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## About me

I am a PhD student at the University of Amsterdam, within the Psychological Methods research group. My research is funded by an NWO Talent Grant and it is concerned with the application of network analysis to psychiatric disorders. My work so far has been looking at interrelations between environmental exposure and symptoms of psychotic disorders.

**Sex:** Female

**Date of birth:** 14.08.1992

**Nationality:** Romanian

## Skills

### Computer:

- Psychology software: R, SPSS, E-Prime
- ECDL Core Certificate
- Microsoft Office tools

### Languages:

Romanian (native)  
English (fluent)  
Dutch (beginner)

## Education

Sep 2014 - Aug 2016 **Master of Science**, University of Amsterdam, Research Master Psychology, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- Graduated: August 2016 (cum merit)
- Specialization: Psychological Methods
- Minor: Clinical Psychology

Sep 2011 - Jul 2014 **Bachelor of Science**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- Specialization: Neuroscience
- Dissertation: The Effects of Cognitive Distraction on Motor Performance in Laparoscopic Surgery

Sep 2007 - Jul 2011 **Romanian Baccalaureate Diploma**, Colegiul National Sfântul Sava, Bucharest, Romania

## Experience

Sep 2016 - Present **PhD Candidate**, University of Amsterdam, Department of Psychological Methods, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Project:** Psychosis - Towards a Dynamical Systems Approach
- **Supervisors:** Prof Denny Borsboom & Prof Jim van Os
- **Funded by:** NWO Research Talent Grant

In 2016 I was awarded the prestigious research talent grant by NWO to continue my work on the application of network analysis to psychiatric disorders.

Mar 2016 - Apr 2016 **Teaching Assistant Structural Equation Modeling**, Research Master Psychology, University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Tasks:** Answering student questions, handling and grading the homework and student presentations

Sep 2014 - Mar 2015 **Member Student Faction (Academic Team)**, University of Amsterdam, Research Master Psychology, Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Tasks:** organizing conferences and relevant academic events, keeping contact with the Psychology Department and the PhD Faction.

Sep 2013 - Jun 2014 **Writer and Researcher: "Psynapse" Magazine**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- **Tasks:** keeping up-to-date with the research undertaken in the Institute of Psychological Sciences and regularly writing a column in "Psynapse", the Institute's magazine.



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Oct 2013 - Mar 2014 **Organizer: "Alumni Psychology Conference - Life After Graduation"**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- **Funded by:** Leeds for Life Foundation Grant, awarded to organizing the first student-led psychology conference within the Psychology Department
- **Core themes:** employability, skills development, life and career choices after graduation

Feb 2013 - Jul 2013 **Research Assistant - Research Experience Scheme for Undergraduate Students (RESUS)**, University of Leeds, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom

- **Tasks:** Participant recruitment, testing and data collection, retrieval and assessment of relevant journal articles
- Worked under the supervision of a PhD student, for a study investigating the development of children's temporal memory using a kinematic assessment tool

Jul 2010 - Aug 2011 **Board Member**, Young Initiative non-Governmental Organization (NGO), Bucharest, Romania

- **Tasks:** Decision making in terms of internal affairs of the NGO, as well as recruitment and training of new volunteers
- Non-profit organization promoting projects in the field of youth education

## Publications

Full text pdf files of these publications be found on my website at <http://www.adelaisvoranu.com/publications>

Main Author Publications:

- **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Boyette, L.L., Guloksuz, S., Borsboom, D. (2017). Network Models of Psychosis. Submitted in *Dimension of Psychosis*. Oxford, United Kingdom: Oxford University Press.
- **Isvoranu, A. M.**, van Borkulo, C. D., Boyette, L., Wigman, J. T. W., Vinkers, C. H., Borsboom, D. (2016). A Network Approach to Psychosis: Pathways Between Childhood Trauma and Psychotic Symptoms. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 43(1), 187-196.
- **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Borsboom, D., van Os, J. & Guloksuz, S. (2016). A Network Approach to Environmental Impact in Psychotic Disorder: Brief Theoretical Framework. *Schizophrenia Bulletin*, 42(4), 870-873.



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### Collaborations:

- Abacioglu, C. S., **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Epskamp, S., Verkuyten, M., & Thijs, J. (2017). The Influence of Teacher Factors on Pupil Motivation: A Comparative Network Analysis. *Submitted*.
- Epskamp, S., van Borkulo, C. D., van der Veen, D. C., Servaas, M. N., **Isvoranu, A. M.**, Riese, H., Cramer, A. O. J. (2016). Personalized Network Modeling in Psychopathology: The Importance of Contemporaneous and Temporal Connections. *Submitted*.
- van Rooijen, G., **Isvoranu, A. M.**, van Borkulo, C. D., Meijer, C. J., Wigman, J. T. W., Ruhé H. G., de Haan, L., GROUP (in press). Distinguishing depressive and negative symptoms during the course of schizophrenia. *Schizophrenia Research*.
- van Rooijen, **Isvoranu, A. M.**, G., Meijer, C. J., van Borkulo, Ruhé H. G., de Haan, L., GROUP (in press). A Symptom Network Structure of the Psychosis Spectrum. *Schizophrenia Research*.

## Teaching

- Supervisor Miniscriptie (Bachelor course):  
*February 2017 - April 2017*
  - Floor van Duren
  - Anne-Linde van Zuuk
  - Marene Hardonk
- Teaching Assistant Structural Equation Modeling, research master course  
*March 2016 - April 2016*
- Research Assistant, Research Experience Scheme for Undergraduate Students  
*February 2013 - July 2013*

## Conference Attendance

All poster presentations can be found at <http://www.adelaisvoranu.com/posters>

- International Meeting of the Psychometric Society  
*July 2017, Zurich, Switzerland*
- Behaviour Genetics Association Annual Meeting – **Invited Speaker**  
*June 2017, Oslo, Norway*
- Research Master Graduate Conference – **Poster Presentation**  
*October 2016 & October 2015, Amsterdam, Netherlands*
- Conference on Complex Systems  
*September 2016, Amsterdam, Netherlands*
- International Convention of Psychological Sciences  
*March 2015, Amsterdam, Netherlands*
- White Rose Postgraduate Research Conference  
*September 2013, University of Leeds, United Kingdom*
- European Congress of Psychology  
*July 2013, Stockholm, Sweden*
- International Congress of Psychology  
*July 2012, Cape Town, South Africa*



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## Awards & Achievements

- Unilever Research Prize: awarded for first year research master thesis  
*December 2017, Vlaardigen, The Netherlands*
- NWO Talent Grant: *four-year PhD grant*  
*September 2016, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*
- 3rd Place Poster Award: presentation Research Master Graduate Conference  
*October 2016, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*
- 2nd Place Poster Award: presentation Research Master Graduate Conference  
*October 2015, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*
- IPS Civic Award: awarded for Outstanding Contribution to Careers Initiatives  
*May 2014, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom*
- Leeds for Life Foundation Grant: for organizing Alumni Psychology Conference  
*October 2014, Institute of Psychological Sciences, Leeds, United Kingdom*

## Online References

- <http://www.adelaisvoranu.com>  
– My personal website
- [http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Adela\\_Isvoranu/info](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Adela_Isvoranu/info)  
– My Research Gate profile
- <http://www.psychosystems.org>  
– Website of the Psychosystems Research Group where I conduct my PhD research
- <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=Adelaisvoranu>  
– My Google Scholar Profile
- <https://www.linkedin.com/in/adela-isvoranu>  
– My LinkedIn profile

## Referees

Available on request