

JYU for YOU E06

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[Lukas] So, the decision to do a PhD at
all probably was influenced as

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well by my exchange

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stay here.

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Having this flexibility and
doing mathematics, those are two

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things that I enjoyed here.

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And I thought, OK, let's do that
for another three years.

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[Lukas] Semma, please bring back the
chocolate mousse.

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I need it.

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[Irfan] Terve ja tervetuloa! Welcome to the
JYU for YOU podcast.

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My name is Irfan Durmić and I'm
your host with the most

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glasnost.

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Today's episode might be the
most casual one that we've done

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so far and the one that has the
most technical difficulties that

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I want to apologise for in
advance, but I think the content

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will make up for it.

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So today we're joined by a very
good friend of mine, Lukas from

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Germany, whom I met back in
August 2022 when he became an

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exchange student at JYU and I
became an international degree

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student at JYU.

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We had an opportunity today to
reflect on our own journey, our

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experiences when we were both
tutees, and also on

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Lukas's experience nowadays at
JYU.

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As somebody who is attending the
International Summer School

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organised by the Faculty of
Mathematics and Science, a

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summer school that has a
tradition going back to 1989. I

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hope you're going to enjoy our
little chat with Lukas.

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Cheers.

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Let's do this legit now.

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[Lukas] OK.

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[Irfan] Are we ready?

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[Lukas] I am.

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[Irfan] OK.

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No niin.

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Oletko valmis?

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[Lukas] Mä oon

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valmis.

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[Irfan] Oh, hey, no niin.

Mahtavaa!

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You actually still remember a
little bit of Finnish!

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[Lukas] A little bit, yes.

[Irfan] Though I'm not surprised.

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I mean, like you're a German
intellectual who had a five in

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Finnish.

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My Finnish. So...

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[Lukas] Yes, I mean, I took the course
seriously when I was here.

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I took the My Finnish course
that mostly the degree students

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take.

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I believe there's only a few
exchange students who took it.

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One of them was me.

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And I really enjoyed it because
for me it was just a sign of

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respect towards Finland and
towards the people here to just

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try to learn the language.

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And it also makes everyday life
here less complicated when you

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understand some of the signs
around the city centre.

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Yeah.

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And I believe that it makes a
huge difference if you come into

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a store or a restaurant and you
say in Finnish.

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Mä en puhu suomea

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I don't speak Finnish.

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Can we please talk in English?

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Because the answer in Finland is
basically always yes.

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But if you started that in
Finnish, the people were always

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slightly more friendly.

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That's at least my impression.

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And I think this having some

basic knowledge of Finnish was

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really helpful.

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[Irfan] I think that's kind of like a
characteristic of almost every

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society, but especially here
where you essentially have a

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country where that it has its
own language.

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You're not going to go anywhere
else that you know, people are

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speaking Finnish except like
some very, very tiny

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communities.

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So, showing that exactly what
you're saying, that little level

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of respect, it's immediately
going to open up somebody,

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especially when they're in a
situation where they're kind of

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being forced to speak a language
that isn't their native one.

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And yet you're always impressed.

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I always have this kind of like
observation.

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I don't know if you notice this
about Finns, but

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A good chunk of them speak with
a British accent.

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That's something you noticed?
[Lukas] When they speak English?

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[Irfan] Yeah.

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Yeah.

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It has like a little bit of a
British accent.

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[Lukas] I honestly have never noticed
that.

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But my time in Finland made me
made me able to recognise when a

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Finn is speaking English.

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So now when I'm listening to
news and some Finnish politician

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for example is speaking on some
news on the EU for example, I

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can always tell that they are
Finnish by their accent in

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English.

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I mean it's probably the same
with Germans for example.

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They are more or less have a
characteristic accent as well in

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English, and I really have a
high quota of recognising

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Finnish accent in in English.

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But I've never thought of it as
a kind of British accent.

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To me it was always something
distinct.

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But I mean sometimes when I'm
travelling and I hear someone

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speak English, I'm like, oh,
this person is Finnish.

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I can hear that from the way
they speak English.

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[Irfan] I mean, there's always that like
a little variety depending on

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like where people have been

educated, whatever.

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[Lukas] Yeah.

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Yeah.

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[Irfan] But my life experience here has
been like a lot of the people

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that I meet.

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It's, you know, kind of like a
Britishy accent where I'm almost

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like, did you spend some time in
London or whatever?

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Like what, what what going
on over here or it's like a

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very intense American accent,
which coincidentally had, there

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seems to be a correlation
between the American accent and

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people listening to Taylor
Swift.

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So I'm, I wonder is that like,
you know, it's, it's, it's a,

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it's a, it's a fascinating
coincidence.

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But getting back on the
respecting towards Finland, you

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originally started off with just
the exchange student course,

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Like it's... What is it called
Finnish for foreigners or

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something like that?

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[Lukas] Yes, I started with the survival
Finnish.

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[Irfan] Survival Finnish.

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Yeah.

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[Lukas] So, I took it in in August, 2
weeks before the semester

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started.

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Basically, it's a two week course
that's, I don't know if it's

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recommended, but it's aimed
towards exchange students.

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And there's also one that's
going on in the first half of

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the semester.

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But coming here 2 weeks earlier
was, I think, the right decision

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because I got to know the city
and I got to know some people

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already before the real
university life started.

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And I first took that course and
I liked Finnish, I liked

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learning the language, and I

somewhat liked the challenge of

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it being a language that's kind
of hard to learn because it's so

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different from all the other
languages I speak.

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So, my native language is German,
I speak English, I speak some

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French, but none of that really
helps in learning Finnish

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because it's just so distinct.

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But that was interesting to me.

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And then I also took the my
Finnish, Minun Suomea, class,

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which went on during the
semester.

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And I believe that means that
technically I have level A1 in

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Finnish, although that's not
active anymore, this knowledge,

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because obviously other than,
for example, English, you always

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hear English in, in, in the
media and social media and

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films, whatever, you never
really hear Finnish unless you

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actively try to.

