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After finishing secondary education at the Konrad-Heresbach-Gymnasium in Mettmann (Germany), Katharina obtained a BSc in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology at Radboud University in Nijmegen in 2016, followed by a MSc in Crisis- and Security Management at Leiden University in 2018. After graduation, Katharina continued to work as a junior lecturer at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs in the Bachelor Security Studies until starting a position as Doctoral Candidate with the research group Violence and Violence Interventions in 2020.

Next to her doctoral research, Katharina has been involved in a variety of research projects, including EU-funded project TARGET and INSIGHT (both under lead of the Flemish Peace Institute) which aimed to improve the intelligence picture of firearm violence in Europe to aid policymaking, a project on the intergenerational transmission of extremist ideologies, left-wing radicalization, and the criminal use of explosives in the Netherlands. With the idea that research should always be relevant for scientific and societal purpose, Katharina has closely collaborated with practitioners throughout her projects and engaged with the open science community.