electric vehicle transitions
- *Marlena Spieß, Lars Holstenkamp*: Pathways to Innovation: A Configurational Analysis of German Renewable Energy Communities

PDW Feedback IIe – December 8th, 13.30-15.00, Mandeville Floor 7 Room T07-67

Theme: **Health, care and wellbeing**

Experts: Jan Dul, Armand Smits

Papers discussed:

- *Marco Carradore*: Configurations of Social Networks and Well-Being Among Informal Caregivers: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis
- *Dasup Lim, Lasse Gerrits, Sofia Pagliarin*: Public Spaces for Sustainable Ageing in Place: Configurational Pathways to Older Adults' Social Well-being in Seoul, Tokyo, and Taipei
- *Liqing Li, Xiang Ting, Liu Jie, Wan Lihan, Lu Zuxun*: Multiple Pathways and Action Mechanisms for Allocation Efficiency of High-Quality healthcare resources: Evidence from fsQCA and Complex Mediation Model

PDW Feedback IIf – December 8th, 13.30-15.00, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 2

Theme: **Large N QCA**

Experts: Madeleine Meurer, Sho Niikawa

Papers discussed:

- *Michael Schnitzlein*: Navigating the Feedback Fog: Firm Strategies in Complex Evaluation Regimes
- *Efi Vasileiou, Sylvain Max*: Multiple Pathways to Student Mental Health Vulnerability: A configurational Analysis of Depressive Symptoms in French Higher Education
- *André Vella*: Beyond Absolute and Qualified Immunity: Institutional Configurations of Parliamentary Speech in 151 Commonwealth Legislatures

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Additional information regarding Methods Workshops

On Monday 7 December we offer four methods workshops, described below. Workshops 1a and 1b run in parallel, so you can join one of the two.

Workshop 1a: Getting Calibration Right

Facilitator: Roel Rutten

Monday 7 December, 14.30 to 15.45, Mandeville Floor 14 Classroom 4 (in parallel with Workshop 1b)

Calibration is QCA's most critical step: it turns concepts and evidence about cases into set membership values. This workshop treats calibration as a dialogue between ideas and evidence. Topics include defining conditions, calibrating cases versus source variables, crisp and fuzzy sets, calibrating qualitative, quantitative and Likert scale data, direct and indirect calibration, the meaning of the crossover point, the flaws of data driven calibration, and establishing the validity of a calibration. For new and experienced QCA users.

To prepare, have a look at the handout: A Handout for Getting Calibration Right

Bring your own question: you are welcome to send a calibration question in advance, by Monday 30 November, to be discussed in the workshop. Please email it to Roel Rutten at r.p.j.h.rutten@tilburguniversity.edu

Workshop 1b: Time-based QCA(s)

Facilitators: Lasse Gerrits and Sofia Pagliarin

Monday 7 December, 14.30 to 15.45, Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2 (in parallel with Workshop 1a)

Although QCA first appeared in a time agnostic form, it is inherently temporal: Ragin's (1987) book already presented it as a systematic way to formalise comparative historical analysis. This workshop continues the reflection on the central role of time in QCA. Possible topics include the differences and overlaps between temporal variants of QCA, a shared terminology, experiences with applying these variants, advances and new approaches, temporal ways of conceptualising conditions, outcomes and calibration, and blind spots the QCA community still needs to address.

Related literature and events:

- Gerrits, L., & Verweij, S. (2026). Strategies to account for time and process in Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA). International Journal of Social Research Methodology. https://doi.org/10.1080/13645579.2026.2667417
- Gerrits, L., & Pagliarin, S. (2022). Time-in-QCA (TiQ) International Workshop. Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS). Workshop report

Workshop 2: QCA & AI

Facilitator: Madeleine Meurer

Monday 7 December, 16.15 to 17.00, Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2

QCA involves a long chain of interdependent decisions. They require considerable methodological expertise and are often not documented well enough for others to evaluate or reproduce them. This workshop introduces QCA Auditor, a new decision support tool that uses generative AI to make this expertise more accessible and to strengthen rigour and transparency.

Madeleine Meurer developed QCA Auditor for the QCA community and will show how it works in practice. We will then test and discuss the tool together, and your feedback will help to validate and refine it before its public launch in spring 2027.

