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Niels Schoubben was born on the 11th of September 1996 in Tongeren (Belgium). In 2014, he there obtained his high school diploma in Latin and Greek at VIIO Humaniora. Afterwards, he read for a BA and MA degree in “Linguistics and literature: Latin-Greek” at Ghent University and obtained both of them *summa cum laude* (2017; 2018), whilst also following extracurricular courses in Classical Indology. A revised version of his BA thesis on the Greek versions of the Aśokan inscriptions was published in *Indologica Taurinensia* (2018), and his MA thesis on the prehistory of the Homeric hexameter was awarded first prize by the Ghent Institute for Classical Studies (2019). Having subsequently moved to Leiden, he obtained in 2019 two additional MA degrees, one in “Classics and Ancient Civilizations” (*cum laude*) and one in “Comparative Indo-European Linguistics” (*summa cum laude*). His thesis for the latter on the phoneme /l/ in Rigvedic Sanskrit was awarded first prize by the *Indogermanische Gesellschaft* in 2020.

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