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Curriculum Vitae

Abel Warries was born in 1997 in Amsterdam. During his time at the Barlaeus Gymnasium in Amsterdam, he developed an interest in various languages, especially Scottish Gaelic, North Saami and Japanese. After graduating in 2015, he went to study the BA Linguistics in Leiden. There, he took Tocharian as an elective in the second year, but was initially most interested in the Celtic languages, attending Scottish Gaelic summer courses at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig on the Isle of Skye in 2016 and 2017. He wrote his BA thesis on the phylogeny of the Celtic languages in 2018, under the supervision of Tijmen Pronk. Warries then stayed in Leiden for the MA Linguistics, and as he developed a stronger interest in Saami and the other Uralic languages, he started investigating theories on the ancient contacts between the Indo-European and Uralic language families for term papers. He wrote an MA thesis on the Tocharian and Samoyed case systems under the supervision of Michaël Peyrot in 2019.

Directly following this, Warries joined Michaël Peyrot's ERC-funded project *The Tocharian Trek* at the Leiden University Centre for Linguistics to work on this dissertation. In the course of the years, he presented at conferences such as the 13th Finno-Ugric Congress in Vienna in 2022, went for a two-month research stay in Helsinki and taught an introductory Scottish Gaelic course at the Leiden Summer School of Languages and Linguistics in 2023. Starting in 2019, Abel also became a volunteer at the Naturalis Natural History Museum in Leiden, educating visitors about the museum collection and biology more broadly, and he is currently employed there.