M: Alright, cool. So when did you first migrate to Australia?

R: Yeah, five months ago

M: and what are the motivations behind your move?

R: Well, to be honest it was just my PhD. I was considering Canada and I had applied to a few programs there but they were not successful. So, the only option I had at the time was Australia. I didn’t want to lose this. So I decided to come here.

M: So in terms of like choosing Australia, like you told me that you were considering other options, so how long did you consider these multiple options and plan your migration anyway?

R: Yes, I wanted to do my masters and my Phd because I feel that I needed that exposure. So I mean, if I’ll be doing a PhD from Pakistan I don’t think so that I would learn something or gain something. So, therefore I wanted to go have a changed environment and to learn from a different education system. I got a chance to go to Italy to do a small summer school for 3 months. So that was my only time away from home.

M: Parents

R: I mean they migrated from Amritsar – that’s a part of India.

M: Professional background?

R: Back home in Pakistan I was working as a lecturer and a researcher at a university. And I was teaching Sociology to master’s students.

M: Choosing Australia

R: It was like almost like a year. It took one year to first gather my documents, to write a good statement, write a good proposal and then I submitted them to universities in North America because that was my plan. I never thought about Australia. I applied in a number of universities in North America but that didn’t work out and I was quite upset. And then one of my colleagues, he was also looking for options, he said why don’t you think about Australia, ancd universities in UK. And I was like, No I don’t wanna go there, and he said like well whats wrong with it. You can apply and then think about whether you wanna go or not. So then I applied in Monash and that was quite an easy process and after 4 months, I got the scholarship and.. I was like oh, that was like, I wasn’t prepared for it… I wasn’t ready because after getting so many rejections, I was like not expecting that I will get it. But anyways, so then I thought about it for 3 days to decide whether I will take it because I never wanted to go to Australia. I don’t know why. Just because I thought maybe geographically it is too far and Canada – I have other expectations or an image about the education system there compared to Australia. Anyway, I decided, because I didn’t have any other opportunities and I had to do my PhD. Then I started applying for visa and.. it was quite easy for me because I was fully funded and I didn’t need much like bank statements, I already had IELTS – that was part of my journey for applying for different universities. You need to have that. So, I had that and then yeah, I straight away applied for my visa.

M: How did you learn about these options?

R: I was working with researchers so one of the things I used to do in my office hours is research for scholarship and explore on Google because… searching for my need.. I had very high expectations that I’ll able to go and be able to do things. I had a friend who was also looking for similar opportunities and he used to tell me why don’t you apply for this, you know, this university has an opportunity and so on. And before that, I mean, I went to England and that was the time when I learnt this thing. I started writing my ideas because I already had some ideas of what I wanted to do, my research, and I showed it to a professor in Bristol and she said yes and I got very excited. She said that you have a great idea and it was very much aligned with her research that was recently published. So, and then she said like, you need to do this.. and.. that. And within a few minutes she refined my proposal, and transformed my idea into a working proposal and she was like yes you can apply here but I am not sure about funding. That was the point when I got excited about this PhD thing and I got some connections as well and I started writing more seriously, and I started applying. So some of the things I found by myself and some my friends and colleagues helped me in looking for.

