Saeed Labafian

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Education

2023-2024

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

GPA: 3.8/4 (High Merit)

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

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

Ethnographic approaches in user-centered design (both designers & users values) to understand dynamics and mitigate biases, focusing on assistive IoT devices & LLM based Agents, Social identity theory in HCI

Research Experience

- Ethical Considerations in Designing AI Systems: Sociotechnical Fairness in Case Study of Middle East Artificial Intelligence and Human Security, Centre of Future AI, London, 2025
 - -An examination of the minor communities'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, MA Module, 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

Journal of Modern Psychological Research, Tabriz university, 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:

- Semi-Structured Interviews
- Empirical & Analytical Research
- Factor analysis, Scale development (Classical test theory & Item response theory)
- Quantitative text analysis

Software and programming:

- -Python (Pandas & NumPy)
- -SPSS
- -NVivo
- -R

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, 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 Biology student Olympiad, 2016

Recognised as a talented student in the NODET, 2014

Personal Interests

Music (Guitar & Piano)

Member of SOAS music Society

Sport (Running & Table Tennis)

Full 42 km, London, Apr 2024

Full 42 km, London, Nov 2022

Content Creation (Script Writing)

References

Professor Ali Alavi

Convenor & Head of Department My MA Adviser E-mail: sa137@soas.ac.uk

Professor Arshin Adib-Moghaddam

Co-Director of Center of AI Futures at SOAS University E-mail: aa106@soas.ac.uk

Professor Mostafa Zarean

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