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# Study Experience in Vienna- Austria

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# Study period

- Stayed in Austria: March to October 2003
- Left Vienna for Kenya for fieldwork: October 2003 upto February 2005
- Back for data analysis and thesis write up: March 2005
- Completed in May 2006

# In Vienna- 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Months stay

- Received at the airport by my supervisor
- Registrations:
  - OEAD offices (good)
  - Vienna University (language challenge – assisted by students)
  - Magistraat (Meldzettel – not friendly, language barrier)

# Vienna: 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Months stay

## Accomodation

-  Private accomodation through friends





## Shopping: Good n relaxed

## Food: Large variety.

-  Some shops offer food of various cultural tastes

# Vienna: 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Months stay

## Academics

-  Requirements for your programme
-  Note the ECTS requirements (24 ECTS)
-  Look for the relevant courses to take to attain the ECTS requirement (Internet)
-  Challenge: some courses offered in German language

# Vienna: 1<sup>st</sup> 6 Months stay

- Proposal development for fieldwork
  - Collect relevant info and literature (Literature search important)
  - Get necessary equipment beforehand.
  - Discuss with supervisor and agree on the planned work

# Field work

- 18 months stay for field work
  - Visit by the supervisor as you start work
  - Adaptation of methods to local conditions and challenges
  - Intensive data collection
  - Focus; collect enough data for at least three publications



# Final phase: 1 year Vienna stay

- Data analysis (Statistics)
- Write up for papers/thesis
- Conferences attendance
  - Netherlands
  - Hungary (Balatonfured)
- Final defense of your work
- Hurray!!! It is over!!!!



# Social life

- Good company: students in University
- Visited many beautiful places, with my Professor and some Austrian friends.
- Major memories: Climbing mountain in winter.
- Staying in Semmering forested area over the weekend

# Social life

- Visit to St. Aegydy, Mariazell and Neusiedlersee
- Visits organised by OEAD
- Great weekends with colleagues (laughing therapy-release tension)
- Never liked!!
  - Approached for drugs in town by some youth!
  - Cold winters (good for studying though!!)

# Generally

- Good place for study
- Friendly atmosphere
- Clean town with nice parks  
(summer!!)
- Good memories of my stay!!

# Take home message

- Life is what you make it to be!!
- Don't lose focus of why you are where you are!
- Leave out the side-shows and focus on your interest!
- Like others before you, you will also make it!!!!
- Stay focussed, always!!!!

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# The Ends

 **Thanks for your  
attention!!!**



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