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And that's why I lost a lot of
my routine in listening to and

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speaking Finnish.

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But now that I'm back here, I
realised that a little bit is

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still there and I can still
fluently say in Finnish that I

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can't speak Finnish and can ask
the person in Finnish to switch

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to English.

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[Irfan] Kind of like on the topic of
languages, I always had this

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discussion with my grandpa.

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He would say like, oh, you know,
back in my day, I used to speak

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English fluently, but I don't
use it at all.

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So, I forgot it.

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I was always like, there's no
way you can forget a language.

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And nowadays, you know, when I
have conversations with people

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who like did their exchange
programmes or whatever, I mean,

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even in my case, you know, I was
complaining to you that I'm

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forgetting my German because I
don't use it at all.

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But it's interesting.

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We had like this conversation a
little bit earlier, how you

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said, you know, it gets a little
bit reactivated.

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So, what was the experience
getting on the, coming back to

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Finland, getting on the train?

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You know, when did the Finnish
kind of neurons start firing up

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again, in your brain?

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[Lukas] I think it was already at the at
the airport because I went to a

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supermarket in the airport to
get some food.

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And I was really happy to just
hear the cashier ask me if I

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need the receipt.

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And I said “en tarvi kuittia”.

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So I asked, answered in,
answered in Finnish.

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And really, this little
interaction already made me

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happy.

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And then I got onto the bus and
onto the train and heard

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the announcement in Finnish.

00:07:48.960 --> 00:07:53.372

And I didn't understand
everything, but somehow it made

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me feel like being at, yeah, I'm
not really home, but at a place

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that I know.

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[Irfan] If... Do you remember this thing
that they discussed during

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orientation?

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You know, don't ask somebody

where they're from.

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Ask them where they feel local.

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[Lukas] Yes.

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[Irfan] So, I think this might be that
thing where you're feeling

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local.

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[Lukas] And it was the same way when
I arrived here in Jyväskylä

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on Sunday, so a few days back.

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It felt local, It felt I I knew
the city, I didn't need Google

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Maps to get to my hotel.

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I knew where to find a
supermarket and it was just I, I

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can relax here.

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Now that I'm here, it's a place.

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I, I don't understand everything
people are saying around me, but

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I understand the basics and I
know my way around.

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And that's a really nice
feeling.

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That's why I enjoy being here
because I, I know where to find

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stuff and how to do things here.

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[Irfan] So, let's just jump straight into it.

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Why are you here right now?

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You're not a student.

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[Lukas] That's correct.

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I'm now a PhD student in Germany, but at the moment I'm

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here for the Jyväskylä Summer School, which is organised I

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guess by the Department of Mathematics and Sciences, and

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I'm taking two courses in this
summer school.

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It's a two-week summer school.

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The courses are either one or
two weeks long and they are

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aimed towards advanced masters
and PhD students and even some

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postdocs are here.

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And the lecturers come from all
around the world.

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So, this year we have one
Finnish lecturer actually, but

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also one from Argentina.

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And there's in another course
that other people are taking,

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there's an Austrian lecturer,
there's another German lecturer

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actually, as well.

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So, it's really an international
environment.

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There's people from all around
the world attending the courses.

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Yeah.

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And I was here initially two
years ago, as an exchange student

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and liked it so much that I

decided to come back and that's

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why I'm here at the moment.

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[Irfan] And this is the second time that
you're coming to the summer

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school?

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[Lukas] Yes, I was at the summer school
last year as well.

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And both years my motivation was
more that I wanted to be in

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Jyväskylä again and less that the
courses are strictly necessary

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for my education.

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But both times it turned out
that the courses are really nice

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and I enjoyed them because I
enjoy doing mathematics as well.

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And combining both being here in
Jyväskylä and enjoying

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somewhat the the vibe of the
city again and feeling nostalgic

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about my time here.

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And on top of that, learning
some mathematics and connecting

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with people all around the world
is really nice.

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And that's why I'm here for the

third time in total and the

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second year in a row attending
the summer school.

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[Irfan] I mean, I hope you're going to
be here again next year.

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We only get an opportunity to
see each other once a year.

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So... [Lukas] Yes, yes, I, I hope
so as well.

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[Irfan] So, kind of you already gave a
surprisingly nice little

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advertisement for the summer
school.

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Do you happen to know how long

the summer school's been going

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on?

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[Lukas] This year is the 33rd summer
school and due to COVID one or

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two times were cancelled and my
lecturer today actually told us

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that he was here for the first
summer school as a student back

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then or a PhD student in 1989.

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So, 1989 was the first time that
this summer school happened, and

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then this year is the 33rd time
and it's quite a big summer

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school.

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So, someone yesterday told me
that over the span of two weeks,

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there's going to be around 200
students.

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And there's courses in
mathematics, physics, chemistry,

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nanoscience, biology, computer
science, cognitive science, and

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some interdisciplinary courses
as well.

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So it's not just restricted to
mathematicians.

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[Irfan] I love it how we didn't even
plan this and you immediately

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have the information.

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Looks like somebody had a good
education.

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I'm trying to figure out, is
there anything that I can ask

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you that you won't immediately
have an answer to it?

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But let's go with this.

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So how did it feel for you to
just come back to the department

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where you feel local, where you
used to have classes?

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Because if I remember correctly,
coming to JYU was your first and

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only exchange experience.

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[Lukas] Yes, it was.

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And I really back then didn't
actively choose Jyväskylä as

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the place for my exchange, but
my motivation was, OK, I want to

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go to the north! So, I come from
Germany.

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So north is basically Norway,
Sweden, Finland or Denmark.

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But then I said, OK, Denmark is
too close to Germany.

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So, I looked for partner
universities of my home

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university in Norway, Sweden or
Finland, and there was just

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Jyväskylä.

