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Place of interview: Tampere

Interviewer: R

Informant: I

Gender of informant: Female

Age of informant: 25

----- Part I -----

R: Can I ask what you're studying, cause you mentioned French but, are you /I: Yes/ doing something else?

I: I'm studying French, but it's almost finished now, so I only have to make my masters...

R: The thesis, you can say in Finnish, yeah...

I: Gradu, yeah, and...and then I'm studying Administrative Sciences as my...sivuaine

A: Minor subject, yeah.

I: Yeah. And then also Spanish and History. So I only have to do now the Administrative Science things, and then my gradu, and then I'll be ready.

R: You're studying different subjects, like quite different fields.

I: Yes. I don't want to be a teacher, or traduct/...

A: Translate?

I: Translator, yeah, /R: Yeah/ so, so, I decided to choose really a different way to finish my studies now, so...I like studying the administration things.

R: So you plan to have a job mostly related to that?

I: Yes.

R: And do you know in what field exactly, or?

I: I could be working in an organization, or in the community...kunta...

A: Mmm...yeah, it's community /R: yeah/

I: Yeah, or in the some, like, non governmental...how do you say it?

R: Oh, is it NGOs?

I: NGOs, yeah, or something like that. And now I'm thinking of...getting my työharjoittelu...(internship)/A: mm./ done in some embassy in some country, but I don't know if I'm qualified enough. That's my goal now.

R: Because you speak different languages /I: Yes/ so you could work abroad also?

I: Mmm.

R: Do you plan actually to work abroad?

I: I would like to try, for a while, yeah. But I'm not planning to stay abroad for a very long time, I like living in Finland too. And then, I lived in France and I could go back because it was nice, and I've also lived in Spain, so I could go there too, or closer to Finland somewhere.

R: Oh, were you an Erasmus in France?

I: Yeah, I was in [a city in France].

R: Oh, (laughs) that was a bit/ I: different/ R: different place from France  
I: Yeah

R: And why did you choose to study French when you started, you know you're studies?

I: When I started in 2003 there was a big hype about the French language in the European Union, like how it's so useful and it's going to get bigger and bigger and people are really going to need French speaking people in the European Union, then it changed and I was thinking about becoming a teacher but now everything's changed again, but in the beginning I thought I would work for E...e...EU...Äh...

R: Yeah, EU, yeah... You can say some words also in French sometimes /A: Yeah/

I: It's hard to speak English now

R: Don't worry, just take your time and say it in whatever language, we can communicate /A: we're multilingual/ Yeah! (everybody laughs).

R: And did you go to university straight after lukio (high school)?

I: Yes, but I was in lukio for four years, because I started my French studies the second year so it took three years, so I stayed there for four years, so I had time to figure it out and I've also liked languages my whole life, and I think, when I lived in Spain I was really young, so it got stuck somewhere here (points to her head) and I wanted to use it afterwards again, so... It wasn't so hard to come to study languages, but then it's changed a bit now, I'd like to study something else too!

R: Yeah, and also work-wise, if you want to do something else with languages it's a bit

I: Yes, you have to find something else, on the side, and not only languages. Yeah.

R: And why did you choose to go to university, was it because it's the place to study languages?

I: Yes, it was the only place to study, and also in Tampere it's free to choose something else inside the university, so it was the freedom thing but I also tried to, I applied to some ammattikorkeakoulu (Polytechnic) to study viestintä (Communications), because it was in [urban municipality, Southern Finland] where I came from, so it was like the choice to stay there, but it didn't work out, I got on the queue, and now I'm happy it worked out like this. But yeah, I had some options, and now this is the best one I think.

R: Yeah, sometimes something doesn't work out but then something else comes

I: Yeah, and it's good it goes like that. Yeah.