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Curriculum Vitae

Ramona Negrón was born in Gouda, The Netherlands, in 1997. In 2015, she began her BA-studies History at Leiden University, graduating in 2018 in the specialization of economic history. Her BA thesis, *Het bloed spreekt. De Zeeuwse lorrendraaiers en hun banden met de WIC, 1713-1720*, studied the smuggling practices of WIC Directors in Zeeland. In 2018, she started her MA Colonial and Global History at Leiden University, transferring to the Research Master's program in 2021. Her MA thesis, *The Enslaved Children of the Dutch World. Trade, Plantations, and Households in the Eighteenth Century*, studied how enslaved children experienced their childhoods, graduating *cum laude* in 2022.

That same year, she began her PhD research as part of the NWO-funded project *Exploiting the Empires of Others: Dutch Investment in Foreign Colonial Resources, 1570-1800* at Leiden University under the supervision of Prof. dr. Cátia Antunes and dr. Susana Münch Miranda (Universidade Nova de Lisboa). During her PhD trajectory, she was a member of the N.W. Posthumus Institute. At Leiden University, she completed courses on Academic Writing, Scientific Integrity, Teaching. She taught the BA courses *Statistiek voor Historici*, *Oud Schrift*, and *De Nederlandse Slavenhandel in Internationaal Perspectief*, and delivered several guest lectures at the BA and MA levels.

In October 2024, she commenced a postdoctoral position at the Royal Dutch Institute for Caribbean and Southeast Asia Studies (KITLV-KNAW) in the NWO-funded project *How Slaves Became Citizens: Proto-Citizenship, Empowerment, and Inequality in the Age of Emancipation, 1770-1930* under the supervision of dr. Karwan Fatah-Black. She has published on slavery and colonial history, including *De grootste slavenhandelaren van Amsterdam. Over Jochem Matthijs en Coenraad Smitt* (Walburg Pers, 2022) and *The Dutch Transatlantic Slave Trade. New Methods, Perspectives, and Sources* (Amsterdam University Press, 2025).