

# SASWAT DAS

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Responsible AI, (Differential) Privacy, Fairness, Security, Agentic LLMs

## Education

### University of Virginia (UVA)

*Ph.D. in Computer Science*

4.0 GPA

Aug. 2023 – Present

Charlottesville, Virginia

### National Institute of Science Education and Research (NISER)

*Integrated M.Sc. (BS + MS) in Mathematics (Minor in Computer Science)*

8.39/10.0 CGPA; 9.44/10.0 in Computer Science

Jul. 2018 – May 2023

Bhubaneswar, India

## Experience

### Department of Computer Science, University of Virginia

*Graduate Research Assistant (PhD)*

- Mentor: Dr. Ferdinando Fioretto
- Focus Areas: Differential Privacy, Fairness, Responsible AI, Agentic LLMs

Aug 2023 – Present

Charlottesville, VA

### EECS, Syracuse University

*Visiting Research Scholar/Collaborator*

- Mentor: Dr. Ferdinando Fioretto (now at UVA)
- Focus Areas: Differential Privacy, Fairness, Responsible AI

June 2022 – July 2023

Syracuse, NY (Online after Aug 2022)

### School of Computer Sciences, NISER

*MS Research Scholar*

- Mentor: Dr. Subhankar Mishra
- Focus Areas: Differential Privacy, Security, Responsible AI

Aug. 2021 – May 2023

Bhubaneswar, India

### School of Computer Sciences, NISER

*BS Winter Research Intern*

- Mentor: Dr. Rishiraj Bhattacharyya (Now at the University of Birmingham)
- Focus Areas: Blockchain, P2P Networks, Cryptography, Zero-Knowledge Proofs

Dec. 2019 – Jan. 2020

Bhubaneswar, India

### School of Computer Sciences, NISER

*BS Summer Research Intern*

- Mentor: Dr. Rishiraj Bhattacharyya (Now at the University of Birmingham)
- Focus Areas: Blockchain, P2P Networks, Cryptography

May 2019 – July 2019

Bhubaneswar, India

## Publications

### Conference Publications

#### Fairness Issues and Mitigations in (Differentially Private) Socio-demographic Data Processes

2025

Joonhyuk Ko, Juba Ziani, **Saswat Das**, Matt Williams, Ferdinando Fioretto

Accepted at **AAAI-25 (Oral Presentation)** and at **AAAI-PPAI-25 (Oral Presentation)**; *arXiv:2408.08471*

#### Disparate Impact on Group Accuracy of Linearization for Private Inference

2024

**Saswat Das**, Marco Romanelli, Ferdinando Fioretto

Accepted at **ICML-24**; *arXiv:2402.03629*

#### Finding $\epsilon$ and $\delta$ of Traditional Disclosure Control Systems

2024

**Saswat Das**, Keyu Zhu, Pascal van Hentenryck, Christine Task, Ferdinando Fioretto

Accepted at **AAAI-24**; DOI:10.1609/aaai.v38i20.30204

## Workshop Publications

**Conversational Privacy Attacks Against Agentic LLMs** 2025

*Saswat Das*, Joseph Moretto, David Evans, Ferdinando Fioretto

Accepted at **PPAI-25** (Extended Abstract)

**Low-rank Finetuning for LLMs is Inherently Unfair** 2025

*Saswat Das*, Marco Romanelli, Cuong Tran, Zarreen Reza, Bhavya Kailkhura, Ferdinando Fioretto

Accepted at **CoLoRAI @ AAI-25**; **Best Paper Award**; *arXiv:2405.18572*

**Examining Deidentified Data Quality using NIST Datasets and Tools** 2023

*Saswat Das*, Razane Tajeddine, Ferdinando Fioretto

Accepted at **NIST CRC 2023**

**Fair Context-Aware Privacy Threat Modelling** 2023

*Saswat Das*, Rakshit Naidu

Accepted at **WPTM at USENIX SOUPS 2022**; *arXiv:2207.09750*

## Book Chapters

**Advances in Differential Privacy and Differentially Private Machine Learning: A Survey** 2023

*Saswat Das*, Subhankar Mishra

*Information Technology Security (Springer Nature)*

## Selected Honours

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- **Best Paper Award** for “Low-rank Finetuning for LLMs is Inherently Unfair” at CoLoRAI Workshop at AAI-25
- **AAI-25 - Oral Presentation** (Paper Title: Fairness Issues and Mitigations in (Differentially Private) Socio-demographic Data Processes)
- **AAI - Student Travel Award** (2024 and 2025)
- **UVA Computer Science Scholarship** (2023-24)
- Selected for the **ELLIS Europe PhD Programme (2023)**
- **DISHA Research Fellowship, Department of Atomic Energy, Government of India (2018-2023)**
- Selected for **TIFR – Visiting Students’ Research Programme (VSRP), 2022 in Technology & Computer Science**
- **National Talent Search (NTS) Scholarship, NCERT, India (2016)**

## Invited Talks

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- **TOC4Fairness (March 2025)** - With Joonhyuk Ko on ”Fairness Issues and Mitigations in (Differentially Private) Socio-demographic Data Processes”
- **NIST CRC Workshop (December 2023)** - On ”Examining Deidentified Data Quality using NIST Datasets and Tools”)

