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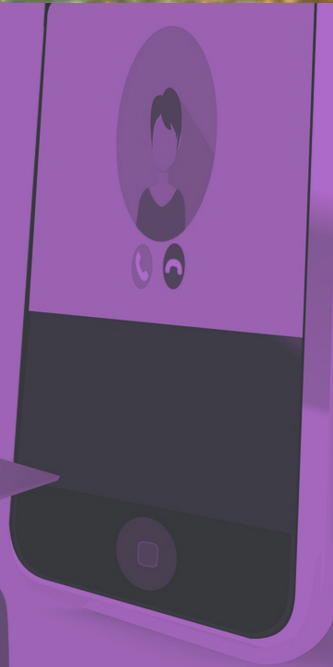
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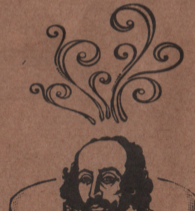
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**FRIDAY
11.6.2021**

Kilometer Zero Proust Questionnaire

1. What is your present state of mind?
2. What is your favorite way to spend your time?
3. If you were an animal, which one would you be?
4. What book makes you want to live in a different era?
5. What's the craziest thing you've ever eaten?
6. What is your favorite journey?
7. Who is your hero in real life? Who is your hero in fiction?
8. Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
9. What is your idea of perfect happiness?
10. If you could spend the rest of your life with a character from a book, who would it be?
11. What is your theme song?
12. Who are your three favorite writers?
13. Where in the world would you most like to live?
14. On what occasion do you lie?
15. If you could only eat one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?
16. Which poem makes your spine tingle?
17. What is your favorite smell?
18. If you could ask the leader of your country to read one book, what would it be?
19. What's your favorite hiding place?
20. What do you consider your greatest achievement?
21. Which book do you have on your nightstand but know you'll never read?
22. If you could have any superpower, what would you choose?
23. What was your favorite book as a child?
24. Do you have a recurring dream? If so, what is it?
25. What, to you is the most beautiful word or words?
26. What's the worst book you've ever read?
27. Who would play you in the movie of your life?
28. What is your motto?
29. What's the most romantic experience you've ever had?
30. How would you like to die and in what form would you choose to come back?



Group Discussion

Here are some useful expressions that you can use in your discussion. Try to use as many of them as you can, but only where appropriate!!

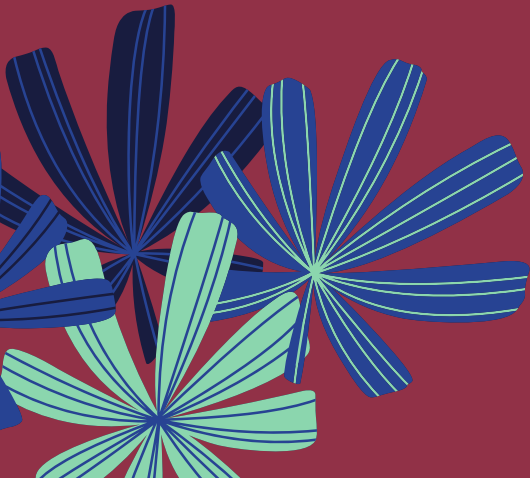
Express an opinion	Complete agreement	Partial agreement	Disagree diplomatically	Complete disagreement
In my opinion	Absolutely!	Yes, I suppose so, but	I'm not sure about that.	I don't think so!
In my view....	That's a good point.	I agree up to a point but	Well, it depends....	Come off it!
If you ask me,	That's exactly what I think.	That's worth thinking about, but	Not necessarily.	Are you kidding?
I believe	You can say that again!	I guess you could be right, but	That isn't necessarily true.	That's ridiculous!

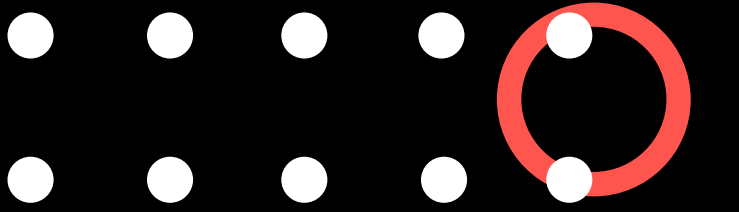
Ensure turn-taking in the discussion. Don't allow any one person to dominate. Use these expressions to encourage everyone to participate.