All EQCA participants receive personal access for the whole of December 2026, and we will email the access details at the end of November. Please explore the tool before the workshop, so that the discussion can build on your first experiences.

Tool: https://qca-ai-for-compasss.vercel.app/

QCA Auditor introduction video

Workshop 3: Mapping the Future of QCA

Facilitators: Seweryn Krupnik, Roel Rutten, Johannes Meuer, Claude Rubinson, Julia Bartosch, Lasse Gerrits, Anna Sławik, Aleksandra Rudawska and Esther Staes

Monday 7 December, 17.00 to 18.25, Mandeville Floor 14 Classrooms 1+2

The QCA Research Agenda project surveyed experienced QCA researchers (more than 70 responses so far) on the priorities the community should address: theorising and causal claims, analytical procedures such as calibration, robustness and solution selection, and practical challenges in applying and communicating QCA. In a World Café format with rotating tables (theorising, analytical procedures, practical application, and the tensions between them), you discuss the survey findings, compare them with your own experience and help prioritise next steps for the field. Open to QCA researchers at every career stage.

Additional information regarding the Method Development Workshop

Each paper has a 20 minute slot: 15 minutes for the presentation and 5 minutes for questions. A moderator chairs each session, introduces the speakers, keeps time and opens the floor for questions. Please keep to your slot so that every paper gets its full time.

Hotel

The Usual Rotterdam (Westblaak 10, near Beurs)
Yes, the hotel is really called "The Usual"! 😉

We recommend The Usual, a modern, sustainability-focused hotel in the heart of Rotterdam. It offers comfortable, stylish accommodation, a welcoming café and bar, and shared spaces where you can work or relax. The hotel is centrally located, surrounded by restaurants, cafés, and shops, making it a great base for exploring Rotterdam and joining informal gatherings with fellow conference participants.

The Beurs metro station is just a three-minute walk away, providing convenient connections to Erasmus University. Rotterdam Centraal is also reachable within a short metro ride (2min) or by walking (approximately 15–20 minutes).



Alternative accommodation

If you prefer another hotel, we recommend staying in Rotterdam's city centre, ideally near Beurs, Blaak, or Eendrachtsplein. These areas offer plenty of restaurants and cafés, good public transport connections to Erasmus University, and easy access to the city's main attractions.

Novotel Rotterdam Brainpark is another option and is located very close to the university campus. However, we generally recommend staying in the city centre, as it is more convenient for enjoying Rotterdam in the evenings and joining conference dinners and social activities.

Transportation

Arriving by plane: Amsterdam Schiphol

To reach Rotterdam, we recommend taking a plane to Amsterdam Schiphol and then the train directly from the airport station (located beneath the terminal).

There are two convenient options:

- *Intercity Direct (high-speed):* a fast, non-stop connection to Rotterdam Centraal, taking around 25 minutes (note: a small surcharge applies).
- *Regular Intercity trains:* slightly slower services with a few intermediate stops, taking around 30–40 minutes, with no surcharge.

Both options run frequently throughout the day, and no reservation is required. Tickets can be purchased at Schiphol station, via the NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen) app, or simply by tapping a contactless card at the gates.

Arriving by train (within the Netherlands or from neighbouring countries)

Rotterdam is well connected by train, both domestically and internationally, with Rotterdam Centraal as the main hub.

- *Domestic travel (within the Netherlands):* Operated by NS (Nederlandse Spoorwegen), these are frequent Intercity and Sprinter trains connecting cities such as Amsterdam, Utrecht, The Hague, and Eindhoven. No seat reservation is needed, and you can travel flexibly using a ticket or contactless payment.
- *International travel (neighbouring countries):* Managed by NS International, these trains connect Rotterdam to cities such as Brussels, Antwerp, and beyond. Tickets are typically booked in advance, and some services require seat reservations.
- *High-speed services (e.g., Eurostar):* Eurostar operates high-speed trains connecting Rotterdam directly to cities such as Brussels, Paris, and London. These trains are the fastest option, require advance booking and seat reservation, and include airport-style check-in procedures for certain routes (e.g., London).

In general, domestic trains offer maximum flexibility, while international and high-speed services are faster over longer distances but require more planning.

