Single discipline or interdisciplinary career directions: what is best and most practical at early career stage?

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After completing my master’s program:
- Full-time professor at Law Faculty
- Research Associate Professor

Main obstacle:
- Addressing complex problems within the limits of the legal discipline

Main benefit:
- Working in an interdisciplinary environment (engineers, economists, administrators, psychologists)
Interdisciplinary: 
Doctoral program in Social Science

This decision allowed me to:

- Gain skills in working within a collaborative environment
- Generate integrated solutions to problems that cross discipline boundaries
- Work in networks that integrate intellectual resources and interdisciplinary dialogues
- Learn and use techniques from other disciplines
The transition from graduate student to Professor

- Law Faculty to Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

  It implies:

- Developing an interdisciplinary identity
- To familiarize with the interaction of colleagues from other disciplines
- To create synergy with other disciplines to tackle problems from different methodologies
- To make current disciplinary boundaries more flexible
The challenge

The early career years demand a high level of labor instability:
- Short-term, low paid contracts
- Workload pressures
- Lack of autonomy over my teaching and research decisions
- Introduce and promote my vision of interdisciplinary in my new department as an early career academic
- Find a sense of balance between home life and work (long hours and various academic roles)
Interdisciplinary career directions
What to expect?

- Approach to all academic roles (teaching, research and service)
- Active engagement in my disciplinary society that includes conference attendance
- Being part of an interdisciplinary team, which seeks to integrate knowledge, terms and methodologies of each discipline in research and teaching.
- Participate in research that does not just rely on multiple disciplines but oriented problem solving