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So, I ended up here and I really
enjoyed my time here because I,

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I like the courses, I like the
environment.

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I, it was always, it was very
small courses.

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I think I never had more than 10

or 15 people in the course.

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And the professors were very
nice and did, they seemed

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approachable and it was a very
pleasant experience here.

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And yeah, coming back this year
was also very nice.

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Although the, the colour, the,
it's a little bit different now

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in the summer school because
you're not having like a regular

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lecture, but it's, it's these
mini courses with some more

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students.

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But still, I really enjoy the,
the aspect, the, the

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mathematical or the educational
aspect of being here as well and

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being back in the, in the
building that we had our courses

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back then also brought up some
memories and I really enjoy it.

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[Irfan] So, how's the social aspect of
the summer school been?

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Because I think there was like
some social programming.

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Yes, there's a social programme
organised by a local here.

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There's a, an opening dinner and
there was a sauna evening and we

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had a game night.

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And I don't know exactly what's
happening next week, but there's

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a lot of stuff being organised
for people to meet up with each

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other, so that's also pretty
nice.

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And there's also a big WhatsApp
group where people organise

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stuff independently.

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So, there's a lot of stuff going
on as well outside of the

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classes.

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And the nice thing here in the
summer school is that the

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arrangement is so free somewhat,
and it's not a regular

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university course that also the
professors participate in these

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events.

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So, there were a lot of
professors at the sauna evening

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yesterday, for example, because
none of us are really in a

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professor student relationship
for a long time.

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It's just for this fun course
basically.

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So, it's even more approachable
than the standard courses and

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the standard professor student
situation here.

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[Irfan] And then they say that, you
know, scientists can't have fun

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and actually have like a social
setup.

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I mean, actually when you're
talking about that whole like,

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you know, whole nice little social
setting, how everything's

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comfortable.

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I'm thinking about the summer
school when we did it last year,

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because we were in that one
course together, the stochastics

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course.

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And we had lunch basically every
time with like other students

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and the professors who were
supervising and then the

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professors who were attending
the, the, the, the summer

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school.

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I always forget, is the summer
school for free or... [Lukas] Yes, it is

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for free, but you have to pay
for accommodation and travel

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costs yourself.

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So, there's no possibility for
funding that, but there's no fee

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for the courses at least.

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And then in my case, both years,
last year and this year, I got

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some money from my home
university because obviously

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attending a summer school is
something that makes sense for

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your education.

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And my university decided that
they will fund the accommodation

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and the travel costs basically.

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But you don't pay any fee for
the courses here.

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And the only thing that costs
something is the opening dinner,

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but also the social programme is

for free.

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So, the sauna evening, for
example, yesterday there were

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some snacks provided as well.

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And obviously the sauna, that
was also for free.

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So that's a pretty good deal in
my book.

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[Irfan] And you're still getting
credits?

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[Lukas] I don't.

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[Irfan] Or do you even need them now?

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[Lukas] I don't need them now because
I'm a PhD student.

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And in Germany, the PhD does not
include any coursework, but you

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can get credit points.

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So basically, you get a
certificate of attendance for

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just attending for being there.

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And then with some extra work,
which means basically in in

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mathematics mostly handing in
some exercises, you can get 2

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credits per course.

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And there's also three credit
courses which have a bit of lab

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work or something like that.

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So, if you need them and if you
have arranged with your home

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department that they are
transferable, you can get

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credits for the courses here.

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[Irfan] Actually, I think there's one
course in computer science where,

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or I guess artificial
intelligence because AI is in

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nowadays.

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I think they have, like you, the
baseline is 2 credits and I

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think you can get up to 5
credits for some sort of a

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project.

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So I guess it's a relatively
easy way to get a bunch of

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credits if you need them.

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[Lukas] And it's also, once again,
pretty flexible.

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I think that's something that
the Finns like to do.

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There's very flexible formats
for an exam or for some kind of

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evaluation.

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So in the one course that is
lectured by a Finnish professor,

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to get the credits we have to do
a learning diary where he said,

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OK, at minimum just make lecture
notes, make notes in the lecture

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and send them to me.

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But then he gave us points in
his lecture where he was like,

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OK, if you are interested in
that, you can dive into that

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topic and write a few pages on
that, or you can do that, or you

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can do that.

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And basically the decision is
ours as the students to do what

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we find interesting and then
send that to him.

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And I mean, these courses don't
get graded on a zero to five

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scale, but just pass or fail.

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But these like flexible formats
for exams is something that I

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also really like.

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And I think that's something
that in in Finland is standard

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to have these independent study
possibilities as well, where you

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basically just read material and
then do an exam.

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And I think that's really nice
because then you can organise

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your study plan yourself.

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And this spirit is also
present in the summer school.

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[Irfan] Oh yeah.

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There really is like a high
level of flexibility.

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And I kind of like how you can
see through the summer school a

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little bit of a flavour of, you
know, the high school education

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system and the low and the below
high school education systems in

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Finland are the ones that get
the most praise.

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But through this type of an
opportunity, you get to see a

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little bit of flavour, like, OK,
how does it work at the

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university level?

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And I really do appreciate that
level of flexibility.

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Actually, in spring 2023,
back, you know, you already left.

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Arturo

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and I took a class that was
originally just designed as a,

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as a class in Finnish.

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We did like advanced finance and
we made like a real easy

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arrangement with the professor,
like, hey, can we do it like

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this?

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Can we do it like this?

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And we did it as like an oral
exam because both of us thought

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like, oh, we would learn more
from an oral exam than a

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standard thing.

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And it's really that focus of I
don't care how I think, this is

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kind of the philosophy.

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I don't care how you're
learning.

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I want you to learn.

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But learning means truly
understanding, not just like,

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here's the little bit of
information that you're getting

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from me right now.

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No, no, no, no, no.

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Like, did you understand this?

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And is this something that
genuinely interests you?

