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### About

**Title of PhD:** Social and emotional functioning in adolescents with autistic spectrum disorders and conduct disorder

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I am doing a PhD focusing on the empathic and socio-emotional functioning of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and conduct disorder. I am also interested in the cultural differences between Spanish and British individuals regarding their socio-emotional capacities.

### Qualifications

- BSc. Psychology (5 years degree), University of Comillas (Spain)

### Biography

I graduated in 2011 from University of Comillas in Spain with a 5 years degree in Psychology. As part of my BSc, I worked at the psychology unit of Court Police (Spain), investigating indirect methods to evaluate personality traits of people implicated in criminal offences. Since 2012, I have been working as a doctoral researcher at the University of Birmingham. My PhD research focuses on the empathic and socio-emotional functioning of individuals with autism spectrum disorders and conduct disorder. Additionally, I am comparing the empathic and socio-emotional capacities of Spanish and British individuals.

### Research

#### Research interests

Conduct, personality, and developmental disorders, socio-emotional deficits in clinical populations, empathy.

### Other activities

I am working as a mentor for psychology students and also for students considering the university in Spain.

I am part of the TA scheme at the School of Psychology.

### Publications

Ferreiro Molina, R. & Vilas Sanz, S.P. (2011). Homeboy Industries: una experiencia de prácticum internacional. *Miscelánea Comillas: Revista de Teología y Ciencias Humanas*, 69 (134), 347-355.