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### **Bio and Research Statement**

Mariia Alekseevskaja is a PhD candidate in Sociology at the School of Sociological and Anthropological Studies (University of Ottawa) under the supervision of Professor Philippe Couton. Her research interests are closely connected with the study of how ethnic and religious identities of immigrants influence the ways of their integration into Canadian society. Also, she examines various issues which Canadian religiously diverse education system faces today.

Mariia's thesis project is devoted to the analysis of private school system, established by postwar Dutch Reformed immigrants, and its influence on the worldview of its graduates and their functioning in Canadian society.

Mariia has a Master Degree in Religious Studies and a Bachelor Degree in Journalism from St. Petersburg State University.