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So speaking kind about generally
interest, being generally

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interested in something.

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Where are you studying right
now?

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[Lukas] I am at the University of
Konstanz in the very South of

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Germany, right next to the
border with Switzerland and

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right next to Lake Konstanz.

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One of the biggest, I would
think even the biggest lake in

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in Germany, and it's shared
between Germany, Austria and

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Switzerland.

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And I moved there for my PhD in
April.

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[Irfan] So, we had this like a little bit
of a conversation beforehand.

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We're not going to bother
anybody with the mathematics.

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I don't want anybody to turn
off the podcast immediately, but

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we had this conversation how
originally you had this big

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interest in differential
geometry and now you did a

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little bit of a switch towards

calculus variations.

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And what I found interesting was
how you were telling me about

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your decision making process,
how and you know, you can jump

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in at any time and correct me if
I'm getting something wrong.

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You kind of had like a little
bit of a list.

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You had the field that you were
interested in and then you

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contacted people and based on
that, you kind of made a

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decision or granted, I guess you

were home university advisor

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made the decision for you.

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But you keep highlighting, you
know, this independence, this

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flexibility, this respect that
you that you saw when you had

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your exchange in Finland.

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Did that in any way, shape or
form

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inform your thought
process when you were choosing

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where to do your PhD? [Lukas] I don't
think that that was the most

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important part, but I would say
that it kind of enforced my

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motivation to do a PhD because I
thought, OK, academia is is a

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nice is a nice field to be in.

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And the time here with the
courses that I have really good

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memories about and that I really
enjoyed really made my

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motivation to study more
mathematics even higher.

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And I wanted to do more of that.

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So the decision to do a PhD at

all probably was influenced as

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well by my exchange stay here
because I, I saw a different

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university system and, and a
system that somehow a little

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more flexible.

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And I thought, OK, this this
flexibility that you have in a

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PhD as well, because you're
basically doing research on a

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topic that you choose together
with your advisor, having this

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flexibility and doing
mathematics, those are two

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things that I enjoyed here.

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And I thought, OK, let's do that
for another three years.

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Yeah.

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But in choosing the place where
to do the PhD, my exchange state

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influenced just a little bit
because I had these good

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memories from Jyväskylä.

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I actually checked if I can do a
PhD here in Jyväskylä as

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well, but in the end it ended up

with the University of

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Konstanz.

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So I stayed in Germany.

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Yeah, but if at any point the
University of Jyväskylä

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wants to offer me a postdoc,
position I would be down for

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that.

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[Irfan] Researchers.

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He's available in how many
years?

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[Lukas] The plan is to finish in mid of

2027 so I could come for the

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autumn semester 2027.

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[Irfan] But OK, all all jokes aside,
would you actually be interested

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in doing a post doc at JYU?

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[Lukas] Yeah, why not?

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I mean, I obviously you have to
find a professor and advisor who

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works on a topic that you're
interested in and who has some

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ground to employ you.

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But Jyväskylä as a city is a

place where I could see myself

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living for a few years during a
post doc definitely.

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[Irfan] So what is something that like
you genuinely really appreciated

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about this city because you've
had, you know, two years from

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the exchange experience to
reflect on it, I hope at least a

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little bit.

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What is the most meaningful
thing that you think about when

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you come back here?

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[Lukas] OK, so first of all, the the
city is really nice in that it's

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big, but not big in some sense.

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So it's the 7th largest city in
in Finland, or the 5th largest

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if you consider the Capital
Region as one city.

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But it's not really a large city
if you compare it to big cities,

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for example in Germany or in the
US, because there's only around

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I believe 150,000 inhabitants
here.

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And you have the two big lakes,
you have a forest nearby, you

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have several national parks that
are in reach.

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But on the other hand, you have
all the infrastructure you need

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from a city and this interplay
between nature somewhat being

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having the vibe of a small city,
but the infrastructure of a big

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city, that's really nice.

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And then another thing I really
enjoyed.

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But I guess that's not limited

to Jyväskylä.

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It's only that this is the only
place where I experienced it.

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But I guess it's the same in
other places in Finland is that

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people, and this is going to
sound negative, maybe people

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genuinely don't care about what
you do, but I find that good.

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So if you don't engage in
conversations, in socialising,

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no one is forcing you to do
that.

00:25:05.080 --> 00:25:12.392

And maybe in the same direction,

Finns sometimes get the

00:25:12.392 --> 00:25:16.440

reputation to be very reserved.

00:25:17.440 --> 00:25:18.920

But I think they are just

honest.

00:25:19.160 --> 00:25:19.520

[Irfan] Oh, yeah.

00:25:19.920 --> 00:25:22.040

[Lukas] Because if you talk to them,

they are very nice.

00:25:22.040 --> 00:25:23.400

They are very helpful.

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They are very genuine.

00:25:26.920 --> 00:25:29.992

But there's no, like, false

smiling all day and telling

00:25:29.992 --> 00:25:33.120

everyone that we are best

friends when we have just met.

00:25:33.640 --> 00:25:37.861

And this culture of like honesty
and also leaving people alone if

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they don't want to engage is
something that I really like

00:25:41.572 --> 00:25:45.730

because I'm also, I'm, I'm this
kind of person who can just walk

00:25:45.730 --> 00:25:49.760

through a city for a few days
and not talk at all with anyone.

00:25:50.120 --> 00:25:52.720

And basically no one cares about
what I'm doing.

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But if I have a problem and I
approach someone, then they

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really do care and they help me.

00:25:58.560 --> 00:25:59.880

And this is really nice.

00:26:00.560 --> 00:26:04.730

And I guess it's not limited to
Jyväskylä, but rather maybe

00:26:04.730 --> 00:26:06.360

a Finnish mentality thing.

00:26:06.680 --> 00:26:08.200

But I really enjoyed that.

