

Observation session 2

Tuesday, 14 January 2020 3:39 PM

Researcher if you wouldn't mind just putting your name on the little name tag and just popping that on as well

TC 00:00:02.630 - 00:00:07.426

P1 ok

TC 00:00:05.080 - 00:00:07.080

SD (0.35)

Researcher and then you can start chatting [laughs]

TC 00:00:07.430 - 00:00:11.282

SD (4.31)

P1 full name, or?

TC 00:00:15.593 - 00:00:17.840

SD (0.06)

Researcher mmm, doesn't really matter

TC 00:00:17.904 - 00:00:20.660

P1 'cause, I'm one of those people who has a preferred name, so, [laughs] I hate that name

TC 00:00:19.160 - 00:00:29.809

PCZ [unint]

TC 00:00:20.561 - 00:00:22.995

SD (5.33)

Researcher oh, that's yeah, all good, we'll call you P1 [laughs].. alright, there you go

TC 00:00:28.331 - 00:00:38.912

PCZ now we have nothing to say

TC 00:00:36.974 - 00:00:39.243

SD (0.43)

P1 yeah you want us to go back, right [laughs]

TC 00:00:39.678 - 00:00:43.818

Researcher [laughs] no, it's fine, it's fine

TC 00:00:41.903 - 00:00:45.384

SD (0.2)

PCZ what was that, yeah [unint], ok, you t- you t- so you - you mo- you moved to Poland when you were 18

TC 00:00:45.588 - 00:00:56.286

P1 ok

TC 00:00:46.391 - 00:00:47.938

SD (7.04)

P1 yes

TC 00:00:54.983 - 00:00:56.811

PCZ how long for?

TC 00:00:56.703 - 00:00:58.038

P1 a year and a half

TC 00:00:57.043 - 00:00:58.677

PCZ but that's very short to get a culture shock coming back

TC 00:00:58.278 - 00:01:01.967

P1 it was a big shock that I had a cultural shock, um, I - it was one of those things, I've lived- I've lived in Warsaw, so I grew up in the country, in like, far north uh, New South Wales,

so very close to the Gold Coast, um, and so I grew up around farms and everything, moved to Warsaw which was big city, and loved it, culture, you know, Europe everything, I just fell

in love with it and when I moved back to- to Bris- well to, Australia, and moved to Brisbane to- to go to University, I absolutely hated it

TC 00:01:00.811 - 00:01:36.202

PCZ big histories?

TC 00:01:20.792 - 00:01:24.240

SD (10.62)

PCZ so - what was it that you hated?

TC 00:01:34.860 - 00:01:38.432

P1 I found it to be the largest you know, country town in the world, um, that-

TC 00:01:38.067 - 00:01:47.439

PCZ [unint]

TC 00:01:44.871 - 00:01:49.381

P1 that- that it was very provincial, um, the mindset of the people, and um, you know that was 2005 so I think you know, there's been a big cultural shift in Australia since then, you know

Brisbane's become a lot more liberal, at the time in um, in Brisbane it was pretty conservative, um, I'm, I'm gay so it was a- you know, I was a bit surprised that it was almost the same

like Warsaw's very conservative, Brisbane's very conservative but I felt it, you know, going back to- from, from Warsaw which was conservative I thought that Brisbane would be a lot

better and at the time there were some bashings and things, which was a bit scary, so, um, yeah, so I

TC 00:01:48.389 - 00:02:37.777

PCZ ok

TC 00:02:36.331 - 00:02:37.780

SD (0.04)

P1 I didn't like it very much and at the first opportunity I had I moved back to Europe

TC 00:02:37.821 - 00:02:44.704

PCZ so did you move to Czech Republic then?

TC 00:02:43.883 - 00:02:46.801

P1 yeah I, I came here -

TC 00:02:45.646 - 00:02:48.550

PCZ so how long did you stay in Brisbane?

