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First of all, I would like to confirm that I have finished my research stay at the University of California, Los Angeles. It was a great experience for my research career. During my research stay as a [redacted] Visiting Graduate Researcher [redacted] at the center for the study of international migration UCLA, I worked together with Prof. Roger Waldinger and his team. It was a great honor and opportunity to continue my research, work under his supervision and I am very grateful for his invitation and he drew my intention to some open migration-related problems, that may become objects of further investigation.



I was affiliated with the UCLA Center for the Study of International Migration, which is housed in the International Institute. They provided me with access to the UCLA library and I also had the access to a reasonably private workspace. As such, I also able to participate in the research center's seminars while I was there on the campus. Since the discussion on migration, ethnic conflicts and immigrant entrepreneurship is much more elaborated in the US than in Austria. This experience will definitely give me the confidence, later on, to propose and develop my Ph.D. dissertation and research. While during my Visiting Graduate research experience, I learned how to abide by the principles of working in an international institute and I had the opportunity to read through the research focus of the UCLA, Center for the Study of International Migration. Prof. Waldinger and I had a fruitful discussion and laid out a common ground for the further collaborations in the near future.

Furthermore, I also had the opportunity to meet young researchers who came from diverse backgrounds academia, government, international agencies, NGOs, non-profits, and social entrepreneurs. I collected valuable information and the researchers gave me very useful insight into how I could expand the scope of my research work.

Overall, this research stay at the University of California, Los Angeles was very successful, not only for developing some results of my doctoral dissertation, but also a great learning experience that will lead to promising joint work in the future.

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Sincerely,
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