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Coco Kanters was born in Arnhem on February 20, 1988. She attended the Etty Hillesum Lyceum between 2000 and 2005, where she concluded her secondary education. She then obtained her first-year degree in Communication Management at the Hogeschool Utrecht. In 2007, Coco began her studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS) at Utrecht University. In 2008 she started her second degree in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology. She conducted fieldwork in Belize, which resulted in a BSc thesis on the political identification of the Garifuna. Her BA thesis was an interdisciplinary work on how information travels in complex systems on a molecular and a social level. She concluded both studies *cum laude* in 2011. Coco started working as a teacher for LAS in 2010 and between 2011 and 2012 she worked at the department of Teacher Professionalisation at the University Medical Centre Utrecht. She began her Master's degree in Anthropology in 2012 at University College London (UCL) with a scholarship from the Dr. Hendrik Müller Vaderlandsch Fonds. She concluded with a thesis on alternative exchange, based on ethnographic research in Greece, for which she received the UCL Fieldwork Award. Coco obtained her Master of Research degree with distinction in 2013. She proceeded to work with an interdisciplinary team at UCL's Centre for the Study of Decision-making Uncertainty, looking into the psychological consequences of the global financial crisis. She then worked for a social enterprise building an edible roof garden, until she obtained a scholarship from the Dutch Research Council (NWO) *Talentenbeurs* to execute her research proposal on 'the institutionalisation of alternative currencies', timed between August 2015 and August 2020. As part of her fieldwork, Coco worked as a consultant in the field of alternative currencies. She also taught in the anthropology master Sustainable Citizenship at Utrecht University. In 2017 she relocated her academic affiliation along with her supervisor from Utrecht University to the Institute of Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology at Leiden University, where she took seat in the Faculty Council. Currently, Coco continues to lecture at LAS and coordinates the Honours Programme for the School of Liberal Arts at Utrecht University.