M: Family

R: My family was very happy about that. My family is like very, I wouldn’t say conservative, they are liberal about my study, and you can go out and have fun but now its your time to get married. So they were quite against my job as well because before me there was no precedent. So they were like shes wasting time. We don’t know why she is doing this job and there are these proposals there. But anyway, I didn’t pay attention to that and I kept looking around for opportunities and I never got any emotional or financial support from my family. So now, when I got it, that was the time when they got excited and said oh she was actually doing something for the past 3 years because before that they did not know what I was doing… whenever I would go to office from 9 to 6, they would say like, what is this! They were like, accepting of this thing that I am moving, I am going and then they started taking pride in me, and told other family members as well that look, she’s doing well. Well, let me just add here that the family that I am talking about is my grandparents and my uncles – my maternal uncle because my parents are – my mother died when I was 13 and my father, I mean, I don’t live with him, we just couldn’t get along well with him so we just moved, I and my sister, we moved to our grandparents house. So I am talking about that family. So, yeah, I mean, then after a lot of struggle, doing everything on my own and trying to find ways and guidance within my group – friends and my family, I think I made it. Now they are quite happy about it that she has done something with her life and we are very proud of her. Otherwise when I was into my job they were just thinking its not something worthy but now they tell this to everyone that oh Ryma is doing really well, shes in Australia or shes doing her PhD and yeah. In terms of support, they didn’t really give any support to me but now they are happy where I ended up and of course then I got married, so they are even more happy.

M: Husband? His role?

R: He is… Actually, the person that I was talking about who helped me in finding these opportunities and convincing me that I can do this, who was my friend that time but now hes my husband. He was very supportive and I think that its his support that I had earlier as well until now due to which I have come this far otherwise I would’ve surrendered. He really supported and even his family. They are all very educated and they didn’t mind that you know, daughter in law is doing something else and going abroad alone, so they didn’t have any issues. One of the person who means a lot to me in this entire process of about 4 to 5 years of my life, the credit goes to my husband.

M: Family friends or community in Australia?

R: I had… when I decided to move here I had my uncles wife.. her brother in law.. He has his family in Sydney. But, I am not very comfortable with them so but I mean, they connected me with some other people or if I need to ask something or if I ever come to Sydney I can stay with them, with their family and he gave me contacts of his friends who are living in Melbourne and if I need something I can just call them. And one of them is an immigration lawyer as well so he was like oh if you need something, anything, any information, if you plan to stay here, apply for immigration, you can come to me. So that was one. And then when I was deciding to select my accommodation I was quite upset. I was like oh I don’t know where to live and I don’t know what Melbourne is, and because in Melbourne I don’t have any family or friends. Then my husband, he called me. He mentioned that his niece lives here in Melbourne and maybe I can stay with her 1 or 2 weeks while I find my own accommodation. Then he spoke to his niece and she contacted me that okay we can pick you up from the airport and you can come and stay with us as long as you want and in the mean while you can find your own accommodation. So I was like, okay great. So that’s how I developed a few contacts in Melbourne and it was very nice of them because when I arrived here at midnight she came to pick me up with her small kid who was sleepy, and, she still came to pick me up. And due to her I had access to the Pakistani community as well. So she made my early time in Melbourne very nice. Otherwise if I had to stay somewhere else on my own then probably it wouldn’t have been the same.

M: Visa options?

R: No, I hadn’t. When I applied for the visa the only thing that I had in my mind was the PhD. So I didn’t look at any other options.

M: Skilled migrant?

R: I think I am skilled, but my skills are in teaching and research, and teaching and research is a skill. It is not something that you’re born with, you learn it. So, yeah, I think I am skilled. I have done my Masters; I have this qualification and now I am doing my Postgraduate studies so it means that I am skilled. What else do I need to have to be skilled! I started applying to universities in 2017. 2017 October I applied and in March I got rejection from all of them and then I applied only in Monash. Before that I applied in Canada only. Then in August I applied in Australia, in one university and October I applied to a university in UK and by that time I got a reply from Australia. So, it took me like almost a year to find an opportunity. That was also hard, like applying and then requesting feedback, like what was wrong with my application, for admissions, especially for North America. They don’t want your proposal for the research... they just want your motivation because they have first 3 years of coursework and then 3 years of research so they want you to come here and learn these courses and then develop a project rather than coming with a proposal. So, I had to write like, many, letters. I still remember on my computer I had like xyz for every university that I applied for like, this university is looking for this, the other is looking for that and I almost spent like a $2000 on just application because there are application fees like $100, oo 90 pounds, or $110. I almost, almost lost $2000 on these applications. Here in Monash there is no fee but for North American and UK universities, I had to pay that. I was like Oh My God, I cant do this anymore.

