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Setting: IS5's office. Conversation about random topics.

Participants: I1 (researcher, on the left), IS5 (TA, facing camera)

0:00

xxx I1: you did this
xxx but
xxx have you ever thought about that
xxx >blah blah blah<
xxx so um:
xxx they also asked my previous um
xxx work
xxx what I did qualifying papers
xxx um
xxx and I was not prepared for it
xxx because I did it in 2000-
xxx 2013 and 2012
xxx IS5: mm
xxx I1: which was a long time ago to me
xxx so I was panicking
xxx uh when they were asking me details
xxx about my qualifying papers
xxx but I answered the questions
xxx and finally they asked me um
xxx if you were asked
xxx ((IS5 gets up and shuts door))
xxx ((lots of background noise and conversation))
xxx ((continue at 1:36))
xxx IS5: u:h
xxx ((incomprehensible))
xxx ((yelling in background))
xxx I1: u:m
xxx yea
xxx so they asked me
xxx ((background noise))
xxx if you are going to teach Mandarin
xxx in our university
xxx u:h how would you teach about the vowel system?
xxx IS5: what is the vowels?
xxx I1: the vowels in Mandarin ((giving examples))
xxx and
xxx I thought to myself
xxx I know how to answer this question because I just read a
xxx paper about it

xxx I said
xxx I will follow who who who
xxx this big name's analysis
xxx his proposal
xxx because he wrote a book about Standard Mandarin origin
xxx and I thought ok great I answer the question
xxx but then they ask me
xxx u:h there are many universities on this topic
xxx if you don't teach that
xxx person's analysis
xxx who el-
xxx who other
xxx IS5: else
xxx I1: who else would you choose
xxx and I was like come on!
xxx ((laughs))
xxx I answered your question
xxx why are you doing this to me
xxx ((incomprehensible))
xxx IS5: ((incomprehensible))
xxx I1: ((laughs))
xxx unfortunately I don't have any analysis or proposal
xxx so I was a little bit
xxx there was a little awkward silence
3:00
xxx ((incomprehensible))
xxx they told me
xxx ah you can go check out this this person from this
xxx university and blah blah blah
xxx oh thank you very much ((incomprehensible))
xxx and that was it
xxx they asked me do you have any question for us?
xxx and I asked about the research funding
xxx they were one of the faculty told me
xxx don't worry about it
xxx in Hong Kong you can get a lot of ways to get research
xxx funding
xxx some of them are better than in US
xxx IS5: yea (there are a lot)
xxx I1: and I was like
xxx ok thank you
xxx good to know!
xxx and that was it so
xxx they didn't tell me ((incomprehensible))
xxx we are going to contact you or we are going to email you

xxx since then
xxx I haven't heard anything
3:51 ((Video becomes too difficult to comprehend))
10:34
xxx I1: another question was
xxx what is the most recent book you have read
xxx IS5: most [recent-
xxx I1: [most recent book you have read
xxx IS5: textbook
xxx I1: to me I was like
xxx oh my god
xxx we are reading papers and I stopped reading books
xxx and all the books are related to linguistics
xxx IS5: I don't know why they are asking that kind of questions
xxx I1: I know right
xxx so I was preparing that kind of question a lot
xxx because I heard
xxx u:m
xxx IS5: I mean if some professor asked me this question
xxx I would be like
xxx this guy is (insane)
xxx because it has no relation. with my major
xxx I1: yea I-
xxx IS5: maybe it has some relation with my personality or
xxx but but personality or career
xxx I1: I was preparing a lot of these uh
xxx about embodying my personality
xxx the way I work with people
xxx I work with a team
xxx but I got zero questions on that
xxx all the questions were about my research
EVC IS5: because I mean sometimes I really don't care about
EVC I mean
EVC about personality
EVC like um
EVC I I'm kind of um
EVC (I don't know if) it is right
EVC but I think the personality and the
EVC ability-
xxx I1: doesn't matter
xxx IS5: doesn't matter
xxx right
xxx I1: as long as you have ability to do something
xxx and the skills and are professional
xxx IS5: yes

