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Research Interests

I am a Human-Computer Interaction researcher examining online harms, trust, and safety issues in the Majority World through the lenses of coloniality, power, and control. I take a culturally-sensitive approach to reimagine alternative content moderation futures for the Global users.

Education

Ph.D. in Information Science

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

2021 – Present

Advisor: Aditya Vashistha

M.Sc. in Information Science

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

2021 – 2024

Advisor: Aditya Vashistha

M.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering

BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

2017 – 2019

Advisor: A. B. M. Alim Al Islam

B.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering

BANGLADESH UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

2013 – 2017

Advisor: A. B. M. Alim Al Islam

Appointments

Center for Democracy and Technology

RESEARCH INTERN

Washington DC

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

Cornell University

GRADUATE RESEARCH ASSISTANT

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT

Ithaca, New York

2021 – Present

2021 – Present

Brac University

LECTURER

Dhaka, Bangladesh

May 2018 – May 2021

Eastern University

LECTURER

Dhaka, Bangladesh

Sep 2017 – Apr 2018

Academic Awards and Honors

- 2024 **Best Student Paper**, Social Media and Society in India
- 2024 **Outstanding PhD Service Award**, Cornell Information Science
- 2024 **Outstanding Teaching Award**, Cornell Information Science
- 2022 **Finalist: HCI - Social Media, People, and Society**, Meta PhD Research Fellowship
- 2020 **Honorable Mention Award (Top 5%)**, CSCW2020
- 2019 **Distinguished Paper Award (Top 3%)**, IMWUT Volume 3
- 2016 **University Merit Scholarship**, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
- 2015 **Dean's List Award**, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology
- 2015 **First runner up: Poster Presentation Session**, Esonance, Islamic University of Technology
- 2012 **Champion: Science Olympiad**, Inter College Science Festival, Holy Cross College
- 2011 **First runner up**, 4th Bangladesh Chemistry Olympiad
- 2011 **Secondary School Merit Scholarship**, Education Board of Dhaka

Publications

REFEREED CONFERENCE AND JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS[†]

1. **Farhana Shahid**, Mona Elswah, and Aditya Vashistha. Think Outside the Data: Colonial Biases and Systemic Issues in Automated Moderation Pipelines for Low-Resource Languages. In *Eighth AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society (AIES 2025)*.

[†]An asterisk* indicates equal contribution.

2. **Farhana Shahid**, Maximilian Dittgen, Mor Naaman, and Aditya Vashistha. Examining Human-AI Collaboration for Co-Writing Constructive Comments Online. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. Vol. 9, No. 7, Article 410 (CSCW 2025).
3. **Farhana Shahid**, Dhruv Agarwal and Aditya Vashistha. One Style Does Not Regulate All: Moderation Practices in Public and Private WhatsApp Groups. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. Vol. 9, No. CSCW2, Article 144 (CSCW 2025). 🏆 **SMSI Best Student Paper**
4. Dhruv Agarwal, **Farhana Shahid**, and Aditya Vashistha. Conversational Agents to Facilitate Deliberation on Harmful Content in WhatsApp Groups. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. Vol. 8, No. CSCW2, Article 491 (CSCW 2024).
5. **Farhana Shahid** and Aditya Vashistha. Decolonizing Content Moderation: Does Uniform Global Community Standard Resemble Utopian Equality or Western Power Hegemony? In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI 2023).
6. **Farhana Shahid***, Srujana Kamath*, Annie Sidotam, Vivian Jiang, Alexa Batino, and Aditya Vashistha. "It Matches My Worldview": Examining Perceptions and Attitudes Around Fake Videos. In *CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems* (CHI 2022).
7. **Farhana Shahid**, Shrirang Mare, and Aditya Vashistha. Examining Source Effects on Perceptions of Fake News in Rural India. 2022. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. Vol. 6, No. CSCW1, Article 89 (CSCW 2022).
8. **Farhana Shahid**, Wasifur Rahman, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, Sharmin Akther Purabi, Ayesha Seddiqa, Moin Mostakim, Farhan Feroz, Tanjir Rashid Soron, Fahmida Hossain, Nabila Khan, Anika Binte Islam, Nipi Paul, Ehsan Hoque, and A. B. M. Alim Al Islam. Leveraging Free-Hand Sketches for Potential Screening of PTSD. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies*. Vol. 4, No. 3, Article 94 (UbiComp 2020).
9. **Farhana Shahid**, Shahinul Hoque Ony, Takrim Rahman Albi, Sriram Chellappan, Aditya Vashistha, and A. B. M. Alim Al Islam. Learning from Tweets: Opportunities and Challenges to Inform Policy Making During Dengue Epidemic. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*. Vol. 4, No. CSCW1, Article 65 (CSCW 2020). 🏆 **CSCW Honorable Mention Award (Top 5%)**
10. **Farhana Shahid**, Wasifur Rahman, Anika Binte Islam, Nipi Paul, Nabila Khan, Mohammad Saifur Rahman, Md Munirul Haque, and A. B. M. Alim Al Islam. Two Tell-tale Perspectives of PTSD: Neurobiological Abnormalities and Bayesian Regulatory Network of the Underlying Disorder in a Refugee Context. In *Proceedings of the ACM on Interactive Mobile, Wearable and Ubiquitous Technologies*. Vol. 3, No. 3, Article 101 (UbiComp 2019). 🏆 **IMWUT Distinguished Paper Award (Top 3%)**