00:26:08.640 --> 00:26:11.440

[Irfan] So I agree with you 100%, as you
already know.

00:26:12.360 --> 00:26:15.196

The one thing that I will add to
that, I do think that you have a

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little bit of a better
experience in Jyväskylä just

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because it is a relatively small

city.

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And this is what I've heard like
from other foreigners and

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Finnish people who say that
people are just a little bit

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friendlier here.

00:26:26.720 --> 00:26:28.975

And I think that just comes from
the fact that it's a relatively

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smaller community.

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So you have this feeling of
closeness, but it's kind of

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related to a thing that I always
tell my tutees.

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I always say that you can be as
social or as asocial in the

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city as you want to be.

00:26:41.040 --> 00:26:44.472

If you want to go out every
night, you know, meet 1000

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different people every night,
you have the opportunity to do

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that, you know, up to 150
nights.

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After that you'll start bumping
into people, but you're the

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better mathematician.

00:26:53.280 --> 00:26:55.155

You figure out when's the

minimal day when you're going to

00:26:55.155 --> 00:26:55.600

start meeting...

00:26:56.240 --> 00:26:59.075

The probability of meeting a lot
of, you know, old people is the

00:26:59.075 --> 00:27:01.736

highest... Anyway, but you also have
the options just like if, you

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know, if you want to spend a
week at home just doing your own

00:27:04.440 --> 00:27:06.839

thing, not interacting with
somebody, you can do that.

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And, you know, on a personal
level, I just got to say this

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as, you know, spending four
years in the States where you

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constantly have to be on
whatever is going on, you know,

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you're constantly on, you're
constantly on, you're constantly

00:27:17.914 --> 00:27:20.120

on, it's draining and it becomes
disingenuous.

00:27:20.600 --> 00:27:23.240

Whereas here, if you want to
talk, you talk.

00:27:23.320 --> 00:27:24.600

If you don't want to talk, you
don't.

00:27:24.640 --> 00:27:28.650

And then it's it's exactly that
honesty that you're mentioning,

00:27:28.650 --> 00:27:30.280

it just being who you are.

00:27:30.320 --> 00:27:32.600

And then it's immediately easier
to build some sort of a

00:27:32.600 --> 00:27:33.040

connection.

00:27:33.200 --> 00:27:39.307

[Lukas] Yeah, I I thought that I could,
that my answer would lead to you

00:27:39.307 --> 00:27:44.570

bashing the US, but I mean,
that's exactly, you told me

00:27:44.570 --> 00:27:49.738

about that in the US, that you
didn't enjoy this false

00:27:49.738 --> 00:27:50.960

friendliness.

00:27:51.600 --> 00:27:53.840

And I think it's exactly the
opposite here.

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And I also, I'm, I've never been

to the US, but I wouldn't enjoy

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it as well.

00:27:59.520 --> 00:28:02.414

[Irfan] So, I mean, there's also just
like, you know, I got to say

00:28:02.414 --> 00:28:04.760

this so they don't revoke my
visa, my US visa.

00:28:05.520 --> 00:28:08.570

But no, all jokes aside, I think
it's just like a different

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system and like a concept of
reality, I guess.

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Whereas in the States you are in
a structured system where

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everybody is expected to
constantly move around and you

00:28:16.702 --> 00:28:18.600

can't really build a deep
connection.

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If you know, you know, one year
you're in Boston, the next year

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you're in DC, the third year
you're in New York, whatever, of

00:28:24.238 --> 00:28:26.744

course you're going to have a
little bit of like a more

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shallow interaction.

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Then you're going to try to
increase your own, not

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adrenaline, your own kind of
like level of outward exposed

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affection in order to show some
like, you know, warmth or

00:28:37.701 --> 00:28:38.240

whatever.

00:28:38.520 --> 00:28:41.943

Whereas I think here is it's
again, smaller country, smaller

00:28:41.943 --> 00:28:42.280

place.

00:28:42.360 --> 00:28:45.699

And again, it's just that type
of mentality where like I want

00:28:45.699 --> 00:28:46.400

to be myself.

00:28:46.600 --> 00:28:47.720

I don't want to bug anybody.

00:28:47.720 --> 00:28:51.160

I don't want anybody bugging me.

00:28:51.960 --> 00:28:54.280

If... So, kind of going a little
bit backwards.

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You were in the student village,
right?

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During the stay here. [Lukas] Yes.

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[Irfan] So is it weird to come here and
not be in the student village?

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[Lukas] Yes, a little bit, because the
student village was my home for

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four and a half months.

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And one aspect of the student
village is really outstanding to

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me, and that's the fact that
during the semester time,

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there's the restaurant

Rentukka, which is also open on

00:29:23.158 --> 00:29:24.040

the weekends.

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So during these four and a half months

I think I can count on one hand

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the times I cooked a meal for

myself because I always went to

00:29:33.779 --> 00:29:36.640

Rentukka and not having that

anymore.

00:29:36.800 --> 00:29:41.511

But for example, this year I'm

in a hotel, so if I want to eat

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there I have to pay full

restaurant price and not the

00:29:45.549 --> 00:29:49.662

€2.95 I was I had to pay in
Rentukka to get the student

00:29:49.662 --> 00:29:50.560

priced meal.

00:29:51.240 --> 00:29:54.870

Or last year I was staying in a
hostel where I didn't have any

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restaurant in there as at all.

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So this is a very convenient
thing that the student village

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had that I'm not having right
now.

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[Irfan] It was especially wonderful when
it was, you know, the height of

00:30:06.395 --> 00:30:09.080

winter and you didn't have to go

anywhere far away.

00:30:09.480 --> 00:30:12.840

What was your favourite student
restaurant when we were here?

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[Lukas] Probably Piato, the one in in
the Agora building.

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First of all, because of the
chocolate mousse.

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Semma, please bring back the
chocolate mousse.

00:30:25.880 --> 00:30:26.600

I need it.

