During my recent sabbatical, I embarked on an academic journey spanning three culturally distinct countries: Germany, Taiwan, and Japan. This colloquium offers a unique window into both the depth and diversity of my research endeavors and the immersive experiences encountered in daily life across these nations.

From the methodical rigor of German research institutions, through the dynamic innovation hubs in Taiwan, to the meticulous academic traditions of Japan, this journey uncovers the intertwining narratives of global research methodologies and practices. By delving into these different academic landscapes, we unravel the similarities, contrasts, and unique perspectives each country offers to the global academic dialogue.

Yet, a sabbatical isn’t merely a research voyage. It’s a deep dive into culture, tradition, and daily nuances. As my family and I navigated the cultural and language barriers, we journeyed from the majestic castles of Germany to the bustling Taiwanese night markets and onto the captivating cherry blossoms of Japan, immersing ourselves in the vibrant tapestry of daily life experiences.

Join me as I recount my sabbatical sojourns, illustrating the symbiotic relationship between research and the rich tapestries of culture that frame it, providing a holistic understanding of our global academic community.