What do you think?	What's your opinion on this matter?	Do you think that ...?	Are you for or against....?	What would you suggest?
What do you think about...?	Do you happen to know...?	Could I ask you...?	Could you tell me?	Let's see what XXXX has to say about this.

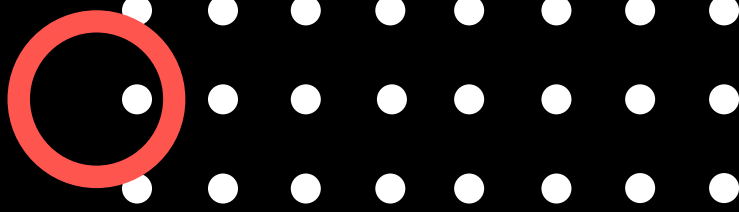
Try some of these expressions for politely interrupting someone:

Polite interruption	Mention something similar	Asking for clarification	Interrupting to agree	To show interest
I'm sorry to interrupt, but / Can I interrupt for a moment please?	That reminds me	Sorry for interrupting, but I'm not sure what you mean.	That's happened to me.	I'm interested in hearing more.
Excuse me, but	While we're on that issue,	Sorry, would you mind repeating that?	I know exactly how you feel.	I'm curious how you handled that.
Can I ask a question?	Let's come back to that....	Excuse me, but that doesn't make any sense.	I've been there.	You were saying....
Can I say something here please?	Before you continue, I'd just like to add	Can you explain that again please?	I know what you mean, that's so annoying/frustrating....	Please go on, sorry about that.





LETTER OF COLLABORATION



To:

19th July 2021

Dr. Somali Gupta
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Chhattisgarh ,
India

Dear Dr. Gupta,

I would like to thank you most sincerely for your enthusiastic and supportive participation in the Virtual Café initiative which took place during the spring semester of the current academic year.

As a pilot virtual exchange between students from higher education institutions on three continents, your university, Govt.V.Y.T.PG. Autonomous College in Durg, India, the Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences in Poland, and Braude College of Engineering in Israel, we feel that this activity has been remarkably successful.

The gathering of students from the three institutions, who brought with them a wide variety of backgrounds and the commonality of being students during a global pandemic, certainly created a lively and interesting opportunity for them to use their English. These informal yet authentic meetings created a non-threatening setting for intercultural experiences which the students enjoyed and from which their self-confidence in their language skills benefited. This was particularly welcome during the uncertainty created by the pandemic. Please convey our thanks to your students for their enthusiastic participation in the sessions.

I also feel that the academic staff have benefited greatly from this intercultural exchange, both socially and academically. I hope we will be able to develop these ideas further in the future.

Wishing you, your family and your students good health and I look forward to hearing from you soon, in better times.

