Semi-structured Interview Guide

1) Tell me about your academic background. [Probe for disciplinary area and how long you have been working in academia.]
2) Which ASNS do you use most frequently as part of your research-related activities?
3) Why did you decide to create a profile on these platforms?
4) And how often do you use them? How much time would you say you spend on these networks on a weekly or monthly basis?
5) Tell me about the specific actions you do on these platforms. [Probe for specific uses: e.g., commenting, sharing & uploading publications, checking other peers’ profiles, etc.]
6) Are you aware of the altmetrics in your profiles? Do you check them? What value do you attribute to them in relation to traditional metrics (such as the h-index)?
7) Do you engage in self-promotion of your articles/publications? Why / why not?
8) When reviewing the digital profiles of other colleagues, what do you notice? What elements of the profiles stand out to you?
9) What would you say is the importance of having an online presence?
10) Have you experienced any benefits from using them? Can you tell me about your experience? [Probe for collaborations, open access, increased visibility and citations, etc.]
11) Do you think there are any risks of being present digitally on these platforms?
12) How important is online reputation to you? How do you think the profiles on these networks contribute to your academic reputation?
13) Do you think these platforms will be relevant and useful in the medium and long term?
14) Do you consider that academic social networks are changing the way of exercising the academic profession? Why / or in what way?
15) Would you like to share any final reflection or expand on any topic. Would you like to add anything else about your experience of using these platforms?