

# The Academic Job Market

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- Job talk, back-to-back 30 min. meetings, meals (breakfast, lunch, & dinner)
- Most enjoyable aspect of the market

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## 4. Attitude

- Be yourself, be engaged, be kind/humble, and be an expert on your research
- People want to see a thoughtful person with an exciting agenda
- Maintain strong mental/physical health (have a routine/exercise)
- Have fun! Enjoy the dinners! You will meet some nice, interesting people!

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5. **There are truly no tricks/shortcuts.** . . . all your work in the Ph.D. (your research agenda) is what pays off