

THE PHD PROJECT MANAGEMENT DSA

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Informal Insights — Research Protocol

- Key Questions

- 1) What is your **research question**?
- 2) What is the **research gap**? (Engage with and build on extant literature)
- 3) Why is it **important to close this gap**, i.e. why should we care?
- 4) What is your **theoretical argument**?
- 5) How do you **measure** your theoretical constructs?
- 6) What is your **identification strategy**/empirical methods?
- 7) What are the results and how do you **interpret** the results?
- 8) What are the **implications** for practice?

Informal Insights — Research Process

- My approach

- 1) **Focus** on a few, most promising, research ideas that help you achieve your long-term goal and build up your research identity (see [research protocol](#))

- Note:

- There is no such thing like a “quick project”
- Few publications > multiple working papers
- Consider going on vacation instead of spending time on non-promising projects

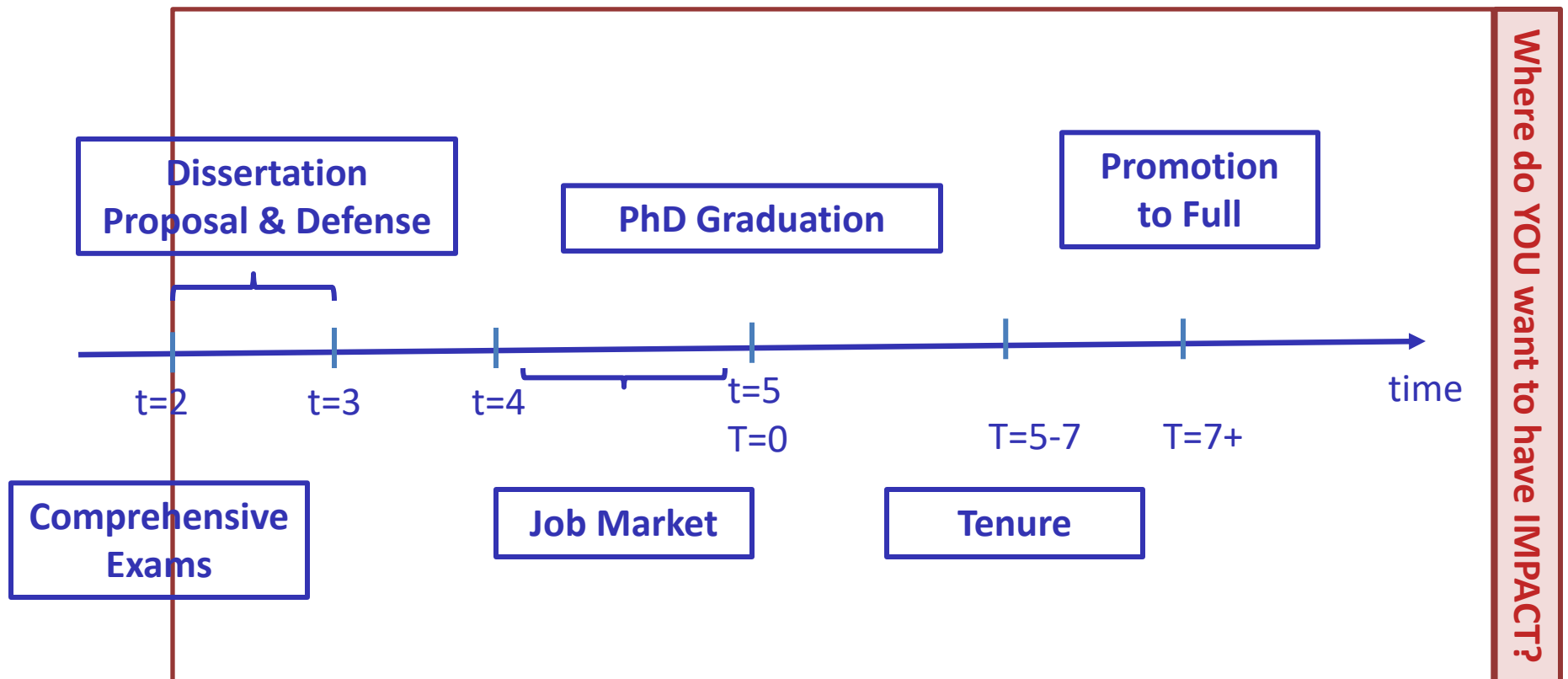


Importance of Time ...