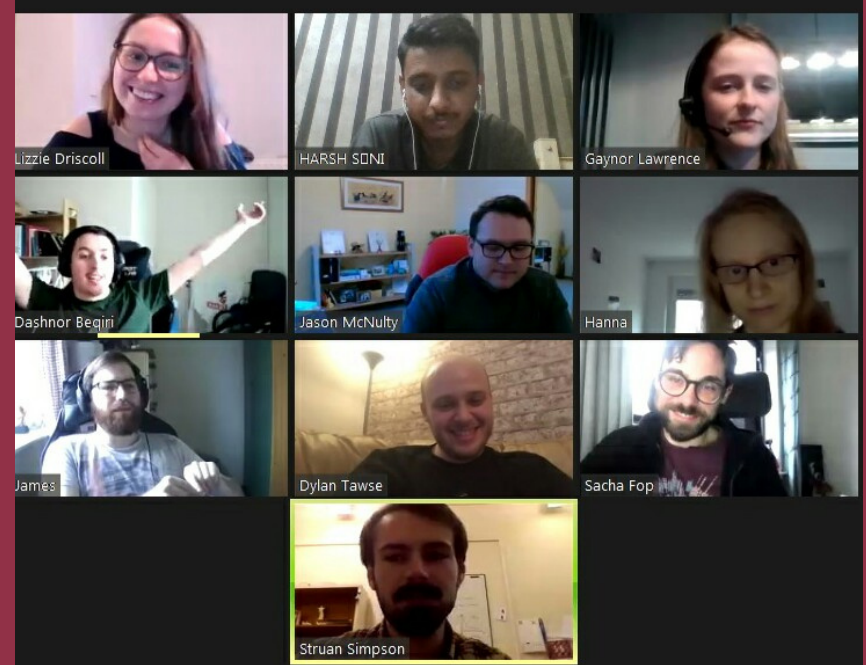
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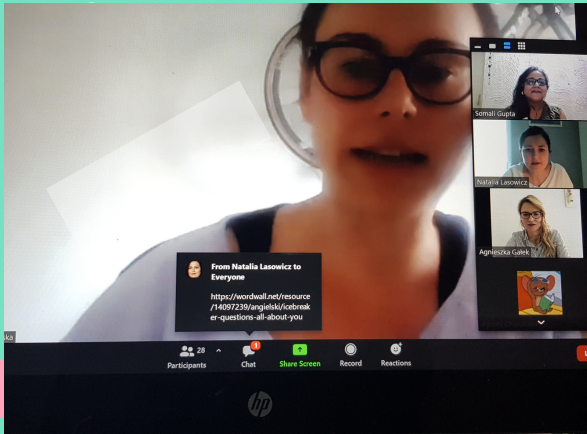
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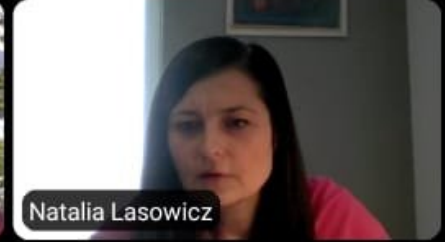
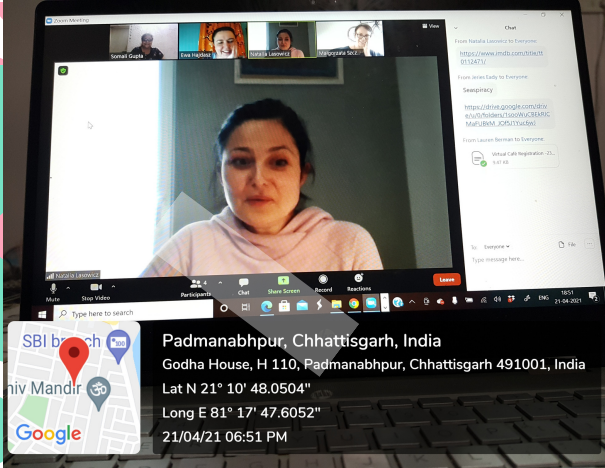