UNDER REVIEW

1. **Farhana Shahid***, Hellina Hailu Nigatu*, Vishal Sharma, Abigail Oppong, Michaelanne Thomas, and Syed Ishtiaque Ahmed. Un-WEIRDing Peer Review in Human-Computer Interaction.
2. **Farhana Shahid**, Stella Zhang, and Aditya Vashistha. LLMs Homogenize Values in Constructive Arguments on Value-Laden Topics.
3. Gauri Nayak, **Farhana Shahid**, Kiran Garimella, and Aditya Vashistha. Creating Group Rules with AI: Human-AI Collaboration in WhatsApp Moderation.

Selected Talks

Coloniality and Systemic Issues in Content Moderation Infrastructures

2025	ICT & Global Development, Georgia Tech
2025	Cornell-Syracuse South Asia Consortium

Human-AI Collaboration to Contest Harmful Content Across Diverse Cultures and Group Dynamics

2025	Design Lab, University of California, San Diego
2025	Security and Privacy Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2025	HCI Seminar, Columbia University

Unpacking Platform-Led and User-Led Moderation on Meta's Platforms Through the Experiences of the Majority World Users

2024	Social Computing Research Lab, University of Michigan
2024	HCI Graduate Seminar, University of California, Berkeley
2024	Antisocial Computing, University of California, San Diego

Teaching Experience

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- Technology for Underserved Communities (Spring 2023)
- Computing and Global Development (Fall 2025, Fall 2024, Spring 2024, Fall 2022, Fall 2021)

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

- Computer Graphics (Spring 2021, Fall 2020, Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Spring 2018)
- Pattern Recognition (Fall 2020, Summer 2020)
- Artificial Intelligence (Spring 2020, Fall 2019)
- Object Oriented Programming (Fall 2019, Summer 2019, Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Summer 2018)

- Digital Logic Design (Spring 2020, Summer 2018)
- Algorithms (Summer 2019, Fall 2019, Summer 2018)
- Data Structures (Summer 2019, Summer 2018)
- Operating Systems (Spring 2018, Fall 2017)
- Mathematical Analysis for Computer Science (Fall 2017)

MENTORING

- Stella Zhang (Cornell University)
- Sophia Pan (Cornell University)
- Maximilian Dittgen (Cornell University)
- Alif Abdullah (Cornell University)
- Juju Jean-Jacques (Cornell University)
- Richlove Nkansah (Cornell University)
- Shahinul Hoque Ony (Brac University)
- Takrim Rahman Albi (Brac University)

Professional Development

2025	COMPASS Doctoral Consortium
2025	FACCT Doctoral Consortium
2025	Consortium for the Science of Sociotechnical Systems (CSST)
2024	CSCW Doctoral Consortium
2024	Northeast HCI Doctoral Consortium
2023	Human-Computer Interaction Consortium (HCIC)

Services

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2024–25	Mentor at Cornell Graduate Students Mentoring Undergraduates (GSMU) Program
2024–25	Student Representative in Faculty Hiring, Cornell Information Science
2024–25	Coordinator of Cornell CIS Archive of Fellowship Statements and Job Market Materials
2022–24	Coordinator of Cornell Information Science PhD Seminar
2021–22	Vice President of Cornell Information Science Graduate Student Association

REVIEWER

2023–24	Special recognition for outstanding reviews in CSCW and CHI
2020–25	ACM Human Factors in Computing Systems (CHI)
2021–25	ACM Computer Supported Cooperative Work and Social Computing (CSCW)
2022–25	ACM SIGCAS Computing and Sustainable Societies (COMPASS)
2022–23	ACM Transactions on Computer-Human Interaction (TOCHI)
2020	ACM Transactions on Computing for Healthcare

WORKSHOP ORGANIZER

2025	SIG: Evaluating Research From and About the Global Majority (CSCW)
2025	Writing for Interdisciplinary Computing Audiences (COMPASS)

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

2024–25	Program Committee, ACM COMPASS
2021–22, 24	Student Volunteer Social Co-chair, CSCW and CHI
2022	Publicity Co-chair, ACM COMPASS
2018	5 th Eastern University Math Olympiad, Eastern University

STUDENT VOLUNTEER

2025	ACM FACCT, Thought Summit: LLMs and Society
2023–24	Cornell Association of Computer Science Undergraduates' Research Night
2021–24	CHI, CSCW
2021	UbiComp, Asia-Oceania Accessibility Workshop
2015	Bangladesh National High School Programming Contest