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## Curriculum Vitæ

Andrea Fariña Pérez was born on December 11th 1989 in Rockville, Maryland USA. In 2011, she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Economics and in 2012 received her Master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Maryland, College Park. Soon after, she worked as a consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. where she was primarily responsible for analyzing crime rates and penitentiary system data. Andrea moved to the Netherlands in 2016 and completed her Master's studies in Neuroeconomics at Maastricht University. In October 2018, she began her PhD studies at Leiden University at the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Her research project involved examining the neural bases for social preferences and intergroup conflict.

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