M: Alright, let's continue that's fine. So yeah, you didn't you didn't look for so the only other thing that you were looking was for other students who started at this time and what was the reason for that?

R: Yeah maybe to just make connections, make friends before coming here. So I would know that these are also on the same boat. I did connect with Master students through a students group and yeah, I mean, I came here now some of the people were very good friends of mine, they are not of PhD but from masters. So yeah. But I was like I, I became friends with them here not through the social media.

M: So also on your map, tell me about the point out any social connections, role of your social connections. So for example, from initial research stages to current migration status. So what are some of the significant things that your social connections might have done that you Want to put on your mouth? So in my case, for example, it was the Facebook group where I found friends and they came to pick me up. So like anything like that that was significant for you in terms of how social

R: Obviously I mean, that family like Pakistani family who picked me from the airport, and I stayed with them, and they were really nice to me. And yeah, so family friends. Yeah, for accommodation. So, I mean, that was a very significant thing in my early migratory period. So yeah, I mean, I think that is really important because it influenced my initial days. I didn't have to struggle for food or other basic things because everything was there. So, because of them I didn't even feel homesick.

M: Oh, that's very good. Yeah. If you cannot feel homesick, I think that's excellent. Okay. And tell me about the regulatory aspects of your migration. So were there any government requirements that you had to fulfill example police checks, characters, character tests, points, tests, any health requirements? I mean, you talked about health, but otherwise immigration forms

R: Thanks for giving me the example. I also applied for police checks. Yeah, that was a mandatory thing that I had to provide police certificate for this visa. Yeah. This was very cheap - may be $50 or something.

M: Thoughts on current immigration policies. And think of it in a policy aspect as well and think of, I suppose, in a way that you can maybe depict on your map if you want to, again, if it is applicable to you. What are the How much do you know about Australia's immigration policies? Have they changed over time since you arrived and how did they affect your migration?

R: I don't know much about the Australian immigration policy, but I heard from my friends and other fellows, that they are considering engineers and IT people skilled and not the ones who belong to social sciences as a skilled person. So but I because I never thought about applying for immigration here. So therefore, I never try to find out what's going on in Australia’s immigration. So I don't know much about it.

M: Would you be interested in applying for immigration even in the future know, now that you live do not?

R: I don't think so. I mean, I haven't decided yet. So maybe in near future, I might end up here as I did earlier. Because I'm applying for Canada. So yeah, and their immigration thing is quite easier and quick as compared to Australia. That's what I know. But I haven't did what Australia immigration policy is and how long it will take, am I eligible or not? I don't know about it, and I didn't explore it. I’ll use the other colour for Canada. I'm applying to Canadian express entry thing, and recently I got invitation to apply and now I'm just gathering my documents. Yeah, and then I'll just send them away. And then let's see what happens. But before getting this ITA, it was a very, very rigorous and stressful process. IELTS - Oh, my God I had to take is because they demand general IELTS, not academic one. So I mean, I couldn't clear it in the first attempt, the second time. I had to do it the second time. Then thankfully I cleared it but I had to pay seven 750 something 750 dollars for it.

M: And where did you sit? This is test here

R: here in Melbourne.

M: And why Canada like what what were the motivations behind moving to Canada?