xxx I1: even you are mean
xxx IS5: yes
xxx I1: people should tolerate you because of your ability
xxx IS5: no no don't tolerate you because you are a jerk
xxx ((incomprehensible))
xxx but you are professional in your work
xxx >like I'm professional to ((incomprehensible)) with you<
xxx but after that
xxx I have
xxx I won't communicate
xxx I1: but humans
xxx are communities
xxx IS5: I mean this kind of person is not
xxx that welcome
xxx but I'm just saying that the good personality
xxx personality has no relation
xxx with
xxx I1: [of course
xxx IS5: [ability
xxx yea
xxx I1: but if someone has a good personality that would be a plus
xxx IS5: yes
xxx yes
xxx but if I am the (.)
xxx I1: interviewer
xxx IS5: interviewer
xxx so I won't care
xxx I1: you don't care
xxx IS5: so much the >personality<
xxx I don't care if he is a jerk in their marriage or
xxx I1: ((laughs))
xxx IS5: something like this
xxx I just care if you can do very well of me
xxx I1: you should be a ((incomprehensible))
xxx ((laughs))
xxx IS5: yea maybe I'm the boss
xxx I1: yea administrative job
xxx yea I heard
xxx I also heard on the news this morning
xxx IS5: I was so angry ((incomprehensible))
12:47 ((data becomes incomprehensible))
xxx ((it sounds like the others are watching a movie))
xxx IS5: maybe I will get along well with my friends
xxx but it doesn't means I can work for you
xxx I can work very well with you

Xxx >doesn't means I can get along<
xxx I1: mhm
xxx IS5: so it has no relation why do you ask me such problems!
xxx ((both laughing))
13:10
xxx ((Chinese))
xxx IS5: I really don't like such questions
xxx I1: yea
xxx IS5: (I'm such kind of bad people)
xxx they ^owon't like because^o
xxx I just care about the-
xxx I1: ((laughs))
xxx IS5: the result
xxx I don't care
xxx I1: don't care about anything else?
xxx IS5: yea if I'm an interviewer I just care if you can create
xxx profits
xxx IS5: hm?
xxx I1: u:m
xxx I don't know
xxx people always give me suggestions about attitude
xxx IS5: attitude is important because I think
xxx if you- (.2)
xxx but
xxx yea
xxx attitude is important
xxx I1: yea
xxx IS5: cause we have to be positive
xxx I1: I remember when I was doing the practice interview
xxx one of my professor told me
xxx Sofia you are too calm
xxx you speak in a calm way
xxx that people will not have good impression of you
xxx IS5: you mean C A L M?
xxx I1: mhm
xxx IS5: why?
xxx I1: calm
xxx they want to see passion
xxx they want to see you are excited
xxx about something
xxx so I was doing a lot of practice
xxx I was
xxx you know
xxx facing it
EVC IS5: no I mean

EVC if you have the
EVC if you
EVC need the
EVC your the
EVC ((incomprehensible))
EVC interesting
EVC will be excited
EVC of course
xxx I1: but the way I talk is very calm
xxx that's what they're
xxx what the
xxx ((laughs))
xxx criticism is
xxx IS5: no
xxx I think if you are excited about something
xxx you will have some (.)
xxx reaction
xxx I1: so that is related to your personality
xxx IS5: yes
xxx I1: I am so calm that-
xxx IS5: it is still good I mean
xxx I1: rarely get excited about anything
xxx or I can secretly excited but it's not (showing)
xxx IS5: I mean if you are calm so maybe you can avoid some mistake
xxx and if you are excited you can create more things
15:00
xxx I1: yea
xxx IS5: so can't put these two people in a group
xxx ((incomprehensible))
xxx I1: but one suggestion that I got was actually that
xxx since I am interviewing with people
xxx they are Asian cultures
xxx so
xxx it's very different from American culture
xxx where people want to see you get passionate
xxx and excited
xxx and get all enthusiastic about something
xxx ((incomprehensible)) just be yourself-
xxx IS5: yea I think-
xxx I1: you don't know what they will do-
xxx IS5: this is what I think
xxx be yourself because
xxx maybe like for a team
xxx will already have some people who are really passionate
xxx I1: right

xxx IS5: who is crazy about it
xxx so they just want someone who is calm
xxx ((laughs))
xxx IS5: to avoid some mistake
xxx so this is what they want from you
xxx I1: right
xxx I should always come to you for your advice
xxx next time
xxx IS5: this is what I think
xxx just be yourself
xxx because you never know what they want
xxx so you quite don't know what they want
xxx ok I'm just myself
xxx maybe will not
xxx not what you're looking for but
xxx if I'm good enough