TC 00:02:46.967 - 00:02:49.630

P1 a year and a half, yeah

TC 00:02:49.167 - 00:02:51.942

PCZ again? Just, just short time

TC 00:02:50.194 - 00:02:53.276

P1 and so I came here, so I did my Bachelor's degree in Brisbane but I did a one year exchange during my Bachelor's degree in Prague, then went back to Australia, and graduated, came back and did my masters in Prague

TC 00:02:51.942 - 00:03:04.277

PCZ ok

TC 00:03:03.403 - 00:03:05.883

P1 so that's

TC 00:03:05.320 - 00:03:06.743

PCZ so you keep- were swapping, mmhm

TC 00:03:05.883 - 00:03:10.055

P1 well I've- I've been - I've been here, so in September it was 10 years in one piece, so I would say that I understand, you know, Czech culture pretty well now and I can't imagine, I've been considering moving back to Australia, um, lately, and I-

TC 00:03:06.947 - 00:03:25.479

PCZ oh that's a long time, oh ok

TC 00:03:11.372 - 00:03:15.493

SD (6.91)

PCZ so you can just- just have a peek and see how, how [unint]

TC 00:03:22.403 - 00:03:28.537

P1 well actually, you know, I'm going for six weeks, so in a week and a half I fly for six weeks, and part of my purpose was to see if I like it, um but then I'm two years away from getting Czech citizenship, so I decided that until I get Czech citizenship I'm not gonna do anything because my visa situation here was hell, um, just so much bureaucracy and so the idea of if I went there, had a culture shock, hated it and wanted to come back, um, [laughs]

TC 00:03:26.780 - 00:04:00.430

PCZ mm, moving from [unint]

TC 00:03:42.354 - 00:03:45.898

SD (12.97)

PCZ it would be quite hard

TC 00:03:58.869 - 00:04:01.599

P1 that I'd be going back to zero, rather than you know if I, got citizenship, moved back

TC 00:04:00.430 - 00:04:07.273

PCZ yeah

TC 00:04:02.229 - 00:04:03.517

SD (1.68)

PCZ awe- awesome like, you meet someone who has the other way of the same situation altogether, 'cause, my thing is that I was raised and born in Czech, born first and then raised in Czech, then when I was 18, I moved to- well I went into the exchange to- to California for a year, and yes after a year you can get a culture shock, but I was from communist era, I've never been away anywhere, around - past Europe, so that was a completely different thing for me, and um, and I loved it, just because it was different, and there was more freedom, and more- it was just more liberal, and when you spoke to people and people are more friendly, when I came back here I was studying at the University and then we wanted to leave and I met my husband and we decided to go to Australia because it was English-speaking, the furthest away you can get, and we just didn't wanna be here, we found people very prejudiced, very narrow-minded, very uh very um, they just, they meet you and they put you in a box, and that's where you are, they just- and they judge you, from every angle they can, and we just wanted to get relief from that and then we came to Australia in 2000 and we actually found people very open-minded, very um, free, um very - they trusted each other, probably too much, I just found it, at that time you still had people parking in front of a shop and just walking into the shop without closing the car, people going shopping without locking the door, mmhmm

TC 00:04:05.199 - 00:05:39.041

P1 [laughs] but my brother who had left one of my nieces in the car and the car got stolen, um, around that time, so like that - actually a bit earlier than that but yeah, no, that- that's- that's a true observation, luckily the- they, I think these, I- I can't remember how it happened but they stopped at the - p- police station or something, put the baby, and - and then kept going with the car

TC 00:05:38.185 - 00:06:06.148

PCZ nowadays

TC 00:05:39.041 - 00:05:39.808

SD (4.62)

PCZ ah with niece

TC 00:05:44.430 - 00:05:46.162

SD (0.31)

PCZ oh

TC 00:05:46.474 - 00:05:47.467

SD (1.68)

PCZ nice

TC 00:05:49.153 - 00:05:50.448

SD (10.08)

PCZ and just took the car away

TC 00:06:00.532 - 00:06:04.156

SD (0.31)

PCZ oh my goodness, how old was baby?

TC 00:06:04.466 - 00:06:08.030

P1 less than 2, that was years ago so that would've been 90s

TC 00:06:07.381 - 00:06:12.797

PCZ well nowadays you would actually get in trouble by leaving the car, leaving your child in the car, probably more trouble than people stealing the car, but

TC 00:06:10.921 - 00:06:20.847

P1 of course

TC 00:06:13.997 - 00:06:17.143

SD (2.35)

P1 yep

TC 00:06:19.497 - 00:06:20.771

SD (0.07)

PCZ um, so then after four years we still loved it but uh, we got into the issue of uh visa, how to get across 'cause it was quite hard back then and we decided to come back to- to Czech Republic and that was a huge culture shock, it was from very free, where we could do anything, and we actually had quite a lot of money by doing quite low jobs, now we were in a country where it was the hardest to get a job, and we just found people very hard to get along with, and then we were struggling to get back to Australia so after four years we went back to Australia and stayed for the stretch of 10 years because um, yeah because of getting visas and because we loved it and all of that

TC 00:06:20.847 - 00:07:00.810

P1 you're a citizen now?

