List of Abbreviations

AAVE African American Vernacular English

AGR agreement

APiCS Atlas of Pidgin and Creole Structures

CL classifier

CSC complex stative construction CRS currently relevant state

DEM demonstrative
DUR durative

EFL English as a foreign language
EPP extended projection principle
ESL English as a second language

eWAVE electronic World Atlas of Variation in English

EXP experiential

GSSEC Grammar of Spoken Singapore English Corpus

HK Hong Kong

ICE International Corpus of English

IN India INDF indefinite

IQR Interquartile Range

LE aspect particle (Mandarin Chinese)

LRT Likelihood Ratio Test

MUH morphological uniformity hypothesis

NfdlE Newfoundland English

NP Noun Phrase

NSL null subject language
NSP null subject parameter

PART particle
PFV perfective
POSS possessive
Q question particle

SAIE South African Indian English

SBCSAE Santa Barbara Corpus of Spoken American English

SG Singapore

SGEM Speak Good English Movement SLA second language acquisition

SP subject-prominent
SPP subject personal pronoun
TAM tense-aspect-mood
TL target language
TP topic-prominent
VIF variance inflation factor

VP Verb Phrase

WALS World Atlas of Language Structures