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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