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Hi Robert, my name is Debora. I'm from Arequipa, a city in south of Peru, but a year and a half I live in Lima. In Arequipa I studied Law and worked for two years. I forgot to say that I have 28 years old. So, as I was saying, I studied Law, but my real passion was always Photography, so that is why I migrated to the capital city of Peru, only here people can study Professional Photography.

Unfortunately, Peru is a very centralized country and the best opportunities for study, work and development are only in Lima. I had not wanted to leave my city, but I was forced by these circumstances.

When I arrived in Lima, was hard to adapt to change, even though we are from the same country and share a common "culture" is not truly. My city preserves a very own culture and traditions, and all "arequipeños" feel very proud of it, on the contrary, Lima is a city where many cultures have converged, the main ones are the occidental and Andean, but also African culture, jungle, China, etc. and that's why we do not feel a unifying identity for all citizens living in Lima.

My first impression and surprise of Lima, was meeting a very segmented city, where everyone takes its place and does not mix with the "other" and noticed that Lima is a city where discriminatory practices are current and the intolerance who is "different" is very strong. Discrimination is by economic status and by race, the Andean culture is discriminated very strongly. Although being the original culture of our country, this is one of the most serious problems currently in Peru and is very sad to see how people of Andean origin are discriminated and can't access to the same benefits and opportunities that "white" people have, official media are complicit in this problem to show ads where only "white" people are the stereotypical successful person.

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Finally, Peru is very complicated country, but even so we also carry a very beautiful traditional culture.

I'd love to know about your culture and your country, how is that social or cultural problems are, and how you lived daily between citizens of Vienna.

I would also like, if it's possible, you could recommend me to a friend or member of your family that you think they would like to exchange letters with me.

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You can share with everyone who you want.

I'll be waiting for your response.

Best regards.

Debora.

P.d. Sorry if my english is not good and the photo I send you is a photograph of a traditional kitchen of Arequipa wich is part of a project in wich I come now working on the revaluation of space as cultural patrimony. I hope you like it.