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Dr Ania Fiksinski (Ph.D.) is a psychologist and researcher based in the Netherlands. She is currently working as a psychologist and postdoctoral researcher at the Wilhelmina Children's Hospital, University Medical Center Utrecht (the Netherlands).

Ania finished her MSc. training as a psychologist in 2013 (Utrecht, the Netherlands) and obtained her PhD degree in February 2021, which she conducted under the supervision of Prof. Anne Bassett (Toronto), Prof. Rene Kahn (Utrecht/New York), and Dr Jacob Vorstman (Toronto/Utrecht). The Ph.D. dissertation, focusing on individuals with 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, can be found online.

Ania remains closely affiliated with The Dalglish Family 22q Clinic (Canada) and Maastricht University, where she has conducted several research projects. She also acts as an Advisor to The 22q11.2 Society and holds close ties to several national and international patient advocate organizations. Her research focuses on understanding cognitive and behavioral trajectories in the context of a pathogenic genetic variant such as the 22q11.2 deletion, including the study of both genetic and (early) phenotypic factors, as well as different age groups, as to eventually improve understanding of these expressions across the entire lifespan. An important objective is to find ways in which scientific insights can be translated into useful guidelines or tools for clinical / daily practice of her patients.