00:30:28.920 --> 00:30:32.659

Please talk to the summer school
coordinators when when the next

00:30:32.659 --> 00:30:36.283

summer school is happening next
year, because I will try to be

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here and then have this
chocolate mousse every day as

00:30:39.389 --> 00:30:40.080

the dessert.

00:30:40.400 --> 00:30:44.641

That would be my sincere wish to
make my stay in Finland even

00:30:44.641 --> 00:30:45.120

better.

00:30:45.680 --> 00:30:48.487

[Irfan] I think you're going to single
handedly, you know, double the

00:30:48.487 --> 00:30:50.480

profits of Semma during that
period of time.

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Is, is really the chocolate
mousse the main thing?

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[Lukas] No, I mean, first of all, I have
to say the student

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restaurants are really nice.

00:31:01.680 --> 00:31:07.056

Having this opportunity to when
we were here was €2.70, then it

00:31:07.056 --> 00:31:09.240

was €3.20, now it's €2.95.

00:31:09.240 --> 00:31:12.800

So let's say €3 to get a student
meal.

00:31:14.840 --> 00:31:19.106

And first of all, that's very
cheap, but it's good food

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mostly.

00:31:19.960 --> 00:31:24.460

And I guess the choices in Piato
were mostly the ones that I

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liked more than other
restaurants.

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But as I said, I ate a lot in
Rentukka as well.

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Sometimes we ate in the math
building in Maija.

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And there's also something that
I like because at my home

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university, for example, there's
one big student restaurant and

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it's also good and the prices
are also low.

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So everything is somewhat
comparable, but there's only

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this one at the university.

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And here you have these smaller
restaurants all around the city.

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So wherever you are, there's a
restaurant.

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No clear, I can't speak English
anymore.

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There's a restaurant close to
you or nearby.

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I think I just mixed up close
and nearby into one word.

00:32:07.280 --> 00:32:10.689

So you never have to like get to
the campus on a day where you

00:32:10.689 --> 00:32:11.880

don't have university.

00:32:12.640 --> 00:32:14.520

That's also something for the
student village.

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If it's just a lazy day, you
don't have to get to the

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university to get the cheap meal
or you don't have to cook for

00:32:20.850 --> 00:32:23.880

yourself or you don't have to go
to a fancy restaurant.

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You can just go to the student
restaurant that's right around

00:32:27.107 --> 00:32:27.680

the corner.

00:32:28.320 --> 00:32:31.101

[Irfan] And I do kind of like that whole
like what you mentioned, you

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know, there's so many
restaurants in town, student

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restaurants emphasising it.

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You do have like, you know, a
huge level of flexibility as... I

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don't know if you remember this,
but God knows that I'm a picky

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eater.

00:32:41.640 --> 00:32:43.406

So I always like the fact
there's always going to be at

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least like, you know, five
student restaurants.

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I'm like, OK, there's going to
be something delicious over

00:32:48.886 --> 00:32:49.760

here, though.

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And oh, and another thing that I
kind of do you remember how like

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the different student
restaurants have like a kind of

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like a themed day, Like, for
example, Maija on Fridays has,

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like the whole burger day.

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[Lukas] Oh, yes, now that you say that.

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Yeah, I remember that.

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I I remember that we had
discussions in our group of like

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international people in the math
department where to go eat

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because there were strong
opinions towards Plato in the

00:33:15.136 --> 00:33:17.440
Spanish speaking part of the
group.

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But on Friday there were also
strong opinions towards Maija for

00:33:21.575 --> 00:33:24.774
the burgers on in the German
speaking part of our group,

00:33:24.774 --> 00:33:25.560
including you.

00:33:27.040 --> 00:33:28.880
[Irfan] Oh, I'm, I'm, I'm adopted now in

the German group.

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[Lukas] And yes, I, I remember that,
that, I mean that that's also

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nice to have some variance.

00:33:36.880 --> 00:33:40.647

I have to say, now that I'm back
here, I there's some of the some

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of the dishes I already knew
from my time back then, but

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there's also new dishes now that
I didn't know so far.

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So apparently they're also
changing up their menu.

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Yeah.

00:33:51.040 --> 00:33:55.806

So it's a really nice thing that
these student restaurants exist

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and that they are so abundant in
the city.

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[Irfan] Did you know that like Ilokivi
now is owned by Semma?

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[Lukas] Oh, no, I didn't know that.

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[Irfan] Yeah, the, the, the, that's a
new one.

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So like, you know, the coffee
punch cards, if you have any

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left now, you can actually use
them at Semma.

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But it, it was kind of like, you
know, this brought like some

00:34:12.025 --> 00:34:14.082
memories now when you started
mentioning how we used to all go

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to like, you know, the student
restaurants.

00:34:16.360 --> 00:34:20.391
I really loved it how
international of a lunch group

00:34:20.391 --> 00:34:24.880
we had because it was, you know,
let's let's go like this.

00:34:25.360 --> 00:34:27.160
Should I go by languages or
nationalities?

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[Lights go out]
Oh, this is this is for stabilisation.

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We will be right back in 20
seconds.

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[Lukas] There it is.

[Lights are on again]

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[Irfan] Or maybe less, maybe
less, maybe less.

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[Lukas] We are back.

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[Irfan] So guys, you might have noticed
that the lights changed a little

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bit.

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This is because Lukas over here
is a big environmentalist.

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So he insisted that we have a
timer on the lights and I guess

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the timer went a little bit
sooner than expected.

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I am sure that Greta Thunberg
supported our decision to lower

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the lights at some point.

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But in any case, most of you
guys are probably just, you

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know, listening to us and not
really watching it.

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I'm actually going to keep this
the podcast.

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Let's have, you know, because we
went with like a full on casual

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episode, just like, you know,
we're we're breaking the fourth

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wall a little bit more than what
I usually do.

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Do you want to tell the guests
how this podcast today happened?

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[Lukas] Yes.

