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Eva van Lier was born in The Hague (the Netherlands) in 1978. During her secondary education at the Gymnasium Haganum (The Hague) she studied classical Latin and Greek, as well as French, German, and English. After finishing high school in 1996, she spent a year in Granada and Sevilla (Spain) to learn Spanish and obtain a *Diplóma Básico de Español como lengua extranjera* (basic degree of Spanish as a foreign language). In 1997, she started studying Dutch Linguistics and Literature at the University of Groningen. She continued the following year at the University of Amsterdam, studying Spanish Linguistics and Literature and General Linguistics. She obtained her MA degree in the latter subject with honours in 2002, with a thesis on the relationship between linguistic typology and second language acquisition. Subsequently, she completed a Research Master in Linguistics and obtained her MPhil degree with honours in 2003. Her thesis was again concerned with typology and its connections with other linguistic sub-disciplines, including language contact and creolization, as well as first and second language acquisition. During this period Eva was also employed as a student assistant at the *Steunpunt Nederlands als Vreemde Taal* (Support Center for Dutch as a Foreign Language) of the University of Amsterdam and the *Nederlandse Taalunie* (*Dutch Language Academy*). After her university studies, she worked for one year as a researcher at the Meertens Institute for Dutch language and culture, on a project about multilingualism in the Netherlands. In 2004 she started on her PhD research project at

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