# Suhaib Abdurahman

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#### **EDUCATION** PhD Social Psychology (USC)

expected 2026

Advisor: Morteza Dehghani

Focus: Theory-based computational social psychology

## B.S. Psychology (FU Berlin)

2021

Focus: Computational Methods in Social Psychology

# M.S. Energy and Process Engineering (TU Berlin)

2021

Focus: Process Optimisation

# B.S. Energy and Process Engineering (TU Berlin)

2018

Focus: Control Systems

# RESEARCH **Topics**

Morality & Values, Online Behavior, Conflicts & Misinformation,

Mental Health & Wellbeing, Computational Social Science, Psychology of AI

# RESEARCH Methods

Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, Agent-based Modelling, Multilevel Modelling, Bayesian Stats, Behavioral Experiments

# RESEARCH **EXPERIENCE**

### Graduate Researcher (USC)

2021 - present

Dr. Morteza Dehghani (Morality & Language Lab)

- Combined behavioral experiments with advanced computational methods to investigate complex social phenomena
- Applied NLP, machine learning, and agent-based modeling to study misinformation and mental health related behavior
- Designed and executed multiple complex behavioral studies on topics related to misinformation and intergroup conflicts

# Undergraduate Research Assistant (FU Berlin)

2018-2021

Dr. Philipp Schäpers & Dr. Helén Lieberman

- Investigated the predictive validity of job-postings for future work experiences using NLP and machine learning
- Designed and executed behavioral experiments regarding humor and individual trait preferences in first-contact situations

PUBLICATIONS Abdurahman, S.\*, Vu, H.\*, Zou, W., Ungar, L., & Bhatia, S. (in press). A Deep Learning Approach to Personality Assessment: Generalizing Across Items and Expanding the Reach of Survey-Based Research. Journal of Personality and Social Psychology

> Preston, E. G., Abdurahman, S., Woodward, D. W., & West, A. E. (2023). Sharing is in fact about caring: Care concerns feature prominently in subreddits devoted to self-injurious thoughts and behaviors. Computers in Human Behavior, 145, 107786.

Vu, H.\*, Abdurahman, S.\*, Bhatia, S., & Ungar, L. (2020). Predicting responses to psychological questionnaires from participants' social media posts and question text embeddings. Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2020, 1512-1524.

# WORKING **PAPERS**

Abdurahman, S., Reimer, N.K., Golazizian, P., Baek, E., Shen, Y., Trager, J., Lulla, R., Kaplan, J., Parkinson, C., Dehghani, M. (2023). Moral Alignment Shapes Responses to Shared Content. (Under review, Nature Human Behavior)

Osborne, M., Abdurahman, S., Omrani, A., Trager, J., Dehghani, M. (in preparation). Status-Conferral through norm violations: a large-scale analysis of inter-group conflicts online

CONFERENCES Abdurahman, S., Preston, E. (2023). Sharing is in Fact about Caring: Care Concerns Feature Prominently on Subreddits Devoted to Self-Injurious Thoughts and Behaviors. SPSP

> Abdurahman, S., Osborne, M., Trager, J., Omrani, A., Dehghani, M. (2022). Fighting Fire with Fire: How groups incentivize incivility on social media platforms. Psychology of Technology

> Abdurahman, S., Osborne, M., Omrani, A. (2022). Responding to Wrongdoing: Status Conferral in Online Conflicts. Media & Technology Preconference @ SPSP

## **Projects**

Master's Thesis: Joschka Schulz & Matthias Kraume (TU Berlin)

An exemplary study on automated categorisation and evaluation of peer-reviewed scientific literature concerning interfacial effects in disperse multi-phase systems

Bachelor's Thesis: Philipp Schäpers & Stefan Krumm (FU Berlin)

Predicting Job-Ratings from Job-Postings using Natural Language Processing: A Machine Learning Approach to Understanding Corporate Language

Bachelor's Thesis: Lia Strenge & Jörg Raisch (TU Berlin) Model Identification for Designing a PWM-based Solar Charge Controller

# **INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE**

#### Management Assistant, MicroEnergy International GmbH 2018 - 2019

- Developed code to automate internal processes, e.g. creating financial reports.
- Analyzed operational procedures and presented findings to senior management.

| FELLOWSHIPS | ERP Fellowship          | 2022 |
|-------------|-------------------------|------|
| AND         | Ernst-Reuter Fellowship | 2019 |
| GRANTS      | Avicenna Fellowship     | 2018 |
|             | Avicenna Fellowship     | 2015 |

# RELATED **SKILLS**

Programming Languages: Python, R, C, JavaScript, MATLAB Machine Learning and Data Analytics (sklearn, keras, pandas, pytorch, etc.)

#### **LANGUAGES**

- English (Fluent)
- German (Fluent)
- Tigrinya (Heritage)