Arriving by car at Erasmus University

Our campus is easily accessible by bicycle and public transport. If you do come by car, you can park for a parking fee in one of the two car parks, both with a maximum height of 2.10 meters:

- The Plaza parking garage (accessible 24/7)
- The Mandeville parking garage (open Monday to Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Payment terminals

The payment terminals are located in the two parkings near the exits. Payment can be made by PIN or credit card. The payment machines are wheelchair accessible.

Public transport in Rotterdam

Rotterdam has a very efficient and easy-to-use public transport system, operated by RET (Rotterdamse Elektrische Tram). It connects all major parts of the city and is typically the fastest way to get around.

The *metro* is the backbone of the system and especially useful for longer distances.

- Fast, frequent, and reliable
- Connects key areas such as Rotterdam Centraal, business districts, and surrounding municipalities
- Ideal for traveling across the river (north ↔ south Rotterdam)

The *tram* network is perfect for inner-city travel.

- Frequent stops and dense coverage
- Great for short distances and sightseeing
- Runs through central areas, shopping streets, and residential neighborhoods

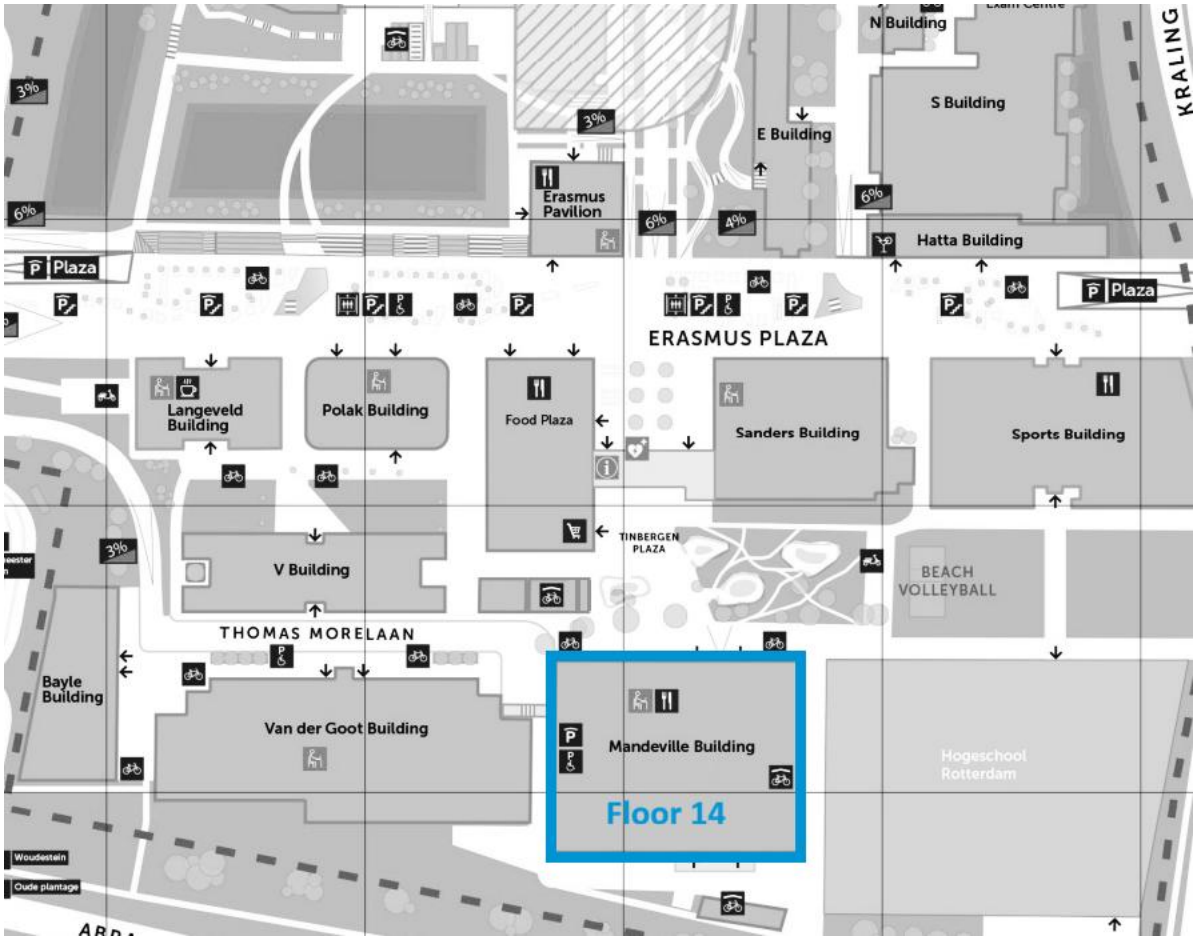
Buses complement metro and tram lines and are useful for areas not directly served by metro or tram

