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Curriculum Vitae

Floor van Rooij, born in Amsterdam on June the 7th 1977, graduated from secondary school (Barlaeus gymnasium) in 1995. After following several language courses in Ankara, Turkey, she studied educational sciences at the University of Amsterdam. During her study she worked as a student assistant in some research projects and helped with several courses at the department of educational sciences. Furthermore, she followed a number of courses at the department of Turkish languages and culture, Leiden University. In 2000 she followed another language course in Istanbul, where she also collected literature for a literature study about attitudes towards disabled people in Turkey. Her master thesis focused on parenting, parenthood arrangements and the experiences of planned gay fathers in comparison with gay fathers with children from a previous heterosexual relationship. In 2001 she received her master degree Cum Laude. In September 2002, after working as a research assistant, she started as a PhD candidate at the University of Amsterdam. She conducted a research project about the experiences of involuntarily childless Turkish migrants in the Netherlands. In addition to her own research, she taught various courses, co-organized an international conference for the society of reproductive and infant psychology and a two-days invited colloquium with international researchers in the field of ethnic minorities and reproductive technologies. She was a co-guest editor of a special issue of the Journal of Psychosomatic Obstetrics and Gynaecology about the influence of social and cultural factors on infertility and new reproductive technologies. She is currently working as a researcher at the research department of the Public Health Service of Amsterdam (GGD Amsterdam). Furthermore, she is co-editing a book about ethnicity, infertility and reproductive technologies to be published during the coming winter.