TC 00:06:59.611 - 00:07:02.392

PCZ yes, my-my life's quest

TC 00:07:00.810 - 00:07:06.139

P1 it- it's faster to get Australian citizenship than Czech citizenship

TC 00:07:03.568 - 00:07:08.468

PCZ nowadays, in 2000 it was very hard, nowadays it's - it's much easier

TC 00:07:07.250 - 00:07:13.123

P1 well for the Czech Republic you have to live here a minimum of 5 years to get permanent residency then, minimum of 5 years of permanent residency to get citizenship, so, um, you know,
I've lived here for more than 10 on this round, and I'm still 2 years away

TC 00:07:11.249 - 00:07:30.278

PCZ to get it, oh

TC 00:07:19.213 - 00:07:22.106

SD (3.13)

PCZ mmm

TC 00:07:25.236 - 00:07:27.034

SD (1.99)

PCZ yeah, well it took us about 6 years, so, from the permanent residency

TC 00:07:29.033 - 00:07:33.013

P1 so double [laughs]

TC 00:07:31.129 - 00:07:35.006

PCZ at least

TC 00:07:33.730 - 00:07:35.357

P1 yep

TC 00:07:35.050 - 00:07:35.800

PCZ so um, yeah, and that's um, and we want to go back because we still found people here very judgemental and uh - judgemental and, you know, not really open, they speak something else than
what they really think of you and,

TC 00:07:35.813 - 00:07:54.258

P1 uh, you know, I can't speak to, you know, communism or anything like that but I- I definitely say in the time that I've been here, you know, since I first visited in 2005, and moved here
in 2007, it's a different place, you know the- the- the standards you actually get friendly service now in a lot of shops, uh

TC 00:07:51.950 - 00:08:17.805

PCZ ok, some of them

TC 00:08:16.695 - 00:08:22.373

P1 you, you really can, and I- I even am shocked sometimes if I look at say, 20 year olds now, I think that- that they're- it's almost a different nationality, they speak Czech, but

[laughs] they're open and liberal and yell on the tram and don't listen to the old people who wanna hit them, you know with their um-umbrella and so it- it's really different whereas you

know Czechs have, my experience of Czechs over that time has mostly been very you know, introverted, especially in public, you know, you don't show emotion, you don't show like anything

when you're in public and then you look at these you know, under about 24, 25, it's-

TC 00:08:18.805 - 00:09:04.446

PCZ that is, yeah

TC 00:08:29.233 - 00:08:31.922

SD (30.44)

PCZ 'cause they're the after revolution babies, it makes a huge difference because the lives of the people changed

TC 00:09:02.362 - 00:09:10.520

P1 there's - b- but they're

TC 00:09:05.300 - 00:09:07.280

SD (0.06)

P1 but they're

TC 00:09:07.346 - 00:09:09.509

SD (0.14)

P1 I mean they're- almost, you know they're the ones that were born 1996, or whate- whatever, but the ones born in 1992 are still- but-

TC 00:09:09.653 - 00:09:19.690

PCZ yeah

TC 00:09:13.618 - 00:09:15.354

SD (2.33)

PCZ no no no but we- it took- it took some time well I lived here that, it took some time for people to change their mindset and to really feel and understand that there is a shift in the

society that it's not going to come back, 'cause still two years after the revolution you never knew whether something just - wouldn't just fall in pieces and go back to the old age, so

TC 00:09:17.692 - 00:09:40.774

P1 yeah

TC 00:09:39.980 - 00:09:41.671

SD (3.27)

P1 did you notice any changes in Australia?

TC 00:09:44.944 - 00:09:49.762

PCZ I did, people start locking their houses and the cars, I still don't, lock out the car, in front of our house, but in the driveway, I would lock them in there, uh but um um

TC 00:09:47.598 - 00:10:03.291

SD (0.77)

PCZ they don't trust each other as much, which is probably the same thing, and um, well other than that not really

TC 00:10:04.068 - 00:10:12.844

P1 from my perspective, you know, I grew up in a very poor area, I, [recorded message starts playing in entire library] that's fun

TC 00:10:11.076 - 00:10:23.190

SD (18.31)

Researcher oh well

TC 00:10:41.507 - 00:10:42.827

SD (0.58)

