

Observation Session 4

Wednesday, 8 January 2020 2:15 PM

Researcher I'll just record - it's going, ok, yep, perfect

TC 00:00:00.250 - 00:00:07.050

P2 ok, I'm P2

TC 00:00:04.430 - 00:00:07.039

P3 P3

TC 00:00:06.380 - 00:00:07.909

P2 P3, nice to meet you

TC 00:00:07.350 - 00:00:08.872

P3 nice to meet you, P2

TC 00:00:08.010 - 00:00:10.204

P2 uh, how long have you lived in the Czech Republic?

TC 00:00:09.642 - 00:00:12.070

P3 I think about twenty-three years, if I would add all that time together, how about you?

TC 00:00:11.525 - 00:00:16.696

P2 wow

TC 00:00:12.993 - 00:00:13.790

SD (1.46)

P2 um, I think twelve now, again it's been a couple - it's two different times now, so, uh

TC 00:00:15.251 - 00:00:24.322

P3 yeah

TC 00:00:22.044 - 00:00:23.695

SD (0.64)

P2 uh, but somewhere around twelve

TC 00:00:24.344 - 00:00:25.418

P3 ok

TC 00:00:24.835 - 00:00:26.037

P2 yeah

TC 00:00:25.875 - 00:00:26.766

P3 cool

TC 00:00:26.470 - 00:00:28.548

P2 I'm not Australian, so, we can't talk about life in Australia [laughs]

TC 00:00:27.197 - 00:00:32.267

P3 I can't talk about that either, I've never been to Australia

TC 00:00:30.353 - 00:00:35.581

P2 where are you from originally?

TC 00:00:33.923 - 00:00:36.263

P3 Long Island

TC 00:00:35.581 - 00:00:36.776

P2 ok, I'm from Seattle, yeah, what brought you here?

TC 00:00:36.299 - 00:00:41.446

P3 how bout you? oh right, yeah

TC 00:00:36.776 - 00:00:39.317

SD (1.22)

P3 originally, a study abroad program

TC 00:00:40.540 - 00:00:44.999

P2 oh ok nice, nice
TC 00:00:42.657 - 00:00:46.010
P3 yeah and that was all the way back in 1993
TC 00:00:45.078 - 00:00:48.908
P2 wow, I can't imagine what the country must have looked like back in '93 or I guess I can imagine maybe a little bit but
TC 00:00:47.523 - 00:00:56.771
P3 in some of the run-down, run-down parts it looks about the same, so what brought you here?
TC 00:00:54.477 - 00:01:02.103
P2 my husband's job, originally, yeah, yeah yeah so, I came as like a expat wife at first, um, but uh, we just fell in love with it here, we were unprepared for how much expat life suited us and, I think we were lucky that Prague was like the first place that we got sent so, um, we were kinda up for anything and we just ended up falling in love with Czech Republic in general, so
TC 00:01:00.494 - 00:01:27.352
P3 ok
TC 00:01:17.654 - 00:01:19.724
SD (5.19)
P3 what does your husband do?
TC 00:01:24.919 - 00:01:28.069
P2 he runs an office for a US, well now it's a healthcare company and he runs all the like - they do everything in the IT side over here, all the RD and user interface stuff and all the app production, all that kinda stuff is done here
TC 00:01:27.548 - 00:01:47.509
P3 ok
TC 00:01:44.571 - 00:01:46.065
SD (0.71)
P3 cool
TC 00:01:46.780 - 00:01:49.149
P2 what do you - do you - what do you do for work here now or [unint]?
TC 00:01:48.036 - 00:01:52.783
P3 um, I teach social sciences but I have quit my job and I won't be doing that anymore after next week!
TC 00:01:50.172 - 00:01:57.706
P2 wow, that's exciting!
TC 00:01:55.772 - 00:01:58.918
P3 or not in the immediate future anyway
TC 00:01:57.735 - 00:02:01.019
P2 yeah, is that a positive thing like are you- are you
TC 00:01:59.434 - 00:02:04.493
P3 it is, it is, it was time - um, it's really complicated, I could talk for a long time about it, but I have a lot of plans, but you know - these - this much, you know, that I've got on my mind that I might do and about this much capacity to do it, so we'll see what happens
TC 00:02:02.602 - 00:02:23.785
P2 going after something else or?
TC 00:02:04.526 - 00:02:06.561
SD (1.19)
P2 ok