R: Last year when I was in Pakistan, one of my friend, a very good friend of mine, she came to my office and she said, Oh, I've got PR of Canada and I was like Wow. Because I think I am the kind of person or maybe because of my experiences with family with some with the Pakistani society in general, I always knew that I cannot live in Pakistan. Maybe because of because I think I'm misfit for that society. And also after visiting some countries abroad, I was like, you know, you know, when they say the Pakistani families used to say, Dimagh kharab ho gaya hai iska [she has gone crazy]. So yeah, my dimagh [mind] was actually I mean, I was like, so keenly into this right, I just want to move either to England or any secular society, free society to experience freedom. So yeah, I knew that I I'll have to apply for immigration at some point of my life. But I but I didn't know where, how, when. So when my friend told me that she got PR for Canada. I was like, I got very excited and I asked her to share with me all the details. How can I get into this? Then she shared her experience and she told me it's very easy, it will take six months and it's the cost is very minimum. Otherwise I always thought maybe immigration requires that you have to spend a lot of money and you need to have certain funds to show and I of course I didn't have it. And I knew my family's not going to help me with that as well. So I was like Wow, that's that's quite reasonable because she she she told me that I mean, the application fees is like 50,000 rupees would be $500 Yeah. So I was like yeah, I can manage that. I mean, it's not difficult and then but then she said, I mean, first you need to get your IELTS and then another important thing was that education equivalency report. Education equivalency. It requires So do you have to submit your degrees your transcripts to a Canadian assessment authority? Yeah, something like that. That’s called world education system so they assess your degree and and make a report if equivalency if your masters it is equivalent to Canada's masters or not, and they just generate that report and for immigration we need that report. So yeah, I applied for that. I mean, right this is the process. This is the time when she was telling me that this is this, these are the steps that you have to take to apply for immigration, that was in 2018. But I applied actually recently, like three months ago. So I spent, I think $300 on this process as well. That's called Wes education, equivalency system system. And it did cost me $300. But it was like, I mean, I was like, okay, that's fine. I can do this. And then she said, when you do these things first because you need good score in IELTS, otherwise your points will be very low. So I was like, Okay, I'll do it later. But I was excited, that okay. I mean, within my given means, I can apply for Canadian immigration. But at the same time, I was into that, applying for PhD things as well. So my entire focus was on PhD, not on immigration. But once I got in and I came here, then I started thinking about immigration as well. And within my second, I think, yeah, in March, I came here in February. And in March, I gave my first IELTS exam because I mean, I knew that I'm, I am going to apply for immigration. And because my I got married in January before coming here, and my in laws are in Canada, so for my husband, it's like, yeah, we will have to go to Canada as well. So I mean, let's see if we can stay there or not. But let's apply for immigration, because his family's there too. So yeah, he also motivated me that yes, we can apply. So I am basically the primary applicant and we both applied together. So yeah, so so far, I spend on IELTS, then on my degrees, recently, oh my god, that was horrible - I had to spend $680 for my medical check. That’s too much. And he was like, What the fuck, and in Pakistan that's a cheap, it's like only 200 or 250. dollars. And here it was like 680. And I was like, oh my god.

M: And how is the process going so far? Like, what else do you have to do now?

