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**Setting:** ITA's office. Quiet.

**Participants:** S1 (not visible), IS5 (long black hair)

xxx S1: background you wanna apply for that job  
Xxx IS5: (have to apply [again])  
xxx S1: [life's so hard  
xxx you know what  
xxx last  
xxx last week I was um  
xxx looking for jobs.  
xxx and I saw one job posting from  
xxx 上海交通大学  
Xxx IS5: mhm  
Xxx S1: Shanghai 交通 University  
xxx and  
xxx do you know what their requirement is?  
xxx two requirement  
xxx first you have to  
xxx be um  
xxx younger than 35 years old,  
xxx second you have to have a PhD from a top ranking,  
xxx well known  
xxx oversea university.  
xxx IS5: what ((inc))  
xxx S1: I don't know  
xxx IS5: no  
xxx maybe they want to have (someone from Cornell Stanford)  
xxx S1 yea::=  
xxx IS5: but it's impossible  
xxx S1: so I was like wow  
xxx this is  
xxx so hard to get a job nowadays.  
xxx IS5: (.)but you have good papers maybe you can  
xxx S1: there are many people with good papers  
xxx but I guess our worries is just the same  
xxx in all the different fields  
xxx in all the different workplace.  
xxx IS5: mhm  
xxx S1: everybody is worried about  
xxx ah! I can't compete with other people!  
xxx IS5: but I mean  
xxx I mean  
xxx the difference- different fields is that

xxx if you want to be the best it's uh  
xxx very hard  
xxx but if you. want just have a decent life  
xxx they do have difference  
xxx S1: that's true  
xxx IS5: what-  
xxx S1: -what is a decent life?  
xxx what is a ideal  
xxx ((Both laughing))  
xxx IS5: that's a good question  
xxx S1: I'm asking so many good questions  
xxx IS5: I don't know  
xxx maybe just  
xxx and I don't want to stay in America.  
xxx S1: you don't want to stay in America?  
xxx IS5: mhm  
xxx because I can't feel,  
xxx I don't feel like I belong to this country.  
xxx S1: in what way  
xxx the way you:  
xxx is it culture?  
xxx is it?  
xxx IS5: yea it's culture  
xxx it's not about the identity things.  
xxx S1: ok  
xxx what's so different from  
xxx IS5: I don't like  
xxx S1: life in China  
xxx IS5: um:  
xxx like-  
xxx S1: even in academic life  
xxx you think it's very different?  
xxx IS5: academic life  
xxx here will be better than China,  
xxx actually  
xxx much better.  
xxx S1: but after graduation,  
xxx IS5: um yea maybe  
xxx but I don't know  
xxx this is  
xxx I can never control them  
xxx S1: you cannot control what?  
xxx IS5: Stony Brook is not a famous university in China for  
xxx S1: yea  
xxx IS5: >unless I can physics and find a job here first

xxx and then go China<  
xxx otherwise  
xxx >if I go back to China I can't get a good job because<  
xxx Stony Brook is not that  
xxx >is not famous<  
xxx S1: right  
xxx IS5: so it's not  
xxx it's almost-  
xxx S1: -it's not a plus for you  
xxx IS5: yea actually a better thing is that  
xxx maybe I'll stay in ((Chinese)) and get a PhD over there  
xxx might  
xxx might even be better than Stony Brook  
xxx if I  
xxx S1: are you still considering transferring?  
xxx transfer to other places?  
xxx IS5: but if I transfer  
3:00  
xxx but I don't think I have any improvement in my background.  
xxx I'm still  
xxx I still don't have paper,  
xxx S1: oh boy  
xxx how many  
xxx in what year  
xxx usually will you have a paper?  
xxx third year?  
xxx [fourth year?  
xxx IS5: [like if you want to get a paper ,  
xxx right now maybe you can talk with professor.  
xxx and do some project.  
xxx but thing is I am PhD here  
xxx S1: right  
xxx IS5: so  
xxx uh like  
xxx I can't tell professor  
xxx ((whispering))  
xxx I want to transfer to another university  
xxx please give me ((incomprehensible))  
xxx S1: ((laughing))  
xxx right