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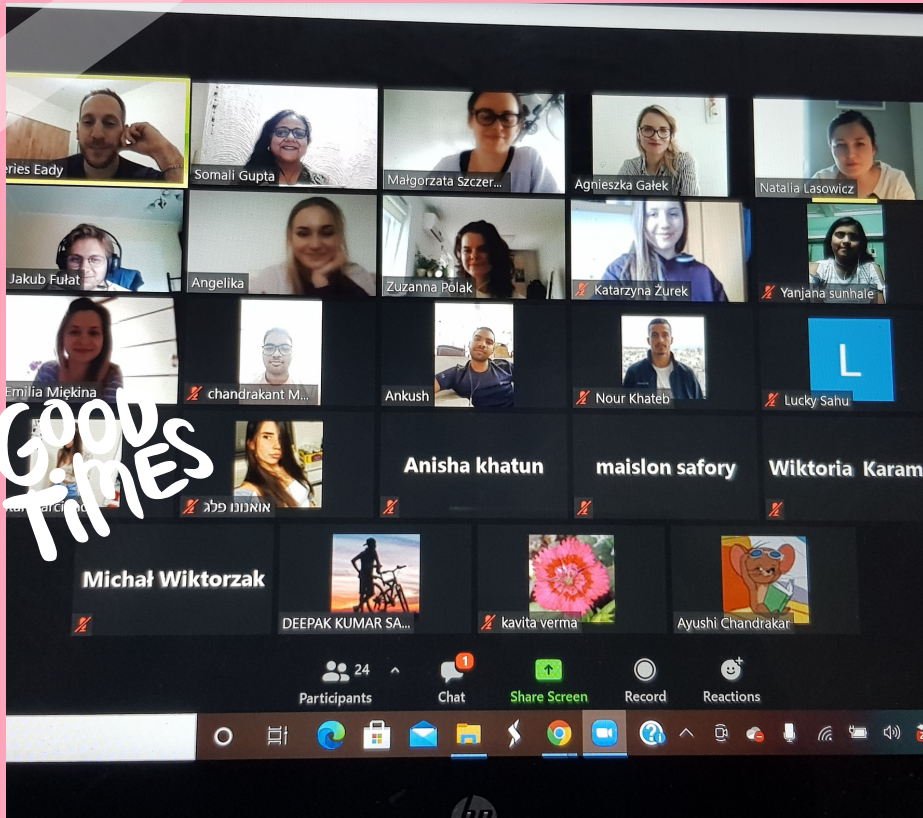
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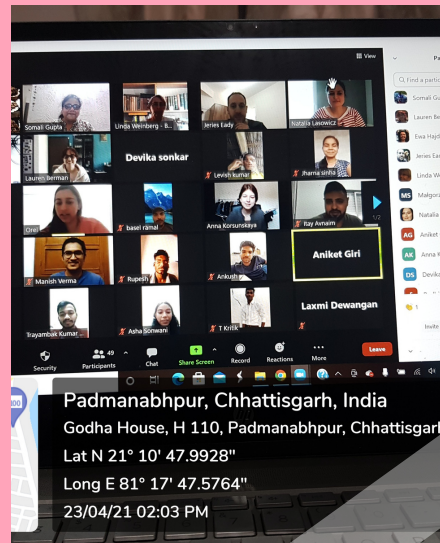
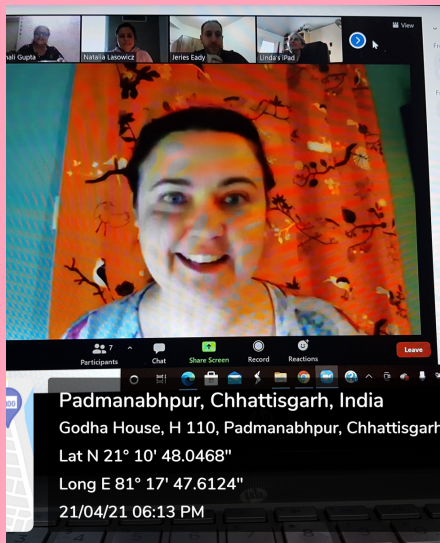
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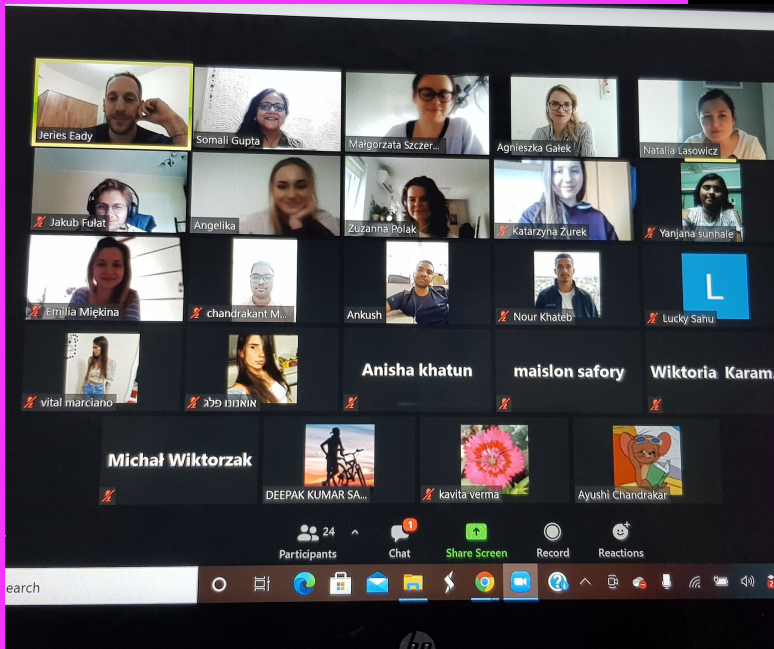




