

**B16** Jean Pierre / Congo / Theology

Interaction partner(s): German lecturer

Moment of enquiry: WS 04/05

Experience of difference: Time management during consulting hours

Jean Pierre has studied Theology and Philosophy in the Congo and attended a seminary. After various stays in Germany, he decides to embark on a Ph.D. at a German university. The contact with his professor is good and he makes good progress with his work, but sometimes he wishes the professor had more time for him. Most of the time, their consultations take place under time pressure. He is especially surprised when one day his professor wraps up their conversation by saying that he has a lunch appointment with a colleague and therefore has to leave.

1. How can the expectations of the Congolese post-graduate student be explained?
2. Is there an explanation for the German professor's behaviour?