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Branka Barčot was born in Split, 16 October 1981. After completing language grammar school in Split in 2000, she enrolled at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb where she studied German and Russian language and literature. In April 2006 she graduated with the thesis *Wladimir Kaminer und die interkulturelle Literatur in Deutschland*, which she worked on at the Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany from October 2005 to January 2006 after attaining a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) intended for undergraduate students working on their thesis in German Studies. During her secondary school and her studies she attended several summer foreign language courses abroad (German language course for foreigners in Vienna, Austria, summer of 1999; International summer course in German language and culture at the Ruprecht Karl University in Heidelberg, Germany, August 2001; German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD): scholarship for participation in the summer Academy for Germanists in Southeast Europe in Varna, Bulgaria, September 2003) and she participated in student exchange programmes (summer semester at the Nevsky Institute of Language and Culture in St. Petersburg, Russia in 2005). In June 2008 she passed the exam for court interpreter for German and Russian at the Zagreb County Court. In November 2008 she enrolled at the Postgraduate Doctoral Study Programme in Linguistics at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. In July 2014 she defended her doctoral thesis titled *Wild Animal as a Component in Croatian, Russian and German Phraseology* under the supervision of Professor Željka Fink-Arsovski, PhD and Professor Marija Turk, PhD. From May to August 2012 she conducted research for her dissertation at the University of Ernst-Moritz-Arndt in Greifswald, Germany, for which she received a research grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) intended for PhD students and young researchers.

From 1 October 2008 she has been employed as a research/teaching assistant at the Russian Language Section of the Department of East Slavic Languages and Literatures at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. She worked on the project *Contrastive Study of Russian and Croatian Languages* (project number 130-1300869-0791, Croatian Ministry of Science, Education and Sport) under the guidance of Professor Željka Fink-Arsovski, PhD. After that project finished she continued working on the project *Application of phraseological theory in phraseography* (project number 4054, Croatian Science Foundation) under the guidance of Professor Željka Fink-Arsovski, PhD. Since March 2009 she has taught language courses in German and Russian at the Centre for Foreign Languages, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. From February 2007 to February 2009 she taught German and Russian at the foreign language school *Sputnik*. From February 2007 to February 2008 she worked as a German teacher for Middle School (6th, 7th and 8th grade) and High School (9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade) and in the IB programme at the American International School of Zagreb. In December 2012 she taught German as a substitute teacher at XII Gimnazija (Grammar School) in Zagreb, and from May to September 2006 she worked as a travel companion for tourists from Russian, German and English speaking countries at the Atlas Travel Agency in Dubrovnik.

Since 2007 she has attended a series of seminars organized by the publishing house Hueber and Langenscheidt in cooperation with the Goethe Institute in Zagreb as part of her specialization, and she attended seminars for higher qualifications of teachers in Germany and Russia (the Language Institute Treffpunkt in Bamberg, Germany, July-August 2009; the State Institute of Russian language A.S. Pushkin in Moscow, Russia, July 2010). In August 2011 she attended the International Summer School of Russian Language and Culture "Exploring Siberia '11" in Irkutsk, Russia. She participated in workshops organized by the Office of Doctoral Studies and Programmes at the University of Zagreb: *Creating Project Proposal* in January 2011th and *Academic Conversation and Networking* in February 2011.

Her areas of interest for scholarly research are: phraseology, phraseography, linguistic culturology and semantics. She has participated in international conferences abroad and at home and has published scholarly papers (cf. <http://bib.irb.hr/lista-radova?autor=309334>).

She teaches at the Russian Language Section of the East Slavic Languages Department.

She is a member of the Croatian Philological Association. She is the head of the *Zagreb Linguistic Circle* (2014/2015). She translates from German and Russian.