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Curriculum Vitae

Elisabeth Jane Kerr was born on 22nd February 1996 in Cambridge, United Kingdom and grew up in the nearby countryside of Uttlesford, Essex. In 2014 she began a BA in Linguistics at King's College, University of Cambridge, graduating in 2017 with first class honours. After completing a summer internship programme in computational linguistics with the University of Cambridge Computer Laboratory and Africa's Voices Foundation in Cambridge/Nairobi, she moved to London in 2017 to read for an MA in Linguistics at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, graduating in 2018 with distinction. Directly after her MA, she moved to Leiden, The Netherlands to begin a PhD position on the Bantu Syntax and Information Structure (BaSIS) project led by Dr. Jenneke van der Wal at Leiden University, under co-supervision of Prof. Maarten Mous. This thesis is the principal research output of that PhD project.

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