

## **“Student today, (un)employed tomorrow - What does your future hold?”**

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They say the future belongs to the youth. The new generations are the ones that can turn this society around. They are the weapon which can conquer the world. However, the real question is how well-armed and ready to conquer to world are we? I came from a small town where different rules, conditions and mindset prevailed. Ready to conquer the world, with my goals set straight and a well-thought plan, I came to study in a city that was completely uncharted for me. During my regular walks to the faculty I was faced with many different situations and some of them broke my dreams and clouded my perceptions for how society functions.

It was here when I when the word ‘country girl’ entered deep into my conscience and I truly understood its meaning. It was here when for the first time I asked myself whether everyone is happy at their job? Seated on the bus, I watched the dreary faces of people returning from work, I saw people who managed to fall asleep as soon as they reached an unoccupied bus seat. Until now I didn’t pay attention to the details and the people around me, but somehow it seems impossible to ignore the conversation of a woman who complains to her friend that she was rejected from fifteen job interviews although she had two degrees...It's impossible not to be touched by a mother's talk explaining to her children that their father working abroad will call them if they behave. And while I wanted to conquer the world, I realized that it was the world that is conquering me. I rushed to grow up, I was looking forward to the day when I became an intellectual, and now, now I am afraid to enter the adult world, I am afraid that one day after I finish my studies I will have to leave this country, just like my father did a while ago...And now, when he is gone, I am asking myself whether I am well prepared to not leave this country, whether I will succeed to rise on the top of the crowd of people looking for work and whether it will be me who is able to make the change this world so desperately needs.

I am truly scared that one day, I will go to a job interview and they will ask me about my family background, they will inspect who my parents are rather that evaluate my skills and persona. But still, deep inside, I believe that if you are good enough, you will succeed in any profession, I believe that dreams could be realized, it only takes time and effort.