TC 00:02:07.754 - 00:02:09.876
SD (9.08)
P2 right
TC 00:02:18.963 - 00:02:21.238
SD (0.71)
P2 nice, nice
TC 00:02:21.952 - 00:02:23.827
SD (0.27)
P3 and you, do you work?
TC 00:02:24.101 - 00:02:26.278
P2 yeah, I uh, I own a martial arts school actually, yeah, ah, tai kwon do is our base martial art, that's what I - I have my fourth degree black belt in tai kwon do, and then we teach krav maga for self defence as well, so uh, the academy is like in its third year now, I taught an after school club for six years and then it just kind of word of mouth spread and I needed somewhere else to teach, so, it's been- it's been a lot of fun, it's been crazy trying to figure out how to own a business here as a - as a - an expat and that kind of thing but uh, but it's been good
TC 00:02:25.287 - 00:02:59.651
P3 oh really
TC 00:02:27.814 - 00:02:29.243
P3 what kind?
TC 00:02:29.243 - 00:02:30.382
SD (1.55)
P3 ok
TC 00:02:31.933 - 00:02:32.969
SD (1.33)
P3 cool
TC 00:02:34.301 - 00:02:35.303
SD (2.47)
P3 ok
TC 00:02:37.776 - 00:02:39.001
SD (19.06)
P3 alright
TC 00:02:58.061 - 00:03:00.354
SD (1.02)
P2 uh, what about travel - do you get to travel much?
TC 00:03:01.381 - 00:03:06.808
P3 travel... not that much, not really. I have a family, I've got three kids, a homestead, some animals
TC 00:03:04.400 - 00:03:16.348
P2 yeah
TC 00:03:07.964 - 00:03:10.255
SD (1.59)
P2 oh yeah, ok
TC 00:03:11.852 - 00:03:13.450
SD (1.38)
P2 wow, nice, ok
TC 00:03:14.832 - 00:03:17.169

P3 how bout you?

TC 00:03:16.348 - 00:03:17.363

P2 I've one - one son, he's 14, he just started high school, so uh, we're getting into - pretty good time I think, like, where he's very independent but uh, he's still - he's still not too teenager-y, you know, so we have our good times but it's also - my husband and I are discovering what life after kids is gonna look like, a little bit slowly but surely you know, because he's starting to become so independent uh but we just live here in the city, so

TC 00:03:17.223 - 00:03:47.977

P3 what kind of a high school does he go to?

TC 00:03:45.412 - 00:03:48.768

P2 he goes to international high school, um, when we first moved here I didn't ever imagine that I'd be here for this long, and he was so talkative and so social and it made me so sad to think of him not being able to like, communicate, so we put him into an international school, and by the time we realised that this was home, it was too hard to make him leave all of his friends and switch so, if I would've known then what I know now, I'd probably put him into the Czech system just because I would love it if he was fluent in Czech and felt a little bit more - he feels connected here, but through his sort of group of expat friends and things like that, I don't think he- he identifies, I mean he's not Czech he doesn't identify Czech necessarily as like, homegrown or whatever but... I don't know

TC 00:03:48.166 - 00:04:37.709

P2 and your kids were all born here, I imagine?

TC 00:04:37.709 - 00:04:39.771

P3 yes, they were, um, I haven't been here for 23 consecutive years, that wouldn't work out from 1993 to 2019, um, but they were born here, my son is 17, he's the oldest and he goes to a high school in Prague as well, he lives in Prague.

TC 00:04:38.523 - 00:04:54.976

P2 you've been to - 23 wow

TC 00:04:39.771 - 00:04:41.117

P2 nice

TC 00:04:41.117 - 00:04:42.280

SD (11.31)

P2 oh wow, ok, and you live outside the city, you said you have a homestead type of thing, nice

TC 00:04:53.591 - 00:05:00.260

P3 yes, yes, but we also have an apartment, so we kicked our tenant out and put [REDACTED] in, this fall, yeah

TC 00:04:56.673 - 00:05:06.384

P2 that works out, yeah, how do you like living outside the city? That's something that I dream of sometimes, for as much as I love Prague

TC 00:05:03.523 - 00:05:12.674

P3 oh, I would never trade it, I would never go back, we did live in that apartment for a little while when we were first married, and then, for about nine months when we had [REDACTED] but we were already looking for a place to- to live, you know, outside the city

TC 00:05:08.679 - 00:05:25.841

P2 yeah I miss the- the kind of having land and uh, a little bit quieter life, um, sorry

TC 00:05:23.549 - 00:05:36.209

P3 yeah

TC 00:05:31.229 - 00:05:32.370

SD (1.45)

P3 there are only about 12 households in our village, more livestock than people, no public buildings except for a fire house, there's no store there's no pub there's no post office,
 closest grocery store is about 8km away, so our village has to be served by um, a grocery truck otherwise some people wouldn't eat

TC 00:05:33.826 - 00:05:56.147

P2 oh wow, ok

TC 00:05:43.465 - 00:05:45.895

SD (5.91)

P2 oh cool, yeah I imagine the older.. it's- yeah, wow

TC 00:05:51.808 - 00:06:00.224

P3 yes, sometimes wild pigs run through the village square

TC 00:05:56.579 - 00:06:04.214

P2 wow, how far outside of Prague is it?

