

M Saeed Labafian

Education

2023-2024

M.A. Culture and Linguistics, University of London SOAS

Thesis: Ethical Considerations in Designing AI Systems: Sociotechnical Fairness in Case Study of Iran

GPA: 3.8/4 (High Merit)

2018 – 2022

B.Sc. Psychology, Tabriz University

Thesis: Design of Interactive Digital Interventions for Enhancing Imitative Behavior in Children with Autism

GPA: 3.59/4

Research Interests

Human-Computer Interaction, security and privacy mental models and behaviors, human-centered designing

Research Experience

- **Ethical Considerations in Designing AI Systems: Sociotechnical Fairness in Case Study of Iran**
Artificial Intelligence and Human Security, Centre of Future AI, London, 2025
-An examination of the LGBTQ+ community's data collection security and privacy concerns, accompanied by technical and theoretical suggestions for designing future AI systems.
- **Comparative analysis of AI-generated writing styles and the conveyance of ideas in the book "1 the Road"**
Comparative Literature: New Era, MA Module, SOAS, London 2024
- A thematic analysis of AI-generated writing styles compared with human-authored books in the same genre, focusing on patterns of writing style and the use of figures of speech
- **Can Artificial Intelligence Be Decolonised? Algorithmic transparency**
Artificial Intelligence and Human Security, London, 2023
- critically analyzing systemic biases embedded in data and algorithms, and examination of how they could exacerbate existing disparities, much like historical colonial systems
- **A Socio-Technical Analysis from Jalal Al-Ahmad's Perspective on Cultural and Technological Domination**
Directed Readings in a Middle Eastern Language, MA Module, SOAS, London, 2023
- critiques and analyzes the impacts of emerging technologies on socio-cultural dynamics, focusing on themes of technological domination
- **Technological Illusion or Long-Term Impact? The Influence of AI on the Labor Market and Gender Equality in the Workplace: A Case Study of Qatar**
Political Economy of Development, MA Module, SOAS, London, 2023
-explored the intersection of AI and its socioeconomic impacts on the labor market and gender equality, analyzing whether these changes were genuinely transformative or merely superficial statistical shifts
- **Design and Development of Interactive Digital Interventions for Enhancing Imitative Behavior in Children with Autism**
Journal of Modern Psychological Research, Tabriz university, Iran, 2022
- design of an interactive game on Windows, to improve imitative behavior in autistic children, due to their limitation of learning, based on The US Rehabilitation Services Administration's protocol 2007 (RSA)

Teaching Experience

PY Teacher Assistant, Tabriz University
PY710-106: Descriptive Statistic

PY Teacher Assistant, Tabriz University
PY710-107: Inferential statistics

Software & Skills

Technical Skills:

- T-tests, ANOVA, Regression
- Longitudinal data analysis, Multilevel modelling/Hierarchical linear modelling
- Factor analysis, Scale development (Classical test theory & Item response theory)
- Quantitative text analysis

Software and programming:

- Python (Pandas Scikit-learn-NumPy)
 - Jupyter notebook
 - NVivo
 - R
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Professional Certificates

CS50's Artificial Intelligence with Python	140 Hours (Harvard University)
HarvardX: Data Science & Machine Learning	32 Hours (Harvard University)
HarvardX: Machine Learning and AI with Python	30 Hours (Harvard University)

Grants

Full Tuition Scholarship (£25,320), SOAS, 2023
Faculty Student Research Grant (£700), SOAS, 2023

Academic Honors and Activities

Full tuition scholarship in SOAS University (Based on my research proposal), 2023
Ranked 2nd in GPA, Psychology department, 2022
Student of the year, Tabriz University, 2021
President of the psychology department students' scientific association, 2020
Full Tuition scholarship awarded Tabriz University, 2018
Ranked top 1% in the national university entrance exam, 2018
Silver medal of the national mathematic student Olympiad, 2016
Recognised as a talented student in the NODET, 2014

Personal Interests

Music (Guitar & Piano)	Sport (Running & Table Tennis)	Content Creation (Script Writing)
- Member of SOAS Music Society	- Full 42 km, London, Apr 2024 - Full 42 km, London, Nov 2022	