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RESEARCH INTEREST

Human-Centered NLP

- Responsible AI
- Modeling and Evaluating Subjectivity in Language
- Computational Social Science

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computer Science | University of Southern California 2021 - Expected May 2026
PI: Morteza Dehghani, Member of Morality and Language Lab

MS in Computer Science | University of Southern California 2021 - 2024

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering | Sharif University of Technology 2016 - 2020
GPA : 3.7/4

INTERNSHIPS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Apple | Research Scientist Intern, Human-Centered AI Team Sep. 2024 – Jan. 2025

- Led research on synthetic safety data generation for product safety evaluation
- Research accepted at Apple's internal ML Summit
- Presented to Apple management in quarterly report meeting

USC | Research Assistant, Morality and Language Lab Aug. 2021 – Present

- Modeling and evaluating subjective interpretations of language in high-stakes social interactions
- Developing rubric-based preference data synthesis and personalized alignment approaches

IDEHHUB Consulting Company | Data Scientist Jan. 2020 – May 2021

University of Amsterdam | Research Intern Sep. 2020 – Jan. 2021

Miras Technologies | NLP Research Intern June 2019 – Nov. 2019

PUBLICATIONS AND PRE-PRINTS

- [1] **Golazizian, P.**, Rahmati, E., Trager, J., Sourati, Z., ... & Dehghani, M. [The Subjectivity of Respect in Police Traffic Stops: Modeling Community Perspectives in Body-Worn Camera Footage](#) - Under Review in ARR, 2026.
- [2] **Golazizian, P.**, Omrani, A., Ziabari, A., Dehghani, M. [Cost-Efficient Subjective Task Annotation and Modeling through Few-Shot Annotator Adaptation](#) - EMNLP 2024.
- [3] Abdurahman S, Reimer NK, **Golazizian P**, Baek E, Shen Y, Trager J, Lulla R, Kaplan J, Parkinson C, Dehghani M. [Targeting audiences' moral values shapes misinformation sharing](#). - JEP:G, 2025.
- [4] Ziabari, A., Omrani, A., **Golazizian, P.**, Hejabi P., Kennedy, B., Dehghani, M. [Reinforced Multiple Instance Selection for Speaker Attribute Prediction](#) - NAACL 2024.
- [5] Omrani, A. *, Ziabari, A. *, **Golazizian, P.**, Sorensen, J., Dehghani, M. [Towards a Unified Framework for Adaptable Problematic Content Detection via Continual Learning](#) - WOAHH 2024.

- [6] Trager, J.*, Ziabari, A.*, Davani, A.M., **Golazizian, P.**, Karimi-Malekabadi, F., Omrani, A., Li, Z., Kennedy, B., Karl Reimer, N., Reyes, M., Cheng, K., Wei, M., Merrifield, C., Khosravi, A., Alvarez, E., Dehghani, M. [The Moral Foundations Reddit Corpus](#) - Under Submission.
- [7] Abdurahman, S., Atari, M., Karimi-Malekabadi, F., Xue, M.J., Trager, J., Park, P.S., **Golazizian, P.**, Omrani, A., Dehghani, M. [Perils and opportunities in using large language models in psychological research](#) - PNAS Nexus, July 2024.
- [8] Kennedy B, **Golazizian P**, Trager J, Atari M, Hoover J, Mostafazadeh Davani A, Dehghani M. [The \(moral\) language of hate](#) - PNAS nexus, July 2023.
- [9] Omrani, A., Ziabari, A., Yu, C., **Golazizian, P.**, Kennedy, B., Atari, M., Ji, Heng., Dehghani, M. (2023) [Social-Group-Agnostic Bias Mitigation via the Stereotype Content Model](#) - ACL 2023, Nominated for Best Paper Award (1.6% of accepted papers).
- [10] **Golazizian P**, Sabeti B, Asli SA, Majdabadi Z, Momenzadeh O, Fahmi R. [Irony detection in Persian language: A transfer learning approach using emoji prediction](#) - LREC 2020.
- [11] Majdabadi Z, Sabeti B, **Golazizian P**, Asli SA, Momenzadeh O, Fahmi R. [Twitter trend extraction: a graph-based approach for tweet and hashtag ranking, utilizing no-hashtag tweets](#) - LREC 2020.
- [12] Asli SA, Sabeti B, Majdabadi Z, **Golazizian P**, Fahmi R, Momenzadeh O. [Optimizing annotation effort using active learning strategies: A sentiment analysis case study in persian](#) - LREC 2020.

SELECTED MEDIA MENTIONS

- ◇ LAPD to use AI to analyze body cam videos for officers’ language use. LA Times, Aug 2023
- ◇ American psychologists: the mere detection of hateful language is not a real solution. JPost, July 2023

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

LLM-Related	Fine-tuning, Prompt Optimization, RLHF, Model Optimization
Programming	Python, R, Java, C, Matlab, SQL
Machine Learning	Pandas, Numpy, Scikit-learn, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Transformers
Statistics	Multi-level Modeling
Languages	English, Armenian, Persian