R: Yeah, and during this process, I was also worried about the funds that they demand as a statement that you need to have if you're coming as a couple that you must have almost $18,000 CAD so I was like, Oh, I don't have this much money. And my husband also, I mean, even if we put it together if, I mean together, our funds were not enough. So I was so upset. I was literally so stressed…entire week, I couldn't focus on my proposal and stuff and I was like, What am I going to do? I don't know. But then I again, kept on talking to my friend who got her PR last year. She was like, well, you borrow from your friends from your family because I also did the same. I was just like, I mean, who's gonna give me this much money? I mean, are you serious? She said, I mean, talk to your family. Maybe they'll give you or something. But then, I mean, of course, I didn't talk to my family. So yeah, what I did was because I've also developed some friends here, I have developed some connections… that was through that accommodation finding thing. So I have a friend whom I met in Italy, he connected me with her friend who was doing PhD in Melbourne Uni. So she contacted me and she said, I'm leaving this place. If you want to have this and you can, you can. So, then she also shared some other accommodation options to me. And then I end up meeting an Indian woman who is from Brisbane and her brothers houses here near to the uni’s side. I went to her she was very nice to me and I sort of like connected you know, I felt like oh, I mean, okay, there are people who are very caring, who were very loving. So that was the only time I met her and then we were connected through Facebook and that's it. And then I met her last week as well. And I shared that I'm applying to Canada and I don't know what to do. I mean, I don't have money. I was considering to apply for a loan here. Or I was I didn't know why I never used a credit card. So I was like if I can apply for credit card because she also works for the bank. So she explained everything to me that I may not be eligible for credit card because credit card is only for purchases. If you want to have the other credit card to give you cash, then you need to be either permanent resident or some something else. I was like, Oh, damn, but she offered me that I can give you some money if you just needed to keep it in your bank account. I was like, Oh my god, you saved us… I was like, I mean, I'm so relieved. But still, I mean, even if even after adding her money, I was still, I didn't have enough. So I mean, that day, my another friend who who is doing masters here and she came to my office randomly because we had planned for dinner. So she was she asked me what happened. You look so stressed. I said, I'm and this is the issue I'm having. Without any, you know, expectation…I just shared that this is… this is what's going on in my life. She said, I have money I can give you. Why didn't you ask me? I said, I mean, I never thought about it. I was like, I mean, why why anyone would give me money? I mean, you need I mean, of course, I mean, first you have to have that trust thing, then of course you will transfer money in someone's account. So, she said, No, you can have it because I have this much amount and I'll just pay my fees. I mean, and even then I have sufficient amount. So, if you need it for three, four months, you can have it. So, I was like, Oh my god, I never asked people. I have this kind of thing that I don't ask people that I need help. So yeah, then she helped me. And then, now, my funds are sufficient enough. Yeah. But that entire week was very stressful that I didn't know what I'm going to do.

M: Do you need to have this bank statement for a certain amount of they need to see that this money has been sitting in your account sometime? And how long does this need money need to be sitting in there?

R: Oh, well, my friend who's got her PR she said I mean, I mean the day you apply for you submit your documents and everything. If you just take out the money out straight away, that's fine. But once they start the process, they might ask you to submit a fresh statement because they need just a statement a piece of paper, they are not looking into your accounts. I mean, yeah, online and stuff. So, but when they ask to submit it again, then it might create issue for you. So therefore, it's better to leave it in the aacount for two or three months or until your application is finalized.

M: And then what about other things? other documentation? Did you have to do any translation this timeor police checks or at least checks here?

R: And what else Yeah, that was the most dreadful period during the entire application process. Then to make something beautiful, yeah. Yeah. And then, um, there's another thing. I mean, before submitting my documents I have to pay the immigration fees. One is the application fees, and other is permanent residency fees, right, which they give you option that either paid now, or you can pay when we’ll decide, Okay, we're going to give you PR, but it is mentioned on their website that if you pay this fees at this stage, then your application will be, you know, your process will be quicker. So, I don't know if it really is but I mean, this is how they're convincing people to pay up front. Yeah. Which is $1100 dollars. It's a money game. So I have to pay that as well this is something that you pay when submit your all documents, right okay, so since I was gathering all the documents for example my police check, my IELTS, then my medical and then my experience letters - I had to call my previous employers requesting them please… For God's sake For God's sake, give me my experience letter, my reference letter but on these formats, so yeah, it also took like two to three weeks and I still haven't got one from one of them so I have to just write to them today that please for God’s sake.

M: So when we were discussing this stuff about Canada now, yeah. So and, again now does your family, I suppose I also want to ask you with regards to your move to Canada. Does your family know about your considerations and hat? Do they have a role to play here at all?

R: No, they don't have any role here, but they know about it. Theyre like okay, mean, since you're married now, so go wherever you want to go.

M: Great. Okay. And any social connections that you have in Canada?

R: Well, I mean, not, I don't know if it's social. No, it's family connection. Like I'm friends with my husband's brothers. And one of his brothers is married. So I also talk to his wife sometime. And theyre in Canada.

M: Tell me about your sort of bigger biggest option. stickles the challenges that you faced in your migration process and how you overcame them in both the context of Australia and Canada.

