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## **Curriculum Vitae**

Marija Maric was born on April 15<sup>th</sup> 1977 in Banja Luka (former Yugoslavia). She attended gymnasium in Zagreb (Croatia) and moved to the Netherlands in 1995. In 1999 she started her Psychology degree at the Leiden University and specialized in Clinical Psychology. Following her graduation in 2003 she was employed as a researcher at Leiden University's departments of Clinical Psychology and Developmental Psychology. In 2005 Marija received a Mozaiek grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO), which enabled her to conduct her PhD study at the department of Developmental Psychology. The topic of the study was to investigate mediators and moderators of cognitive-behavioural treatment outcomes for school refusal of which the results are (partially) presented in this dissertation. Since August 2010 Marija is an assistant professor at the department of Developmental Psychology of the University of Amsterdam researching mediators and moderators of youth treatment outcomes.