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Curriculum Vitae

Anneke Koning was born in 1989 in Bergschenhoek (NL). After finishing her secondary education in Rotterdam, she received her bachelor's degree (*summa cum laude*) in Liberal Arts & Sciences at University College Utrecht in 2010, majoring in social science (psychology, political science, and criminology), with minors in journalism and statistics. The following year she obtained her Master of Philosophy degree in Criminological Research from Cambridge University, where she was awarded the Manuel-López Rey prize (*proxime accessit*) for best overall performance in the program.

From 2012 to 2014, she worked in policy at the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice, divided into six-month deployments to different parts of the national government ('Rijkstraineeship'). Her work covered topics such as the establishment of the national police (Directorate-General for the Police), combatting child pornography (Directorate for Law Enforcement and Crime Fighting), as well as human rights diplomacy during a deployment to Geneva (Permanent Representation of the Netherlands to the United Nations).

She returned to criminology in 2014 as a lecturer at Leiden University. Alongside teaching, she conducted a literature study commissioned by Politie en Wetenschap on Dutch SECTT offenders. This study inspired her PhD research proposal, for which she secured funding through a Research Talent Award from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO). She started her PhD research project at the Institute for Criminal Law and Criminology at Leiden Law School in 2017. During her PhD, she taught and supervised thesis students, presented at international conferences, participated in several scientific advisory boards, was a member of the Faculty Council, and lectured part-time at her alma mater UCU.

In March 2023 she started a new job as Assistant Professor at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, where she continues to conduct research on SECTT. She is currently building a tiny house and splits her personal time between the Netherlands and Galicia (Spain).