

Job Market Postmortem & Advice

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- ▶ 'Department ranking': I am convinced that the outcome of this meeting has (almost) no influence on your job market, conditional on the opinion of your referees.

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 - ▶ I scheduled two less important flyouts in the beginning to get some practice, then the most important ones, and finally the least important ones.

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- ▶ Presentations are usually 1.5 hours, in Europe it's often shorter than that (1h). Make sure there are parts of your presentation that you can skip. Make your presentation as easy as possible to follow.

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- ▶ Everybody involved knows that the whole process is a bit crazy.
 - ▶ Be open, friendly, and enthusiastic.
 - ▶ Regard it as a chance to tell the world what you did and why it's cool.
 - ▶ You're going to meet a lot of smart and nice people in the whole process. Have fun!