2024 Young Scholar Award
Emma Pleeging

- Senior researcher and project coordinator at the Erasmus Happiness Economics Research Organisation (EHERO) at Erasmus University Rotterdam

- Her work focuses on the role of positive experiences such as happiness and hope in society, organisations and for individuals. She has written extensively on the meaning, relevance and measurement of hope from an interdisciplinary perspective.

- Published six papers on hope in international journals since 2020, one received a best paper award, and her dissertation on hope also received a best dissertation award in 2022. Also, she coordinates projects aimed at increasing worker-wellbeing in Dutch organisations.

- In her dissertation, she focused specifically on the definition, role and measurement of hope.

- She has been a member of ISQOLS since the first year she visited its conference in 2016. The community surrounding ISQOLS has been incredibly uplifting and supportive in the development of her career. She has greatly enjoyed both the informal talks with a greatly diverse and positive-minded group of people, as well as the formal opportunities to present her work and receive recognition from academics she greatly admires.

- ISQOLS 2023 Post Doctoral Fellow