

Having spent the first ten years of my life in Germany and therefore being a migrant myself, I was interested in the migration patterns of other contemporary German migrants to metropolitan Adelaide.

In retrospect, data collection was one of the most challenging steps in the process of producing the final product. Approaching strangers to conduct a survey was a daunting yet surprisingly rewarding experience. However, the common heritage and communication in German enabled me to connect with the migrants on a more personal level, so that I came to know some of their stories, further engaging me in my research.

After taking such an interest in my research the most difficult task was defining a well-focused research question and deciding what I would have to omit to comply with the word limit.

The distribution of migrants was an interesting study in itself and enabled me to invent unique ways of analysing and presenting my data. This is surely the most rewarding academic journey, not only due to the outcome but also the process I went through.