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So basically, since I'm here for
the third time and the last time

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we two met was last year when I
was here for the summer school,

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we scheduled a meeting for this
afternoon and we just wanted to

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go for a coffee and catch up
basically.

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And then around two hours before
our meeting, Irfan asked me,

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well, I have a random offer.

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Do you want to be on one of the
podcast episodes?

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And I want to be honest.

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I immediately said yes, and I
even told him that I somewhat

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wished that he would ask me
that, but that I was too shy to

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ask myself because I'm a
listener of this podcast.

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Actually, I'm a watcher.

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I usually watch it on YouTube
and I really enjoy the stories

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and I always try to find hidden
Easter eggs or references that

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Irfan drops to our time here
because we the first semester of

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his time in Jyväskylä was the
one where I was here as well.

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So we basically got to know the
city together.

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We were in the same tutor group,
so there's a lot of experiences

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that we made together and I'm
always trying to find references

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for that.

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So basically, I'm a big fan of
this podcast, and when you

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invited me to be a guest on it,
it was a no brainer to say yes.

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And then very spontaneously, we
decided to cut our coffee break

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a little short and go into the
recording studio.

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[Irfan] Yeah.

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And luckily the studio was

actually available, though

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again, I guess we had a little
bit of a thing with the light. Oh,

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and speaking of tutor, a massive
shout out to Emmi, who was an

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absolutely wonderful tutor.

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And no, she was actually like so
nice.

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I genuinely decided to be a
tutor.

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This is my this is going to be
my thirds semester as a tutor.

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She did such a good job.

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And I still occasionally kind of
like reference her e-mail when

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I'm trying to prepare something.

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[Lukas] Yes, it was really helpful to
have her as a tutor.

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And basically she's the reason
why we know each other.

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[Irfan] Yeah, yeah, 'cause like she was
like, well, let's just all meet

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together, yeah.

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[Lukas] Because I think we arrived
either on the same day or I

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arrived one day after you.

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But basically I arrived and then
we 3 Emmi, you and me went

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shopping to Prisma for like the
basic supplies that we needed.

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And that's where we got to know
each other.

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And I think one of the first
things you did was probably some

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insensitive joke about German
history.

00:37:41.440 --> 00:37:42.640

And I really enjoyed it.

00:37:42.640 --> 00:37:45.120

And that's how we became
friends.

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[Irfan] That's the part that I'll cut [laughs],
it wasn't an insensitive joke.

00:37:53.120 --> 00:37:57.360

I think was a joke about pretzels
I always make jokes about....

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No, I think I know it was a joke
about Lidl.

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[Lukas] I think maybe, yeah,
probably it was not a hardcore

00:38:03.767 --> 00:38:08.082

joke because you also wanted to
like, let's balance it out and

00:38:08.082 --> 00:38:10.480

see if the German has some
humour.

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[Irfan] You actually do.

00:38:11.880 --> 00:38:12.480

You actually do.

00:38:12.520 --> 00:38:15.137

It's like I genuinely believe
that everybody has a good sense

00:38:15.137 --> 00:38:15.560

of humour.

00:38:15.560 --> 00:38:17.657

You just have to give them the
freedom to actually express

00:38:17.657 --> 00:38:18.440

their sense of humour.

00:38:18.920 --> 00:38:22.234

So just going back to kind of
like, you know, the the lunch

00:38:22.234 --> 00:38:25.714

group, nationality wise, I think
it was really cute how we had

00:38:25.714 --> 00:38:25.880

it.

00:38:25.880 --> 00:38:27.440

You know, we had people from
Germany.

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We had me, I guess, from Bosnia,
Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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Bosnia and Herzegovina.

00:38:32.800 --> 00:38:33.680

This is a funny one.

00:38:33.840 --> 00:38:36.400

I never know how to pronounce my
own country's name properly in

00:38:36.400 --> 00:38:38.520

English because I've heard so
many variations of it.

00:38:38.520 --> 00:38:43.646

A person from the Philippines, a
lot of people from Spain and

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also like, you know, people from
Finland.

00:38:48.080 --> 00:38:51.518

And it was really nice because,
you know, essentially, we all met

00:38:51.518 --> 00:38:54.744

in a math course, but I don't
think, you know, we didn't all

00:38:54.744 --> 00:38:57.760

just have like, you know, math
conversations after that.

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We just had, you know, like
really pleasant conversations

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about... [Lukas] Yes, it was a nice group...

00:39:02.520 --> 00:39:06.281

[Irfan] And I think it was to me that
symbolises that like, you know,

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level of what, what
internationalisation should be

00:39:09.374 --> 00:39:13.136

about where kind of also like
what you were talking about the

00:39:13.136 --> 00:39:15.320

social aspect of the summer
school.

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It's people just being, I like
to call that integration on the

00:39:18.600 --> 00:39:21.724

ground, people from different
backgrounds and perspectives,

00:39:21.724 --> 00:39:24.640

just talking with each other,
understanding each other.

00:39:24.920 --> 00:39:28.367

And you know, like in this case,
hopefully building enough of a

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good friendship that you know,
you can randomly drop by on the

00:39:31.761 --> 00:39:35.263

podcast a year later, which will
hopefully get aired if I happen

00:39:35.263 --> 00:39:38.280

to figure out how to resolve the
issue with the lights.

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So kind of something that I
wanted to ask you before we wrap

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it up, before you know, all of
the technology shuts off.

00:39:48.400 --> 00:39:51.732

There was an interesting story
that you told me what you ended

00:39:51.732 --> 00:39:53.160

up doing here on Wednesday.

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So let me kind of let me set you
up as follows.

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Other than me, is there anybody
that you managed to meet up with

00:40:00.623 --> 00:40:01.160
in the city?

00:40:01.520 --> 00:40:02.320
[Lukas] Yes, I did.