R: I think in Australia, it was pretty easy for me maybe because I had the scholarship and I didn't have to spend a lot in I didn't have to show any statement. But in terms of Canada, the main main hurdle was this financial thing and showing funds. Otherwise, yeah, it is IELTS I mean, I don't know what's the matter with it because I thought I'm good with English. But when I did this, I didn't get the desired score. So, I had to pay for it again. Then I had to practice because I thought, okay, I didn't practice last time. I was like over, you know, I thought, Oh, I know everything. So now I should spend some time in practicing. And yeah, and spent another 350 dollars in going to the city from here and taking the test and yeah, that was one thing which which I find stressful emotionally because then the whole period of those five days when I was waiting for my result, every night I was like Oh What if I, if I didn't get the desired results of this time then do I have to apply again? I was like very upset with it. And then I mean, thankfully I cleared. So then I was relieved but then the next hurdle was this statement things. So yeah, but somehow sorted out due to my friends.

M: And with the IELTs test as well. Like, do you practice? Did you take any classes for you practice on your own?

R: I practiced on my own online, yeah, on IELTS website. So it was like, I was practicing a few modules, only reading and writing. my first test my writing was like 6.5 and I needed seven. But in the second test I got seven in that. But for listening, I mean, the, the requirement for the immigration is that you have to have 8. I had 8.5 in my initial test, but I didn't have seven in my writing. So, I was like, Okay, I fucked up. But yeah, next time I was like, the same scoring but some, you know, improvement in writing. That’s it. My priority was PhD and not immigration. So and I was in the phase of getting admission somewhere. So, and I got it. So I thought why to lose this opportunity and apply for PR.. I don't know if Ill get it or not, but something which I have, tangible - So there is no I mean logic to let it go. So therefore, I chose Australia for PhD. And after I mean, I know that after doing this PhD, I don't want to go back to Pakistan. So that's why I started thinking about applying to immigration and Canada, I mean, because I didn't explore anything about Australia and Canada is something where my husband's family is. So we have that family support family connection. So maybe that's why we're thinking about Canada only and not Australia, but I don't know, maybe after this application I might apply for New Zealand. Whichever option becomes open.

M: Husband?

R: He is in Middle East. And Middle East is I mean, no. I mean, the issue is you don't give you citizenship. So I mean, even if living there, I mean, that's fine for time being but not for longer, longer term and for your future. So therefore, we decided that we need to go to a developed country which offers citizenship. Because Yeah, otherwise, I mean, there's no future in Middle East. So, having a different passport is a powerful thing now in especially coming from a country which has a very bad history and negative, you know, in association with this country, so therefore it's important to change the passport. And that's the main reason. And the other is to have freedom, which is not in home country.

M: Can you tell me about freedom? What do you mean by freedom?

R: I mean to be what I want to be okay without being judged. And to do what I like without being scared or without lying or hiding it from family, for example. Okay, I smoke, right. Not a regular smoker, but I like to smoke, and I like to stay out. I like to hang around till late, but of course you have to give a long justification to your family and why, where, with whom! So I mean, I just, I was so upset with these things where I mean, why do I have to tell you the where I'm going, why I'm doing. I'm an adult, I can do whatever I like to do. And I'm, I'm independent as well. But still, I mean these things. And then again, I mean, it's not just a family thing. It's also the society in general that you, you see a lot of harassment on streets. You see, there's no respect for women, for girls. And there is no equality. There's so much politics. And it was like too much for me. And I was like, No, I don't want my life and my future in this kind of environment anymore. In this scared, closed, introverted environment where the girls are not allowed to express. And I mean, same as the case with the boys as well in some situations, but I mean for girls, it's very, very hard to break the barriers and do whatever they like. So that is the reason I, I felt when I was in England, I felt the very first thing that I noticed when I landed on airport was the gender unconsciousness. And that was my first ever exposure to this thing. I didn't know that I was like, oh, everybody's going to look at me everybody's going to stare at my ass and my body. But nobody cares. And that was so fascinating. That I was like, wow, I mean, what kind of world it is. I just want to stay here. But yeah, that's the main reason that I feel freedom is that where you live the way you want to live without being scared or judged by any one.