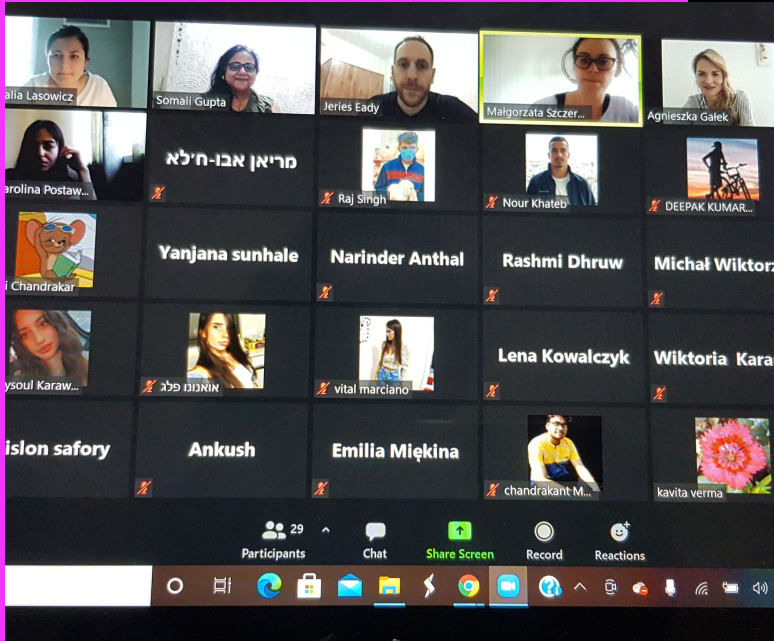
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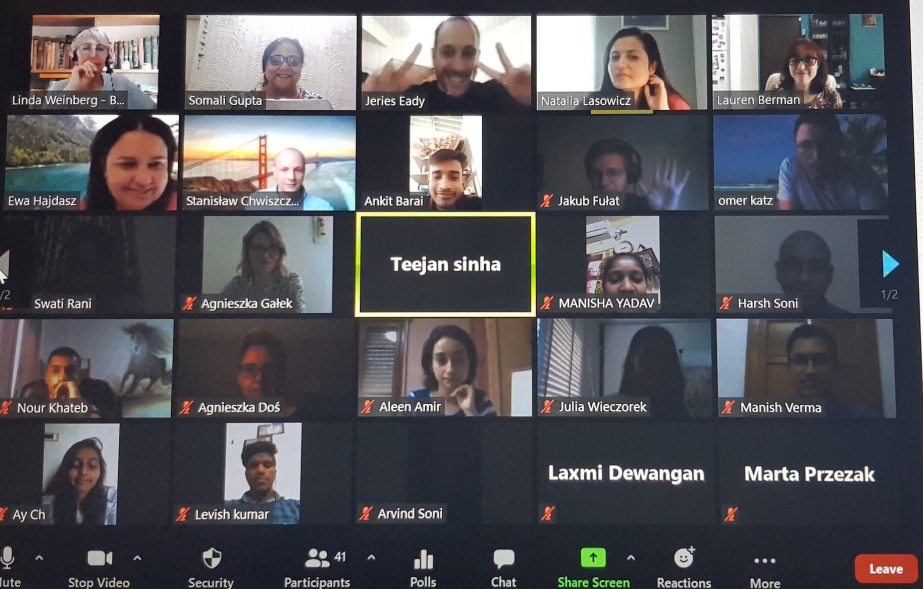
we were always on the road, and always exhausted. But at the end of the day, We said thanks because we are still very grateful.