## Students Advised

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- Joonhyuk Ko - BS, University of Virginia
- Eric Nguyen - BA, University of Virginia

## Teaching

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- CS 6501 - Responsible AI: Privacy, Fairness, and Robustness (UVA, Spring 2025)
- CS 4710 - Artificial Intelligence (UVA, Fall 2024)

## Service/Reviewing

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- Workshop Workflow Co-Chair - AAAI-PPAI 2025
- Reviewer - NeurIPS 2024, ICML 2025
- Program Committee Member - AAAI 2024, AAAI-PPAI 2024, AAAI 2025
- Emergency Reviewer - AAMAS 2023, AAMAS 2025
- External Reviewer - National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) (2023)

## Other Associations

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- External Collaborator - Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (2024 - Present)

## Volunteering/Organising

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**Reading Group on Responsible Generative AI, University of Virginia** **Oct. 2023 - Present**  
*Organiser* *at UVA*

- Organising the reading group on responsible generative AI at the University of Virginia where members of various research groups that work on responsible AI/generative AI come together to discuss recent advancements and future directions of work.

**CodeInPlace, Stanford University** **Apr. 2021 - May 2021**  
*Section Leader/Teaching Assistant* *Online; Organised by Stanford University*

- Taught coding to a section of students from a global pool of applicants using material from the first half of Stanford University's popular course, CS106A.

**School of Mathematical Sciences, NISER** **Feb. 2021 - May 2021**  
*Department Mathematics Tutor* *At NISER*

- Served as a mathematics tutor to freshmen in the spring of 2021 as part of an initiative by mathematics majors at the School of Mathematical Sciences, NISER.

**Aveti Learning** **Apr. 2020 - Sep 2022**  
*Volunteer/Tutor/Mentor* *Online*

- Served as an online mathematics tutor and mentor to high school students in rural Eastern India to make quality education and college advice more accessible.

**Avanti Fellows** **Sep. 2018 - Aug. 2019**  
*Section Leader/Teaching Assistant* *Dhenkanal, India*

- Served as a mentor and mathematics tutor to high school students at JNV Dhenkanal as part of the acclaimed Avanti Fellows programme.

## Workshops and Summer/Winter Schools

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**AI-SCORE: The AI School for CS and OR Education** **May-Jun 2024**  
*Attendee; organised on the UMD College Park campus.* *INFORMS/ACM SIGAI*

**Technion: Summer School on Computer & Cyber Security** **September 2020**  
*Attendee* *Organised by Technion, Israel*

**IIT-D: Winter School on Theoretical Computer Science** **December 2022**  
*Accepted Attendee* *Organised by IIT-Delhi*

- Did not attend due to academic schedule conflicts.

**USENIX SOUPS '23: Workshop on Privacy Threat Modeling** **August 2022**  
*Presenter/Attendee* *Organised by MITRE at USENIX SOUPS 2023*

- Presented a short paper on context-aware fair privacy threat modeling.

## Leadership / Extracurricular

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### Undergraduate Committee of the School

**Dec. 2020 - Dec. 2022**

*Student Representative*

*School of Mathematical Sciences, NISER*

- Served as one of two student representatives to the Undergraduate Committee of the School (UGCS) of Mathematical Sciences, NISER, an honour bestowed upon well-performing students by the school.
- Helped professors design and develop the academic course structure, pedagogy, and evaluation schemes of the undergraduate programme.

### Inventa Magazine

**July 2021 - Dec. 2021**

*Editor*

*IISERs, NISER, CeBS, and IISc (India)*

- Worked on the editorial board for Inventa, an annual national science outreach magazine published jointly by the premier public research institutes of India: NISER, CeBS, IISc, and the IISERs.

### Quizone (Campus Quiz Club), NISER

**May. 2019 - Nov. 2021**

*President*

*NISER*

- Served as the president of Quizone, the quiz club of NISER, HBNI, for two consecutive terms.
- Organised and hosted quizzes (online and offline), which involved planning and running logistics, making questions, maintaining a social media presence for the club, engaging with partners and sponsors etc.
- Helped codify club rules and regulations by drafting a club constitution.

### Cultural Committee, NISER

**Aug. 2019 - Nov. 2021**

*Editor*

*NISER*

- Served as a member of the cultural committee of NISER, which is responsible for planning and organising cultural events in the college.

### Delhi Public School Kalinga

**Sep. 2016 - July 2018**

*Head Boy (Students' Council President)*

*Odisha, India*

- Served as the Head Boy (2017-18) and Vice Head Boy (2016-17) of Delhi Public School Kalinga, in a role which involved representing the school on an interschool level, presiding over the students' council, organising events, and looking after the welfare and interests of the students of the school.

### Skills (Not Exhaustive)

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**Programming/Scripting Languages:** Python, R, C++, HTML/CSS, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Developer Tools:** VS Code, SLURM, AWS Cloud, R Studio, etc.

**Selected Libraries:** Opacus, OpenDP/SmartNoise, PyTorch, HuggingFace Transformers, Captum, sdcMicro + other common libraries

**Languages:** English, Hindi, Odia, (familiarity with) French