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Setting: IS5's office. Conversation about random topics.
Participants: IS5 (TA, facing camera), S1 (researcher, on the left)

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xxx IS5:    there will also be some ((incomprehensible)) for me
xxx I1:     yea
xxx IS5:    but
xxx         but the
xxx         the precondition is I'm professional
xxx I1:     ((nods head))
xxx IS5:    ((whispering))
xxx         but it's so hard to be professional
xxx         ((incomprehensible))
xxx I1:     I don't know why your field
xxx         but for my field
xxx         right now
xxx         everything has to be to computational
Xxx         °in order to get a good job°
xxx IS5:    mhm
xxx S1:     ((incomprehensible))
xxx         hm?
xxx IS5:    it's a hot topic
xxx S1:     like I wanted to get a position in phonology
xxx         in the job description it doesn't say you have to know
xxx         computation
xxx         so computational is not-
xxx IS5:    what do you mean computational is like the codes?
xxx S1:     mm right
xxx         so processing uh
xxx         like speech
xxx         processing speech
xxx         production
xxx         using computers
xxx IS5:    hm
xxx S1:     something related for example Google Translate
xxx         where you process voice and you
xxx         but all these analysis are related to computational stuff
xxx IS5:    mm
xxx S1:     I get a job ((incomprehensible))
xxx IS5:    ((incomprehensible))
xxx S1:     and uh
xxx         (the person who was) hired is actually computational
xxx         phonologist
xxx         who knows
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xxx        how to do the computational
xxx        stuff
xxx        he is
xxx IS5:   but you have to have some basic background it is not hard
xxx S1:    yea I mean ((incomprehensible))
xxx IS5:   yea
xxx S1:    you have to know how to
xxx IS5:   it's basic language is
xxx S1:    yea
xxx IS5:   is not that hard but
xxx S1:    I feel like I'm to:
xxx        I missed timing
xxx        our program right now is um
xxx        building up this computational linguistic program
xxx        and we were
xxx        we hired three uh
xxx        people
xxx        who are
xxx        you know
xxx        professionally computational linguistics
xxx        now we are trying to hire another senior professor
xxx        ((incomprehensible)) to raise our ranking
xxx        ((incomprehensible)) to a full professor
xxx        and we are now trying to recruit students who are
xxx        interested
xxx        in °computational°
xxx        and I'm too old for that
xxx        because I'm already 6th year student
xxx        6th year graduate student
xxx        if I was a first year
xxx        then I would have a chance to get exposed to more things
xxx IS5:   if you are first year in six years you (won't know hot
topic
xxx        is)
xxx S1:    that is tru:e
xxx        ((laughs))
xxx        but I think computationally will always be hot
xxx IS5:   uh yea
xxx        cause computers
xxx S1:    yea that's the future right?
xxx IS5:   yea
xxx S1:    that's the future.
xxx IS5:   and
xxx        we can start to
xxx        which is related to
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xxx S1:    true
xxx        ((incomprehensible))
xxx S1:    fine I'll
xxx        ((talking over each other))
xxx IS5:   it's so hard I know it
xxx        like I'm tired of such things
3:00
xxx        to work for.
xxx S1:    for something right
xxx IS5:   yea
xxx S1:    yea:
xxx        like you
xxx        you prepared so many documents for applying one job
xxx IS5:   yea spend a lot of time on it and you feel like it
xxx        °nothing°
xxx S1:    and yet you ask professors to write recommendation letters
xxx        for you every time you need a job
xxx        and then you get rejection
xxx        uh I don't know
xxx        right now we have um
xxx        the numbers that I hear
xxx        but the number of people competing for one job
xxx        the number of applicants is around the number of 70
xxx        so we get 70 people applying for one job
xxx        and that's nothing compared to you field but
xxx IS5:   no physics is tough
xxx        70 people for one job
xxx S1:    yea
xxx        does it have to ((incomprehensible))
xxx        ((incomprehensible))
xxx        I think you know what
xxx        the Earth overpopulated
xxx        ((laughs))
xxx IS5:   yes
xxx        that's true
xxx S1:    I blame it on the
xxx IS5:   [and
xxx S1:    [on the too many people
xxx        problem.
xxx IS5:   and the AI is (.)
xxx        technology will become modern and modern
xxx S1:    why?
xxx IS5:   so
xxx S1:    labor is not-
xxx        necessary
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xxx IS5:    the machine will occupy some position to
xxx S1:     what's going to happen to humans?
xxx IS5:    ((incomprehensible)) ((alt add: die!))