00:40:02.320 --> 00:40:06.280
And that's another aspect that I
like about being here because

00:40:06.280 --> 00:40:10.365
there's still some people in the
city that I know and that I can

00:40:10.365 --> 00:40:11.560
meet up with again.

00:40:12.720 --> 00:40:17.448
When I came here in 2022 for the
exchange semester, I wanted to

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join an orchestra because I
play the saxophone and I

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thought, OK, four and a half months
without doing any music would

00:40:25.648 --> 00:40:27.200

not be the best time.

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But the problem was, because I
had two big suitcases, I

00:40:30.438 --> 00:40:32.040

couldn't bring my saxophone
here.

00:40:32.360 --> 00:40:36.116

So basically on the association
fair that happened in the

00:40:36.116 --> 00:40:39.937

beginning of the semester, I
went up to the wind orchestra

00:40:39.937 --> 00:40:43.240

here and told them, hey, I can
play the saxophone.

00:40:44.120 --> 00:40:47.226

I believe I am a decent
saxophone player, but I don't

00:40:47.226 --> 00:40:48.320
have an instrument.

00:40:48.680 --> 00:40:49.520
Can I play with you?

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And they arranged it so one of
the conductors was able to

00:40:54.804 --> 00:40:55.360
borrow.

00:40:56.080 --> 00:40:56.480
No.

00:40:56.520 --> 00:40:57.560
Is it lent or borrow?

00:40:57.680 --> 00:40:58.680
I always mix up.

00:40:59.040 --> 00:41:02.360
So I got the instrument from
from her.

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She...

00:41:03.320 --> 00:41:04.600

No, I borrowed it from her.

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Yeah.

00:41:05.000 --> 00:41:05.320

OK.

00:41:05.360 --> 00:41:05.800

This way.

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And little English vocabulary
lesson.

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So I borrowed the instrument
from her and I got to play with

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them and played some very nice
concerts and they were very open

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to me.

00:41:17.120 --> 00:41:20.995

They immediately made everything
available in English for me and

00:41:20.995 --> 00:41:23.560

to other exchange students who
were there.

00:41:24.160 --> 00:41:30.622

And it was a really pleasant
experience for me to have these

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weekly rehearsals because I
really enjoy playing music and

00:41:36.873 --> 00:41:43.760

it's a nice, a nice counterpart
to like doing math all the time.

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And actually this year and also
last year, I managed to meet up

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with this orchestra again and to
have a rehearsal with them.

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And that was what I did on
Wednesday.

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And obviously also because it's
a student orchestra, some people

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leave the orchestra, but there's
still a decent amount of people

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I know from back in 2022, and I
enjoyed meeting them again and

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keeping in touch there.

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And who knows, if I come back
for a postdoc, maybe I will be

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a regular player of the

orchestra once again.

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[Irfan] Well, hey, let's leave it on
that, you know, with the

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possibility of a future Lukas
enjoying being a postdoc at JYU

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in the math department and also
being active in the orchestra.

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So, I want to give you this
opportunity.

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Is there a message that you
would like to leave off for soon

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to actually, I think some of
them have already come here, but

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mostly for incoming exchange

students.

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[Lukas] Yes, I have to think about
how to phrase it.

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But basically if you plan to
come to Jyväskylä, do it.

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Don't be scared of things that
might seem overwhelming in the

00:42:56.177 --> 00:42:56.800

beginning.

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There's the tutoring system,
there's the JYY, the student union,

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there's the Erasmus student
network, there's a whole bunch

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of other exchange students.

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So there's a lot of people
willing to help you who are open

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to exchange and you're going to
have a very good time here.

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And for those of you coming from
other countries where maybe the

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relationship between professors
and students at the university

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is a little more strict, like
Germany for example, don't be

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afraid to approach your
professors.

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And if you have problems, if you
need special arrangements,

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whatever.

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If I learned one thing, it's
that Finnish professors try to

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make it happen and try to give
you the best possible

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opportunity, the best possible
opportunities to finish your

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courses or to arrange an exam
that fits your needs or

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whatever.

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So don't be shy to approach
people.

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And Finns are no monsters.

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They are very nice.

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You just have to talk to them.

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And if you don't feel like
talking, then don't.

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[Irfan] Well, hey, Lukas, thanks
a bunch for your time.

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Thanks a bunch for the insight.

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This was a lot of fun.

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And on a personal level, as
somebody who genuinely loves

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both this country and the city,
it brings me a lot of joy to see

00:44:20.105 --> 00:44:23.471
somebody, you know, who
continuously keeps coming back

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here, who actually has a desire
to come here at some point and

00:44:27.326 --> 00:44:30.080
add a little bit of extra value
to the city.

00:44:31.520 --> 00:44:34.120
Because I think Jyväskylä is
genuinely a lovely city.

00:44:34.120 --> 00:44:37.196
JYU is a great university and
people coming back and giving

00:44:37.196 --> 00:44:37.760
back to it.

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I think it like it's I as an
individual who feels part of

00:44:41.771 --> 00:44:44.400

this community, who feels local
here.

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I really appreciate it. You guys,

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I hope you really enjoyed this
episode.

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A little bit more casual, a
little bit more chill than the

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other ones.

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Apologies for the slight
technical difficulties.

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It was, you know, an, an act of
electricity.

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If you guys want to check out

the other episode of the JYU for

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YOU podcast, you can always find
the details in the link in the

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description.

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For all of the students who are
contemplating about coming here

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to JYU to be an an exchange
student.

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If Lukas didn't convince you, I
don't know that I can.

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Also for all of our incoming
degree students, this also like

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a great way to see that even if
you're an international degree

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student, you can also build a
connection with different

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exchange students and you can
really enjoy an international

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environment at JYU.

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Thanks again, you guys.

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Sorry for the little technical
difficulties.

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Hopefully none of them are going
to be here in the next two weeks

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and have a wonderful weekend and
enjoy. Kiitos

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ja moikka! Cheers!