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Selected Topics in Software Engineering

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Distributed Software Development

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Cultural differences? Austria vs. Sweden

A first guess...

Somewhere inbetween...



About rules and agreements



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- In Sweden
 - most likely, there is already a regulation
 - otherwise, find a compromise
 - stick to it
- In Austria (in chronological order)
 - discuss (or fight and argue)
 - take it easy or find a “compromise”
 - complain

About politeness and respect

- In Sweden
 - no titles, informal addressing
 - strong sense for equality
 - after a lecture: leave the room
- In Austria
 - titles and addressing are very important
 - e.g. gender equality → “compromise” :)
 - after a lecture: just leaving the room is extremely rude

About self-perception

- In Sweden
 - “We in Sweden...”
 - strong sense of community
- In Austria
 - “We in Austria” defined by negation
 - showing pride about your country makes many people feel uncomfortable