xxx         but it's ok
xxx         one day people
xxx         all people dying it's ok for me
xxx S1:     ((laughs))
xxx IS5:    yea all of them
xxx         all of us
xxx S1:     your thought is very dangerous
xxx IS5:    I mean all of us
xxx S1:     anti-human
xxx         if all of us die
xxx IS5:    it's ok
xxx         >but if one of us die it's not ok<
xxx S1:     it is overpopulated
xxx         we have limited resources and so many people
xxx IS5:    ((whispering)) especially (Indians)
xxx         I mean I can see for Chinese people to accumulate in one
xxx         place
xxx         >like in Canada or Australia<
xxx         but we have so: many people
xxx S1:     we should promote outside immigration to-
xxx IS5:    yes
xxx         of course
xxx         like
xxx S1:     the rest of the world
xxx IS5:    but
xxx         when we have uh
xxx         (30 million)
xxx         actually more than (30 million)
xxx         and
xxx         uh
xxx         Can - Australia have one million?
xxx S1:     I don't know
xxx IS5:    yea like
xxx         if there are
xxx         population in Australia
xxx         I think
xxx         it's easier to
xxx         ((incomprehensible))
xxx         ((mumbling to self))
xxx         ((background noise))
xxx IS5:    23 million
6:00
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xxx         so 23 million is
xxx         >what is the ration ((incomprehensible))<
xxx         so it's one of the
xxx         one thousand
xxx         ((incomprehensible))
xxx S1:     ((incomprehensible))
xxx IS5:    20 million
xxx         one billion is one thousand million right?
xxx S1:     one thousand million
xxx         yes
xxx         13 is
xxx IS5:    so it's
xxx S1:     ((laughs))
xxx         you do the calculation
xxx         I will leave it to you
xxx IS5:    so ((incomprehensible)) 1 million Chinese guy
xxx         they try to go to Australia
xxx S1:     mhm
xxx IS5:    so Australia is almost-
xxx S1:     occupied by Chinese
xxx IS5:    °but it's so stupid°
xxx S1:     ((incomprehensible background noise))
xxx IS5:    so it's easier to have ((incomprehensible))
xxx         ((incomprehensible))
xxx S1:     Stony Brook
xxx         feels like Chinatown
xxx         and they were calling this
xxx         ((incomprehensible))
xxx         talking about Australia
xxx         I was talking to a person
xxx         she was American
xxx         and she moved to Australia to be a ESL teacher
xxx         and she lived there for 3 or 4 years
7:55
xxx         and she told me many things I didn't know about Australia
xxx         there is very
xxx         um
xxx         wow
xxx         there also have racial issues
xxx IS5:    hm
xxx S1:     so the
xxx         what do you call them
xxx         the aborigin-
xxx         ind-indigenous people
xxx         usually
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xxx       who live there
xxx       were
xxx       suppressed by the government
xxx       until 1970s
xxx       so like 40 years ago
xxx       their children were taken away from their home
xxx       sent to special schools
xxx       they were forced to speak English,
xxx       to learn English
xxx       they were not allowed to wear their traditional clothes,
xxx       they couldn't perform any traditional holidays,
xxx       rituals
xxx       anything like that
xxx       and they were forced to
xxx       be westernized.
xxx       and so therefore when they grow up
xxx       they lose their tradition
xxx       and their culture
xxx       and right now um
xxx       there are this problem between the people and the original
xxx       people
9:00
xxx       and um
xxx       and she said she didn't know all that kind of
xxx       stuff
xxx       before she went to Australia
xxx       and it appears that racism
xxx       is happening in every
xxx       corner.
xxx       of the world.
xxx       everywhere in the world
xxx       yea ((pause))
xxx       it's the same
xxx       ((laughs))
xxx       let's go to
xxx       let's explore Mars
xxx       and let's all move to ᵒMarsᵒ
xxx IS5:  we'll spend your life
xxx       in the aircraft
xxx       ((laughs))
9:55
xxx S1:   wow I have a question
xxx       if I don't live on Earth
xxx       anymore
xxx       what is my life expect?
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xxx IS5:    what do you mean?
xxx S1:     what is my life?
xxx         how long?
xxx         so my question is
xxx         if I'm astronaut. who doesn't live on the Earth
xxx         so I'm not affected by the gravity
xxx         and I'm affected by
xxx         how ho:w
xxx         Earth rotates
xxx         do I age like the rest of human on Earth?
xxx         or I age slower
xxx         or I age faster
xxx IS5:    you're on Earth
xxx S1:     I'm not on Earth
10:25       ((clarification))
xxx         if I'm on the moon
xxx         or if I am on
xxx         floating around
xxx         um
xxx IS5:    you're on aircraft
xxx S1:     I'm on aircraft
xxx IS5:    cause it is (transparadox)
xxx         if you leave the Earth and you come back
xxx         you will be younger
xxx S1:     and why is that?
xxx IS5:    general relativity
xxx         like uh
xxx         °(transparadox) how to explain°
xxx         it just means that the clock will become slower
xxx S1:     why is that
xxx         because gravity is different?
xxx IS5:    u::h
xxx         because of the
xxx         curvature
xxx S1:     huh!