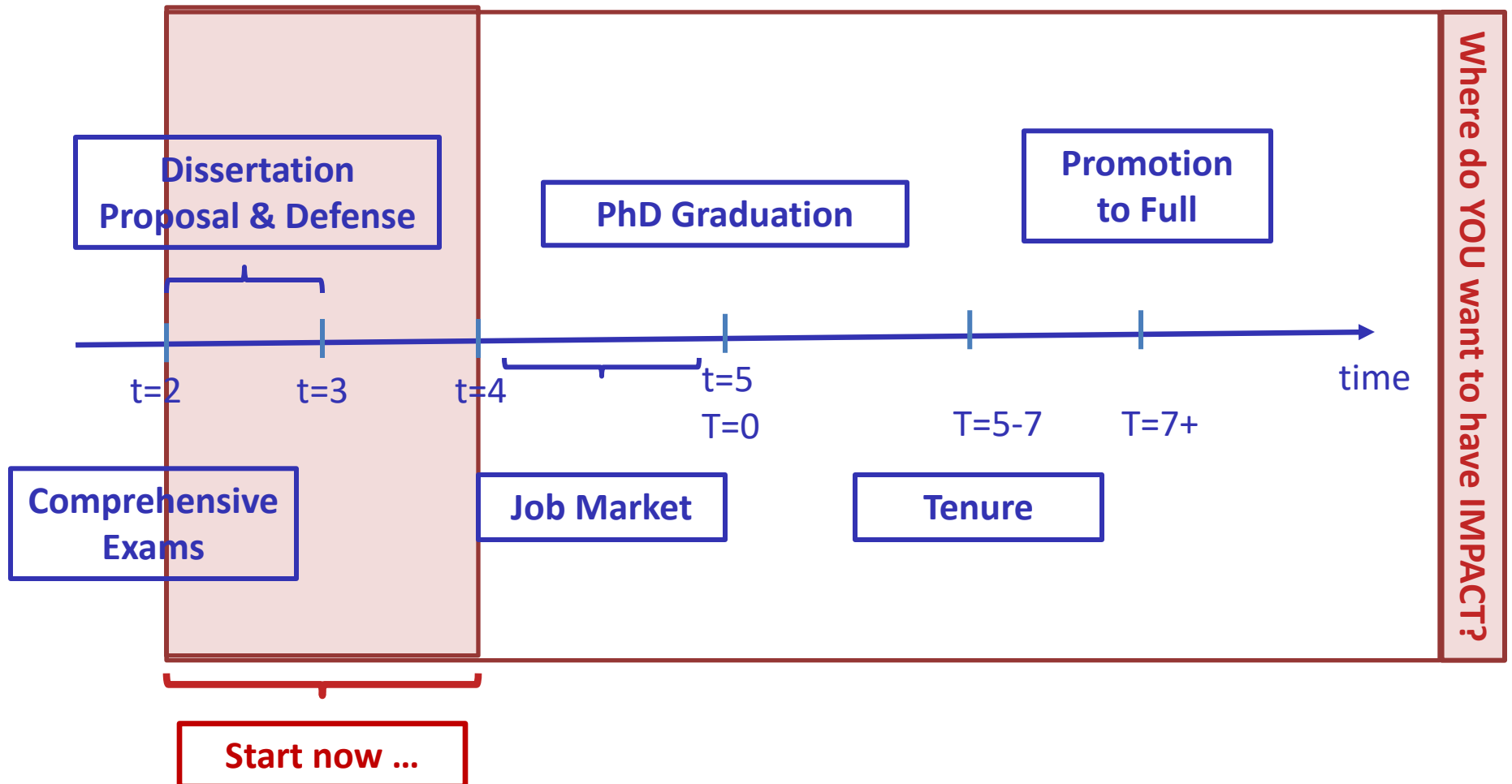
Importance of Time ...

- Looking into the Future



Importance of Time Management

- Looking into the Future ... and Back to the Present



Informal Insights — Research Process

- My approach
 - 1) **Focus** on a few, most promising, research ideas that help you achieve your long-term goal and build up your research identity (see [research protocol](#))
 - 2) Be your own most evil **devil's advocate** throughout the process
 - 3) **Seek feedback** from
 - Friendly reviewers (ideally, form 1-2 reading groups à 4 scholars with different disciplinary backgrounds)
 - Colleagues within department (faculty and doctoral students)
 - Seminars/conferences
 - 4) Do one thorough **revision**
 - 5) **Submit**
 - 6)
 - 7) **Address all** (major and minor) **concerns** raised by editor and reviewers

