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Interview with Franz-Peter Griesmaier

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Interview Overview

- Discussed his childhood to start the interview
 - Growing up in Austria
 - Family life
 - Living conditions
- His migration
 - Motive to leave-education
 - His journey to America
 - His first movements in the US upon arriving
- His preconceptions of America
 - Ideas about America from media growing up
 - A bit of Austrian history in the twentieth century
 - Expectations about life in America
- Background on Austria during his migration time period
 - Discussed the educational landscape in Austria
 - Talked about the Austrian philosophical landscape when he was younger
- First experiences in America
 - Initial impressions of food, architecture, culture
 - Restrictions he felt in America
- Comparison of America and Austria
 - Discussed pros and cons of each country
 - Concerns about America's future

- Discussed ongoing relationship with Austria
- Enjoyment of life in America
 - Loves teaching at UW
 - America has presented him with career opportunities
- Discussed Philosophy and History
 - Talked about approaches when studying History
 - Related Philosophy to History
- Inquired about his personal life
 - His hobbies and interests
- Discussed language barrier relating to his migration
 - How he learned English growing up in Austria
 - His difficulties understanding television upon arriving in America
- Reflections on his migration story
 - He feels privileged
 - Does not feel like a foreigner
- Thoughts on present-day Austria
 - American culture intertwined in Austrian life
 - Interplay between the two countries