



24 July 2023

To the Attention of the Selection Committee,

This letter is to confirm that **Mr. Ali Najafi** has successfully completed the Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Istanbul, which was held through June 22nd and July 14th, 2023. It was based at Ozyegin University, Istanbul, with extra support from Koc, Sabanci and Bogazici universities.

SICSS events have taken place globally in leading universities since 2017 and serve as an important doctoral-level advanced methods training in computational social science research methods. SICSS_Istanbul has been running regularly since 2018, in partnership with Princeton, Duke and Cambridge Universities.

This year, SICSS_Istanbul 2023 was conducted as a 10-day online boot camp and two-week intensive residential training (20 days total) in the methods and techniques of computational social science, including lectures, learning activities and a group project, in partnership with Edinburgh University.

Topics of this summer institute included ethics of digital research, definitions and identity of computational social science, automated data collection, machine learning methods for social research, human intelligence tasks and crowdsourcing in social research and survey research methodologies. More details of the content and schedule of the program are available online at this curriculum: <https://sicss.io/2023/istanbul/schedule>

As the director and coordinator of SICSS_Istanbul, I hereby confirm that **Mr. Najafi** has successfully attended all lectures, completed all tasks, exercises and challenges assigned during the summer camp.

Best regards,

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