Tickets & payment

- You can simply check in and out with a contactless debit/credit card (OVpay)
- Alternatively, use an OV-chipkaart or buy tickets via the RET app
- No need to pre-plan routes—just tap and go

Practical note: Within the city center, many locations are also easily reachable on foot or by bike, but public transport is the most convenient option for longer distances or when traveling between venues.

Erasmus University Campus



WhatsApp Group (Optional)

We have created a WhatsApp group for the EQCA Conference to facilitate informal communication during the event (e.g., coordination, quick updates, or spontaneous meet-ups).

Joining is entirely optional.
However, if you would like to stay easily connected with other participants during the event, you are very welcome to do so.

Simply scan the QR code to join the group.



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About Rotterdam School of Management

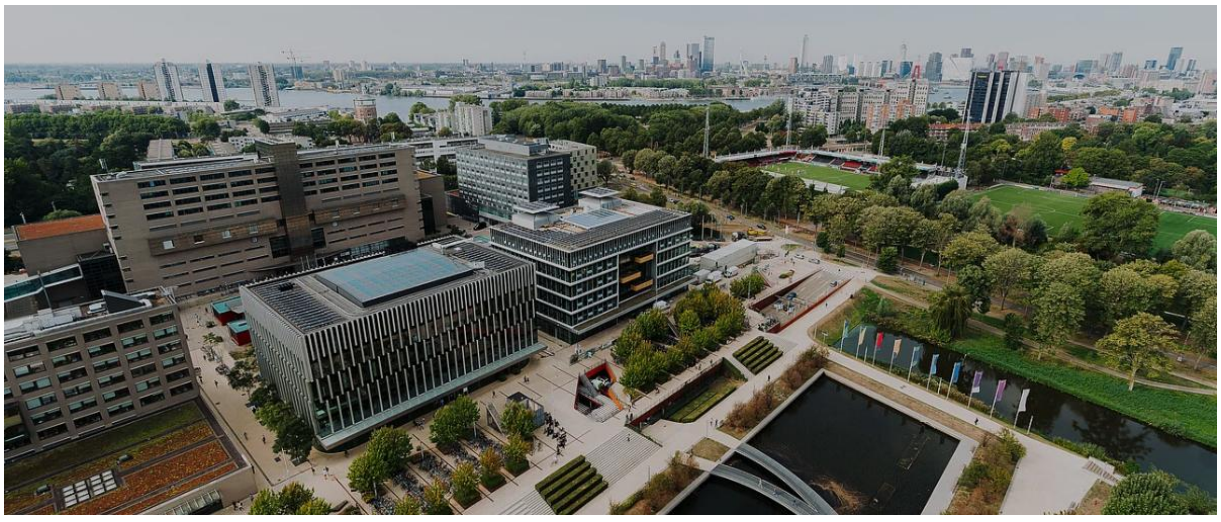
With its mission to be a force for positive change in the world, Rotterdam School of Management, Erasmus University (RSM) has firmly established its reputation over 50 years as one of Europe's most international and innovative business schools.

RSM's primary focus is on developing business leaders with international careers who can become a force for positive change by carrying their innovative mindset into a sustainable future. Our first-class portfolio of bachelor, master, MBA, PhD and executive programmes encourage people to become critical, creative, caring and collaborative thinkers and doers.

Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies

The Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS) is an education, advisory and research institute founded in 1958 as a part of the post-war reconstruction of the city of Rotterdam. In the early 2000s, IHS became part of the Erasmus University Rotterdam and is now located on the Woudestein Campus.

For 65 years, our mission has been to develop human and institutional capacities, reduce poverty and improve the quality of life in cities. Looking at cities from different perspectives, we educate urban professionals with diverse backgrounds, consult national and local governments from the Global South and engage in cutting-edge urban research. Bringing practical experience from real-life projects back to the classroom, we inspire collaboration and co-creation of urban knowledge. Together with our partners, we work at the forefront of urban development to improve the well-being of people living in cities. IHS is about making cities work for all.



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