TC 00:06:02.338 - 00:06:07.643

P3 it's only about 50 kilometres, but it's really another world

TC 00:06:05.967 - 00:06:10.503

P2 yeah, no that's - it's - one of the cool things, I think about this area is that you don't have to get too far outside the city to really feel like you're back in nature a bit

TC 00:06:08.978 - 00:06:20.052

P3 yeah

TC 00:06:16.343 - 00:06:17.611

SD (2.44)

P2 uh, let's see

TC 00:06:20.052 - 00:06:21.647

P3 places do you want to visit

TC 00:06:21.270 - 00:06:26.734

P2 um, southeast Asia is next on our list, as having lived in Europe now for so long we - have done a lot of travelling in Europe and now we're looking for like new, like another culture
 shock type experience like we had when we were first here

TC 00:06:25.858 - 00:06:38.867

P3 Just as visitors, though

TC 00:06:36.272 - 00:06:39.623

P2 oh for sure, yeah yeah yeah, um, we have some friends who have lived in Southeast Asia, and I think - I mean some have really loved it and some haven't and, I don't know if I'm that
 adventurous to - to be able to - but - and I'm not a humidity person, I would much rather be minus 20 than like, plus 30 [laughs], yeah so, but definitely travelling there, I would love
 to experience the culture and history and stuff in a kinda different way [unint]

TC 00:06:38.982 - 00:07:14.638

P3 you don't have frizzy hair do you see I have [unint] kind of place

TC 00:06:56.223 - 00:07:04.097

SD (10.74)

P2 what about you, any dream travel opportunities?

TC 00:07:14.843 - 00:07:19.135

P3 I would like to see Iceland, Greece, um Georgia

TC 00:07:17.274 - 00:07:25.564

P2 ok yeah, very cool

TC 00:07:19.521 - 00:07:21.817

SD (1.82)

P2 I've heard wonderful things about Georgia, never been

TC 00:07:23.640 - 00:07:28.325

P3 I've heard such great things

TC 00:07:26.274 - 00:07:30.459

SD (2.72)

P3 films, I don't go to the cinema, I don't have time for that, I don't have netflix I don't have a TV I don't stream films I just - it's not even laudism? I just don't have time

TC 00:07:33.187 - 00:07:43.408

P2 oh wow

TC 00:07:38.050 - 00:07:40.145

SD (1.3)

P2 yeah, yeah yeah

TC 00:07:41.451 - 00:07:44.584

P3 although well, alright I did watch one film this semester, I gave myself a little treat and I watched Midsommar and it was good, not in the cinema though I managed to download a copy

TC 00:07:43.577 - 00:07:56.602

P3 but I'm - I'm not the person to ask that, how about you?

TC 00:07:56.617 - 00:08:00.333

P2 um, I've been trying to watch some more Czech films lately, and I've - I don't know if it's the style that I'm choosing or whatever but the last Czech film I watched was like the worst movie I've ever seen in my life, it was called, uh, I think it was just called špindl, and it was about these three sisters who went to špindlervni mlýn for a - uh - ski holiday and they all found love in like the most ridiculous ways and, it was one of those where I was sitting there like the whole time, like why am I still watching this, why am I still watching this, but I - I am at the point in my language where like I just need more vocabulary I need to keep hearing, and so for me it was like more a test of like, am I gonna understand all of this without subtitles all the way through, like

TC 00:07:59.499 - 00:08:48.856

P3 and what was it?

TC 00:08:12.188 - 00:08:14.327

SD (6.61)

P3 ski holiday

TC 00:08:20.945 - 00:08:23.854

SD (16.6)

P3 ok

TC 00:08:40.457 - 00:08:42.306

SD (3.74)

P3 probably a lot of jokes, a lot of double entendres in a film like that

TC 00:08:46.046 - 00:08:50.482

P2 yeah, yeah and so there were some things I only got like, after, oh that's what that meant, and so yes that's the, the upside but um, man it was so dumb

TC 00:08:49.321 - 00:09:02.484

P3 my husband is an actor and he was in a TV production yesterday and he had to be the neighbour of this pregnant woman who um, I dunno her water broke and whatever like, you know her labour started and so, she wanted him to drive - I dunno what the reason was, why she couldn't take a ambulance but um, you know she wanted him to drive her in his car, and he wouldn't

because he didn't want the car getting dirty, so she like, just carjacked it and drove herself to the hospital and in the end he apologises and gives her flowers, he's just like, I don't like to play an asshole, it's like yes you do, and he's like alright but not a dumb one

TC 00:09:01.655 - 00:09:40.355

SD (0.23)

P2 so he does like, Czech TV stuff or just any kind of -

TC 00:09:40.591 - 00:09:45.562

P3 um, he is Czech and he's a member of the [REDACTED] theatre, one of the younger ones, he's not, you know 87 years old [unint] he's 51, and here and there he does TV or um - he'll do amateur theatre productions in addition to the [REDACTED] movies, whatever

TC 00:09:43.283 - 00:10:05.412

P2 ok, ok

TC 00:09:47.051 - 00:09:48.767

SD (1.71)

P2 yeah, yeah [laughs]

TC 00:09:50.484 - 00:09:53.508

SD (10.54)

P2 you guys met here?

TC 00:10:04.052 - 00:10:07.506

P3 yes

TC 00:10:06.690 - 00:10:07.744

SD (0.06)

P2 nice

TC 00:10:07.813 - 00:10:08.520

SD (1.86)

Researcher so I think that's probably about it, that's the ten minutes, so thank you for that, it's really um

TC 00:10:10.380 - 00:10:17.303

P2 ok

TC 00:10:12.850 - 00:10:14.575