

Long presentations

The long presentation is a chance to continue to work on presentation skills, but adds a critical element. Ideally, I would like you to present your own research/ideas, even if it is not “international.” I would much rather see what interests you as a researcher.

1. The presentation should be 30–35 minutes and no more than 15 slides.
2. If you are presenting your own stuff, it does not need to be finished!
 - (a) One approach is to present a well-formed question, follow with a critical review of the literature, and a sketch of a model that you think would address the questions.
 - (b) Another approach might be to present a well-formed question (see a pattern here?), follow with some of your own data work, and a sketch of where you would like to go from there.
3. If you are presenting a paper from the literature, the presentation should be *critical*. The short presentations were about **communicating** what the authors did. In this presentation, you should be **evaluating** what the authors did.
 - (a) How does the question/paper fit into the larger research agenda? If this is a research agenda you do not know much about, you might want to look at survey papers or handbook chapters to get a better idea.
 - (b) Besides presenting what the authors do, critique it. Is the model missing potentially important elements? Is there better data that could be brought to bear? Are there parts of the paper that were especially good or useful?
 - (c) A good critical evaluation of a paper should bring about more questions and ideas for research projects. These should be a part of your presentation.
4. Please send me a copy of your slides by email before your presentation.