PCZ I noticed, yes I noticed, in the - not in people as such, 'cause they're still being raised in the same way there hasn't been a shift in society but there's much bigger range in uh, in

choices, in choices of food, in choices of other things, 'cause coming from Czech Republic when you go to the supermarket, or when we came here just, you know, for a certain time, you

come to the supermarket and just yoghurts, there is a line-up, in Australia back then 2000, there was like two brands or three brands, nowadays you have at least 6 brands, here in Czech

Republic you have like 20, so that's a huge shift, um, with the good food- well, healthy foods, there is also much more, we had problems finding good potatoes, and nowadays you can find

those, you know, those um, I dunno how you call them anymore but those good potatoes that boil very well so there's much more variety in that

TC 00:10:43.411 - 00:11:36.948

PCZ and what we also noticed in Australia, we also - we always struggled with technology not being as high as we would expect it in Europe like, internet connection and all that and we found

that in Europe because there's - well, my understanding is there's more countries so they compete between each other, or among each other and um, uh, and and the US, so it kinda goes

slowly but it just goes somewhere, Australia is here, Europe is coming and then Australia jumps over and get much higher technology than, than Europe and then it falls back again, so

it's like kangaroos

TC 00:11:36.948 - 00:12:15.870

P1 yeah I had- I- I had that experience, 2005 when I lived in, in Warsaw, I had, I th- I think it was 5 MB per second of internet, for like, I dunno, \$10 a month, Australian, and then when

I moved back to Australia in Brisbane the best I could get was 2MB per second for like \$70 or \$80 a month, um [laughs]

TC 00:12:13.564 - 00:12:39.496

PCZ for like \$70

TC 00:12:32.973 - 00:12:35.554

SD (0.34)

PCZ [laughs] no, but you were researching how much you had actually paid for it in Europe

TC 00:12:35.899 - 00:12:42.262

P1 um, and that- that was, that was like wh- what's going on even in Brisbane, I- you know, countryside is different but you know, in the big cities, the- the big difference that I've

noticed since I was a kid in Australia is kind of the end - the end of you know, the- the battler, we- ev- we can get through it, she'll be right, um, mentality so um, you know, in the

90s growing up, I was the youngest of 5 kids, family was dirt poor, everyone around us were dirt poor, everyone was happy, and if I look now at Australia and when I visit everyone seems

angry all the time even though they earn \$100,000 a year and you know, they have all the latest technology and all of that, in comparison maybe to you they still seem very you know,

happy and open, but like compared to what I remember, if I look at the political situation, everything, people seem angrier all the time, in Australia

TC 00:12:39.827 - 00:13:49.757

PCZ I think it would be the world thing going on, 'cause now look at my childhood, there was communists and people were afraid to speak up and say things but then were much closer together

like we had always friends over our- not kids friends, but our parents always had friends over and had good laughs and people were more helping each other than they are at the moment so,

it would be the money and it would be the raise on the lifestyle and the technology that just moves the people away

TC 00:13:48.089 - 00:14:17.812

SD (0.46)

PCZ but I do remember s- uh people in Brisbane saying uh that in the, 80s and the 90s that there were no fences people were just, you know, happily living next to each other, helping out, so

TC 00:14:18.272 - 00:14:30.740

P1 and that's kind of my- memory of everything and uh, certainly I see it from afar, though, I don't live there anymore but the- the way that I see it is also - even if I look at my family

members you know the- the anger is palpable, even though, you know

TC 00:14:29.752 - 00:14:50.081

PCZ there's no reason for it

TC 00:14:48.310 - 00:14:50.873

P1 my brother in law is a, basic like, functionally illiterate person, he's a plumber and electrician who earns, I dunno \$120,000 a year or, or more, and he's one of the angriest people I

know about how unfair everything is, so that's kinda - you know, life is so unfair, despite the fact that, you know,

TC 00:14:50.409 - 00:15:15.086

PCZ oh, ok

TC 00:15:09.956 - 00:15:12.032

SD (3.78)

PCZ he's well off

TC 00:15:15.814 - 00:15:17.891

P1 he- he's really well off

TC 00:15:15.853 - 00:15:19.054

PCZ hmm

TC 00:15:18.251 - 00:15:19.148

SD (0.03)

P1 mm

TC 00:15:19.182 - 00:15:19.864

Researcher I think that's probably about 15 minutes guys, um

TC 00:15:19.856 - 00:15:23.779

PCZ that was nice though [laughs]

TC 00:15:22.481 - 00:15:24.710