EXC IS5:    like
EXC         you can think like
EXC         you can think
EXC         gra-
EXC         <gravity is not a force anymore
EXC         you don't treat it as a force
EXC         treat it as like>
EXC         you ask this guy
EXC         he is very good at explaining
xxx S1:     try your best
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xxx IS5:   like um
EXC        there is curvature in space-time
EXC        and the curvature is the gravity
EXC        >and I don't know how to explain it because< (.)
xxx S1:    ok
xxx        so if I live all my life in the aircraft
xxx        I will live longer
xxx IS5:   yea if you're exposed to live 60 years
xxx        uh
xxx        the year is defined by Earth
xxx        so you will be you will be
xxx        very younger than the
xxx        guy
xxx        lives 60 years like
12:00
EXC        yea
EXC        he's very good at explaining
EXC        I'm not
xxx S1:    ok
xxx IS5:   why physics (so hard)!
xxx S1:    is that physics?
xxx        that's astronomy
xxx IS5:   it's ((incomprehensible))
xxx        it's advanced
xxx        but also fundamental courses
xxx S1:    oh
xxx IS5:   we must
xxx S1:    ok
xxx IS5:   yea
xxx        I'm taking a course this semester but
xxx        I'm just auditing it
xxx S1:    mhm
xxx IS5:   so I
xxx S1:    do you like the class?
xxx IS5:   yea I like it but -
xxx S1:    interesting?
xxx IS5:   I don't spend too much time on it
xxx S1:    there's too many articles to read
xxx        too many papers to read
xxx IS5:   (I like to read books)
xxx S1:    is it possible that you can hire a person who reads all the
xxx        papers for you then just write a summary
xxx        or they give you a report
xxx        what is this paper about ((pause))
xxx        I wanna have an assistant
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xxx        personal assistant who does that for me
xxx IS5:   I want to have an assistant who can deal with hotel and air
xxx        tickets for me
xxx S1:    give things to me
xxx        I'll do that for you
xxx        you'll hire me
xxx IS5:   thank you!
xxx S1:    can you write my dissertation for me?
xxx        ((laughs))
xxx IS5:   I hope I became rich in the future
xxx        I won't have assistant
xxx        how is the pay in academia for phys-
xxx        physic
xxx        ᵒprofessorsᵒ
xxx S1:    do you think it's a lot?
xxx IS5:   um::
xxx S1:    or it depends
xxx IS5:   it depends
xxx S1:    ((talking over))
xxx IS5:   on your funding and your university
xxx S1:    university?
xxx IS5:   yes but
xxx        generally I think
xxx        for associate professor it might be
xxx S1:    80 thousand?
EVA IS5:   ᵒ80 to 100 thousandᵒ
EVA        not 80 less than 80 but more than 10
EVA        100 thousand
xxx S1:    per year
xxx IS5:   mm
xxx        couldn't be more than 100 thousand but less than
xxx S1:    how about post doc?
xxx IS5:   post doc is 70 thousand
xxx S1:    oh that's not bad
xxx IS5:   most of them get 50 thousand
xxx S1:    50 something
xxx IS5:   it's bad
xxx        you are 30 years old
xxx        you have a family (.2)
xxx S1:    but if your spouse also works
xxx IS5:   yea its
xxx S1:    ((laughs)) (.2)
xxx IS5:   but you can survive (with this money)
xxx S1:    yea
xxx IS5:   if you're
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xxx         it's enough for us to survive
xxx S1:     then don't find a job in academia
xxx IS5:    ((incomprehensible))
xxx         I don't know
xxx S1:     consultant in a corporation
xxx         ((whispers))
15:00
xxx         apply to Google
xxx IS5:    what?
xxx S1:     Google
xxx IS5:    Google?
xxx         you mean to be the
xxx         programmer?
xxx S1:     are there some position you can apply to?
xxx         ((incomprehensible background noise))
xxx         positions
xxx         physicians
xxx         physis
xxx         physicists?
xxx         what do you call yourself?
xxx         phsyis?
xxx IS5:    no
xxx S1:     yea
xxx         what is a person specialize in physics?
xxx IS5:    physicist
xxx         I'm not a physicist.
xxx S1:     you are a physicist
xxx         you are allowed to call yourself a physicist
xxx IS5:    ((incomprehensible))
xxx S1:     you have a BA
xxx         you have a
xxx         no you have a BS
xxx         right
xxx         you have a bachelor degree
xxx IS5:    yes
xxx S1:     ((laughs))
xxx         I will call you a physicist
xxx IS5:    huge difference.
xxx S1:     uh
xxx         what time is it?
xxx         do I hvae enough recording?
xxx         four
xxx         six thirty
xxx         six!
xxx         huh!
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xxx IS5:    4:30
xxx S1:     so we started at 2:30
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