M: And in terms of migration advice that you give, so is there any considering that you've got you've gone through these various journey now like and you've, you've considered both Canada and Australia. Have you given any migration advice to anybody? at all?

R: Yeah, now because a few of my friends, they know that I applied for Canadian immigration. So, they are calling me and asking me or what should I do tell me how to apply for this and IELTS – what scores are required. So yeah, I mean, it's not advice, maybe sharing my experience with them. So yeah, not not really an advice, but I do share with others who are asking me about my experience, either, you know, Australia or in Canada for this immigration thing.

M: And I'm going to go back to the technology question. So for Canada, what was some of the technological aspects that you considered how did you conduct research?

R: I simply used their website CIC to know all the itty bitty of this application. Yeah, so that's it. Nothing else. Because I think it's quite comprehensive, and they have pretty much everything on their website. If you have a question or everything is there, so I didn't feel like asking in on other websites or another social media groups. But of course, I do call my friend who got her PR and to clarify a few things or ask if I can do this or not. So that's all.

M: Excellent, and you're sponsoring a family member as well. So, you're actually being the sponsor for your husband as well. Is there any sort of challenges or obstacles there in being a sponsor or in being the primary applicant other any like, I was I suppose what I'm asking is that view being a primary applicant versus him being a primary applicant? How did you make that decision?

R: Yeah, because I have an MPhil degree and he's only masters. So, his points I consider like for 16 years education and mine are 18 years. So based on that, we thought I mean, because I being a primary applicant will have higher points as compared to him being a primary applicant. So that was the point we thought, okay, that's fine. Ill lodge the application, I’ll become the primary one. Our points for quite higher without his IELTS, so therefore, he didn't get IELTS. But of course, if they ask then he will have to give his IELTS.

M: What are the next steps in your migration process? And how are you working towards them? So I know that you're collecting documents at the moment. So what are some of the sort of challenges of that? And if there's anything you want to put on the map

R: um, yeah, collecting documents is tiring as well, making connections with your previous employers. And yeah, I mean, and requesting them to send it to you because I'm not in Pakistan at the moment. So many things are taking extra time as opposed to if I were in Pakistan, so yeah, I mean, that that's that's one thing. Yeah. And for police check, yeah, my husband applied for it on my behalf. And that is quite simple. That's it. Nothing else. So that is one of the reasons that I really want to do my confirmation of candidature as soon as possible because I am planning to do my fieldwork in Canada as well. And I'm trying to provide a rationale of it. And I think I mean, after this confirmation, I if I move to Canada after getting this PR, if I get it, so I mean, maybe I spent six months there, do my fieldwork as well. So, I I'm planning to do my PhD side by side. And, you know, because they have like, you have to spend for certain months to get your PR thing or card, whatever. I don't know. So, after getting that I'll come back to Australia for to complete my PhD.

M: And what about your husband?

R: Ah, yeah, we haven't figured out yet. So, he's okay. He said, Oh, can I find a job there maybe because he's also considering to apply for PhD. So, I'm convincing him to apply at Monash because considering my experience with Canada, I'm like, I don't think so you get either but I mean, try your luck. So, he's also to this boat of academia because he's also from research background, so he's, he can apply for PhD as well. So, I don't know maybe maybe here or maybe Canada.

M: And are you I'm gonna ask you How do you feel now that you've drawn a map what do you what do you what was your experience of working with the mob?

R: Um well it's quite good I mean at least I can see now how much money I have spent on all these. I did calculation for this immigration thing but I never did calculation for the application fee so that being for universities, yes, that is quite higher. And okay, that's why now I realized why I’m so low on my savings. Laughs.