


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


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Disciplinary career: Law

- ▶ 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)
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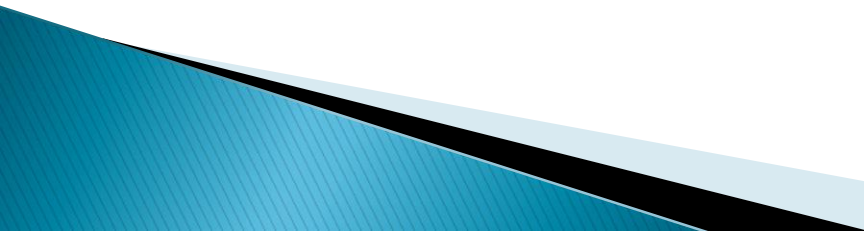
Interdisciplinary: Doctoral program in Social Science

- ▶ 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
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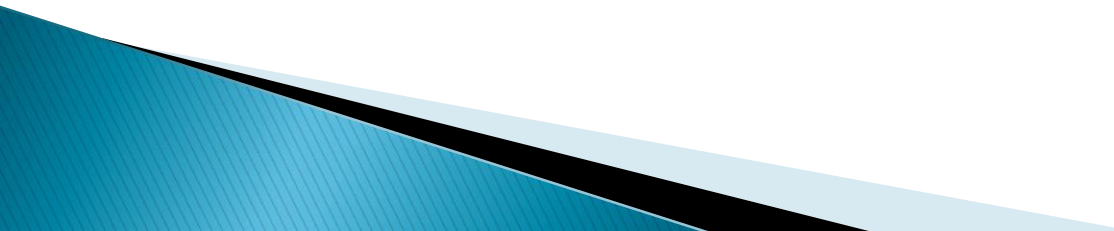
The transition from graduate student to Professor

- ▶ 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
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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)
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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
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