

Norwegian Careers after Studies Abroad

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There are always some lessons learned

1. INSEAD: organizational behavior
2. OXFORD: eccentrics and hard work
3. IFI: nerds and friends
4. SAUDI: adjusting expectations
5. FAST: being on a mission
6. BOARDS: people and complexity
7. MSFT: process and professionalism



Advantages Of Studying Abroad

- 1. New perspectives**
- 2. New knowledge**
- 3. New courage**
- 4. New network**
- 5. Personal growth**

Disadvantages Of Studying Abroad

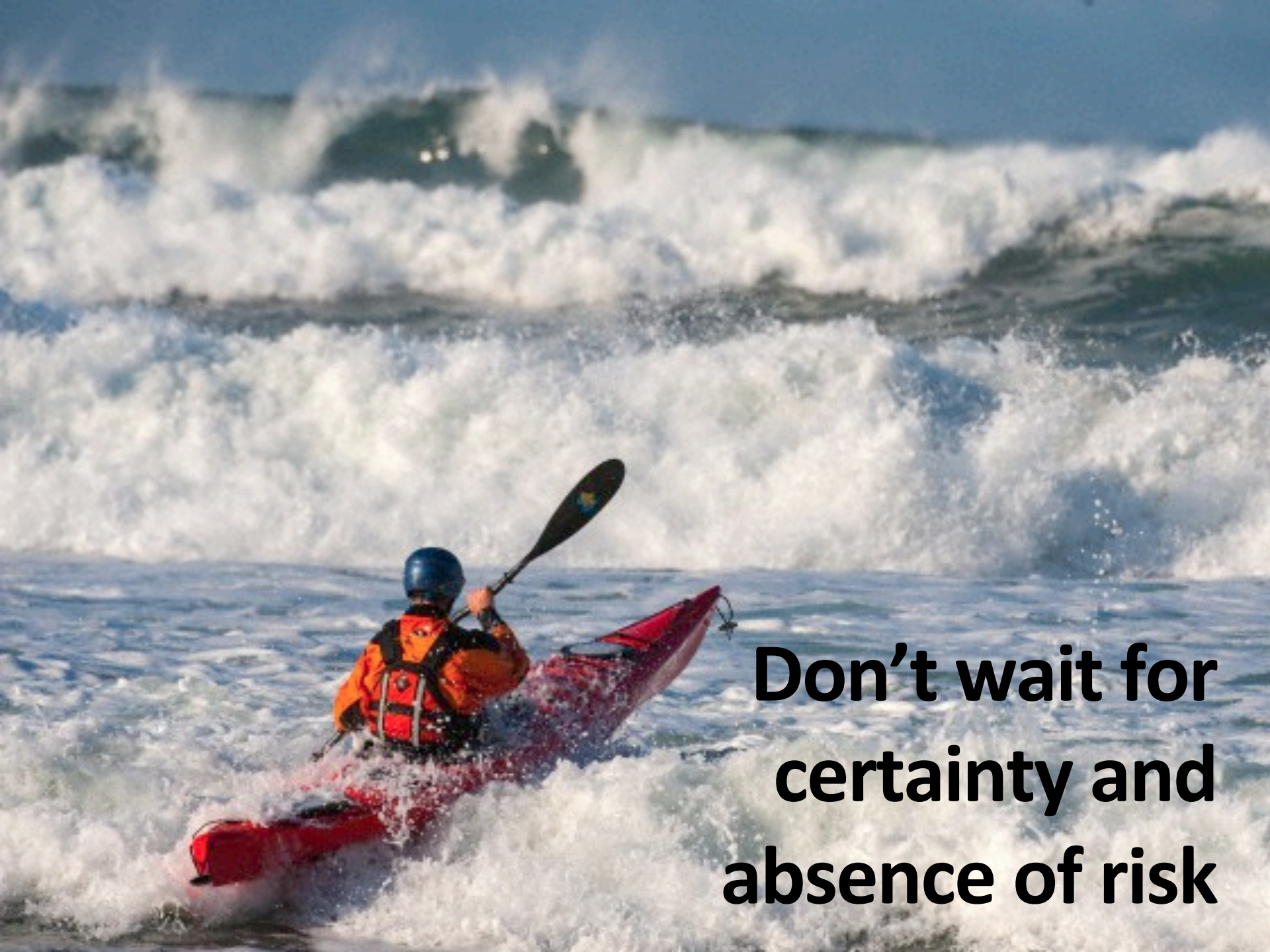


**Missing
Local
network**

Coming home can be lonely



**BUT YOU SHOULD THINK
OF YOUR NEW EXPERIENCES AS
A GREAT LONG-TERM ADVANTAGE**



**Don't wait for
certainty and
absence of risk**



**Don't
hold back!**

**Don't
compromise**



**Don't confuse
the road with
the goals**





Don't try to blend in!

**Don't forget your
mentors and
partners**



**Don't forget
your work-life
balance!**





**Don't
forget
your
driving
forces!**

**Don't loose your
flexibility**



**Don't forget
to have fun**



Practical advice



Head hunters

Networking

Individual meetings

A group of dancers in white dresses are performing in a large studio with large windows. The dancers are in various poses, with their long, flowing dresses creating a sense of movement. The studio has a dark floor and a wooden railing. The text "Get out on the dance floor" is overlaid in red at the top.

Get out on the dance floor

**“Hide not your talents, they for use were made,
What's a sundial in the shade?”
— Benjamin Franklin**

“Don't worry about losing. If it is right, it happens - The main thing is not to hurry. Nothing good gets away.”

John Steinbeck





Remember: all good
things take time!

**TREASURE YOUR MOST
VALUABLE ASSET**

Thank you!