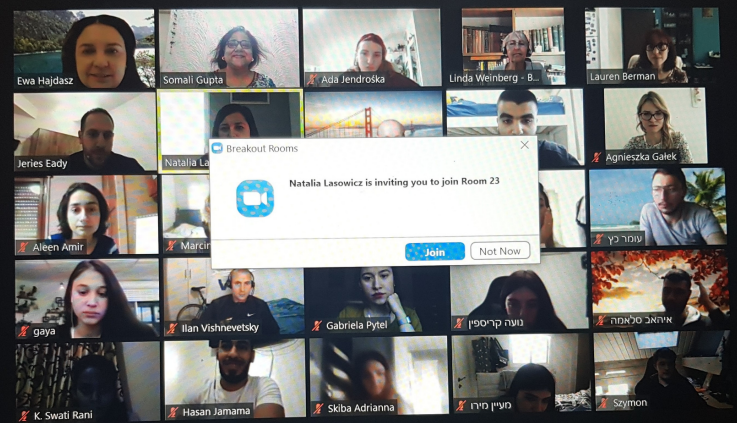


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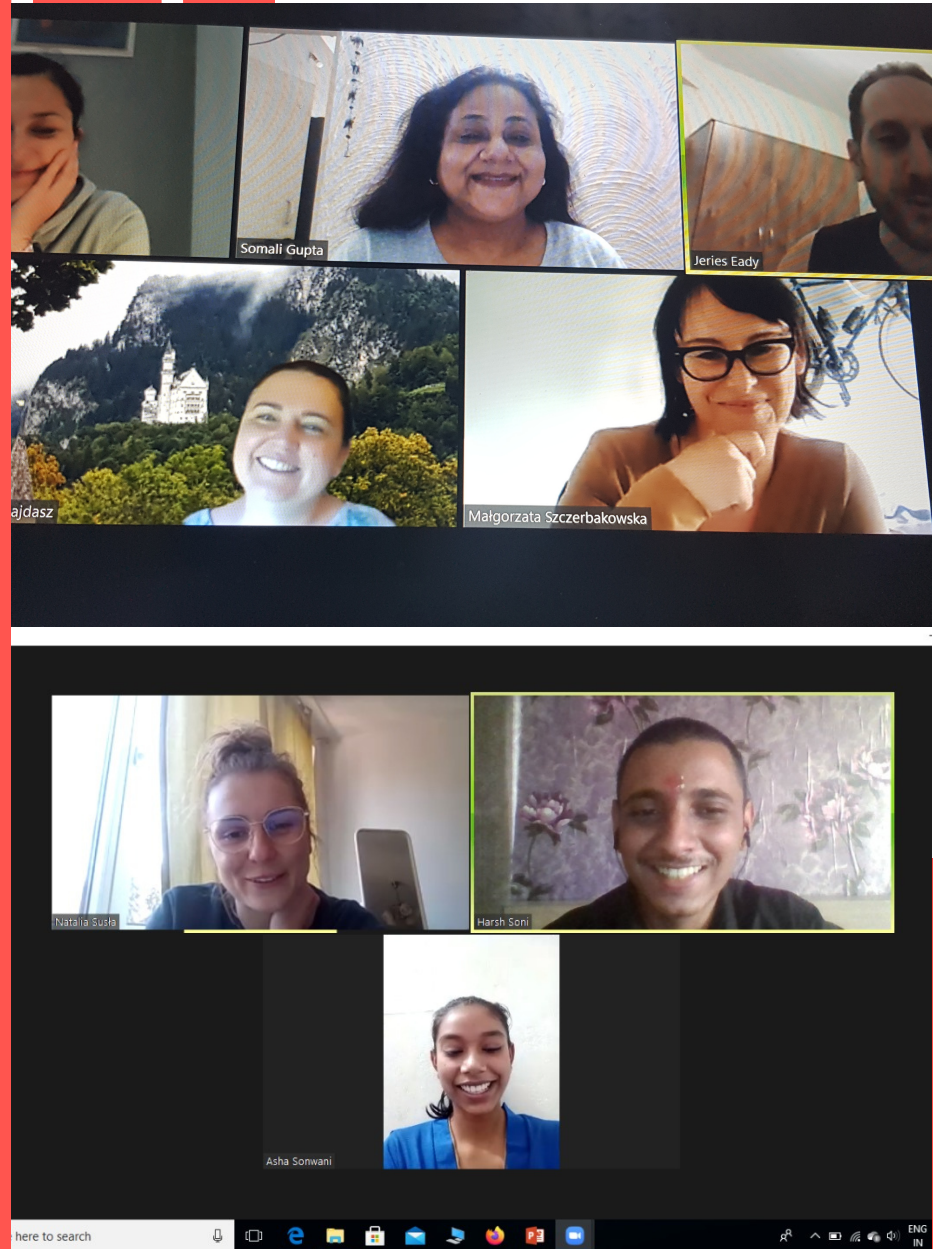
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Happiness





Wrocław, 28.05.2021

Dear Dr. Gupta,

I would like to formally thank you for joining us in our Virtual Café initiative during this semester and for bringing your wonderful students to the meetings. The Virtual Café opened on 9th March and will close on 11th June of this year.

The meetings between students from three different countries during this online semester have been extremely well-attended. The format of students gathering in small groups to talk freely in English on a variety of topics has been very successful. The warm, supportive atmosphere has encouraged students to use their language skills and to share aspects of their home culture with their counterparts around the world.

This collaboration between the Wrocław University of Environmental and Life Sciences in Poland, the Braude College of Engineering in Israel and the Govt. V. Y. T. PG. Autonomous College in India, has been a great success. I am looking forward to developing this initiative further in the coming year and to continuing the collaboration between the English departments at our institutions.

Please convey our gratitude to your students for their enthusiastic participation in this venture.

With very best wishes,

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