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Ahmed Hassan

Hi

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Ahmed Hassan

Dude was that defense normal? Like why did it take this long?

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yes! it's normal! very long defenses here in brazil 😞

especially the people from outside, they are "motivated" to speak more than the others

Ahmed Hassan

That is nuts. Like you guys need popcorn and washroom breaks. I was shocked that there were audience in the room. Like wow

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lol that's true

Ahmed Hassan

I cannot imagine how such a defense would go for a weak candidate.

Or may be for weak guys the defense is super short.So I guess it was weird that I had no questions or is that normal for supervisors

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No, that's normal for supervisors

Ahmed Hassan

Cool 😁

But wow this was the longest defense I have ever been in. I was shocked man

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usually they just speak about the characteristics of the students or just make small comments like you did

hahah I actually thought about it during the defense, because I remember being very different there in canadabut here it works like this

Ahmed Hassan

Well you are a hero.

That was the only real defense I have ever been at :p

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haha thank you!

Ahmed Hassan

Super congrats! I am very happy and super proud of you.

I don't think I can defend for that long. That was loong!

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Thank you so much Ahmed, and I am really happy that I had the opportunity to work at SAIL, this was fundamental to mee

me\*

Ahmed Hassan

Dude it was all you. Seriously you worked so hard and you really took the opportunity to heart. Not everyone does. And it shows. Like your record is amazing. I am still in shock for how long this defense is. With your pubs they should have passed you without even a defense :p

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haha thank you Ahmed!

Ahmed Hassan

I just hope you can land somewhere good. I must confess I am quite worried about your desire to stay back in Brazil. I know it is for family reasons but dude you are much better than this and sometimes one has to take the risk to move to bigger chances 😁

Like especially when I say now other Brazilian profs leaving to USA recently. eg Marco and IgorThey are good and they can see that the chances aren't high in Brazil for good peopleAlways easier to do such things when you are young than when you are old

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Yes, I agree with you

To be honest, I am feeling divided about this matter. But for the moment I think I'd like to give a try to these positions during March, and then If I feel it's not the thing, (as I talked to you before) I will approach you to see if I can have a postdoc at SAIL.

Ahmed Hassan

It is just about the sail postdoc. I am thinking beyond that.

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right, but I think going to Canada as a posdoc would help me to find other opportunities, right?

Ahmed Hassan

I feel for sure with the right environment you can be a prof at a good school. Anywhere in the world. Like warm Australia for example.

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I see

Ahmed Hassan

Or USA

Though scary now with Trump

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yeah, that's right

I was curious, was your nationality included on that thing about not entering in the country?

Ahmed Hassan

Nope

But still man.

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Yes, I see what you mean, I'm gonna think carefully about these things

Ahmed Hassan

Ao anyway seriously think beyond the 3 year horizon.

Where do you want to be in5-10 years you and your family (future kids and wife). What is best for them.You have the chance to go out. Many have no chance to do so.So think and act based on what is most important to you.

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great

Ahmed Hassan

Things won't be easy in Brazil over the next decade and the impact will be felt throughout the country. Everywhere

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yes...

Ahmed Hassan

I think one to two year postdoc and you would have a crazy strong CV to really hit any place on the world. Even now you can probably hit some USA university, may be even Australia

Anyway think more beyond what is easy now.Keep in mind one gets heavier as we age.

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alright

Ahmed Hassan

So don't assume that oh in 5 years I'll go out of Brazil. That will never happen. Your pubs will be weak and harder to move kids etc.

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I see

Ahmed Hassan

Anyway I let you celebrate for now. But do think deeper about this ; and I and all ex-sail prof guys are there to help you answer questions about things :)

The one thing I need from you is for ICSE .. can you send me a cost estimate so I can work on getting money for that trip for you please.

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oh yes! I'm gonna send it today

and thanks for the words, I will reflect deeply on this matter

Ahmed Hassan

Cool thanks!

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thank you! ☺

Ahmed Hassan

And yeah think it over. I feel if you dream one day to come back to Brazil that is much easier than leaving when older. Right now all your interviews are for teaching positions. If that is what you want, you can get these super easily today in the states without those dumb interviews. Okay I let you be.

And congrats on an amazing job, I cannot believe how long you defended for. Amazing stuff indeed!!Later for now

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thank you Ahmed! Also thanks for the advices!