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Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

- Online Social Influence
- Digital Collaboration
- Artificial Societies and Social Simulation
- Computational Organization Theory

Education

- 2020 – Present PhD, Business Administration (Management Information Systems), Beedie School of Business, Simon Fraser University (SFU), Vancouver, Canada
Supervisor: Prof. Nilesch Saraf
- 2017 – 2020 M.Sc., Information Technology Management (E-Business Specialty), University of Tehran (UT), Iran
Thesis: A scenario discovery study to minimize Inequality of Opportunity using Agent-Based modelling
Supervisor: Prof. Babak Sohrabi
- 2012 - 2017 B.Sc., Electrical Engineering (Digital Systems Specialty), University of Tehran, Iran
Final Project: Design and Implementation of a NEAT Neural Network Simulator
Supervisor: Prof. Bijan Alizadeh

Conference Presentations and Proceedings

1. Nouri, E., Saraf, N., Goh, J.M., Dasgupta, S., Cyr, D., (2022, December 10). **The Contagion Process of Online Negative Discourse: Case of Celebrities' Suicide** [Paper presentation]. 2022 Pre-ICIS SIGDSA Symposium, Copenhagen, Denmark.
2. Saraf, N., Nouri, E., Goh, J.M., Dasgupta, S., Cyr, D., (2021, October 24-27). **Retweeting sadness? Predictors of retweeting in the context of celebrity suicides** [Paper presentation]. INFORMS Annual Meeting 2021, Anaheim, CA, United States.
3. Nouri, E., Saraf, N., Kaligotla, C., (2021, October 24-27). **Social Media Contagion of Copycat Suicides** [Paper presentation]. INFORMS Annual Meeting 2021, Anaheim, CA, United States.
4. Nouri, E., Khalili Jafarabad, A., (2019, July). **Use of an Agent-Based Model to minimize Inequality of Opportunities: A scenario discovery study** [Poster Presentation], 5th International Conference on Computational Social Science, Amsterdam, Netherlands

Awards and Honors

- 2020 Graduate Dean's Entrance Scholarship, Simon Fraser University
- 2020 Graduated with Distinction (GPA 4/4), Master's Studies, School of Management, University of Tehran
- 2018 Outstanding Volunteer Member of IEEE Iran Section since 2013
- 2016 Chair of the Exemplary IEEE Student Branch in Iran Section
- 2012 Ranked Top 1% in the Nation-wide Universities Entrance Examinations for Undergraduate Studies, Iran

Work Experiences

- 2022 – Present **Research Assistant**, Beedie School of Business, Simon Fraser University, BC Canada
- Modeling and Analysis of Online Self-Harm Behavior
- Modeling and Analysis of the Motion Pictures Market
- 2020 - 2020 **Research and Project Control Assistant**, Digital Transformation Project, Export Development Bank of Iran
Digital Readiness Assessment, Digital Banking Gaps Identification, Action Plans
- 2017 – 2018 **Content Marketing Specialist**, Nomatec, Tehran, Iran
Enterprise Software Development; Website: www.nomatec.net/en
- 2017 - 2017 **Executive Director**, 4th National Digital Systems Design Contest of Iran, University of Tehran

Teaching Assistant Experiences

- SFU** *Graduate Courses:*
2021 - Present BUS750 - Managing Technological Innovation
BUS621 - Information Technology and Organizational Transformation (Executive MBA)
BUS709 - Managing Information
- Undergraduate Courses:*
BUS362 - Business Process Analysis
BUS237 - Introduction to Business Technology Management
- UT** *Graduate Courses:*
2018 - 2020 E-Business Technologies, Co-Instructor
Strategic Management of Information Systems
IT Basics and Infrastructure (Introduction to MIS)

Volunteering and Professional Communities

- 2021 – Present **Reviewer**, ICIS (2021, 2022, 2023), SIGDSA Symposium (2022)
- 2021 – Present **Doctoral Student Member**, Association for Information Systems (AIS), INFORMS
- 2019 - 2021 **Student Representative**, IEEE Iran Section Executive Committee
Website: iee.org.ir/committees/student-activities
- 2015 - 2016 **Chairman**, IEEE University of Tehran Student Branch
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran; Website: ieeesb.ut.ac.ir

Technical Skills

- Statistics and Data Science: **R, Stata, Python, SPSS**
- Programming: **C/C++/C#, MATLAB**
- Simulation Tools: **NetLogo**
- Databases and Analysis: **SQL, MS Access, Power BI**
- Miscellaneous: **MS Project, Adobe InDesign, CMS Design (Joomla, WordPress)**
- Digital Systems Engineering: **Verilog, AVR, ARM, Altera Quartus, Modelsim, Proteus**

Selected Projects

- Present **How Negative Emotions Spread On Social Media: The Case Of Celebrity Suicides**
Working Paper; Collaborators: Ehsan Nouri, Nilesh Saraf, JM Goh, Srabana Dasgupta
- Present **Self-Organized Collective Action through Digital Collaboration**
Working Paper; Collaborators: Ehsan Nouri, Nilesh Saraf, Terri Griffith
- Present **The Moderating Effect of Online Reviews on Movie Sales: A Simulation Approach**
Working Paper; Collaborators: Jason Ho, Ehsan Nouri, Charles Weinberg
- 2021 **The Third Person: Social Media as an Emergent Construct**
Term Paper, Theory Development in Business
- 2021 **A Complex Systems Perspective on Online Social Media**
Term Paper, Seminar on Social Construction of Communication Technologies
- 2020 **Ready to Adapt: How Evolutionary IS Strategy Enables Firms to Sustain Competitive Advantage**
Term Paper, Directed Studies Seminar in Information Systems, SFU Beedie School of Business
- 2020 **M.Sc. Thesis: A scenario discovery study to minimize Inequality of Opportunity using Agent-Based Modelling**
Abstract: Inequality of Opportunity is the dark side of the observed inequality in every society. Differences in wealth, income levels, and other important achievements like education among people, could be either a result of their “efforts” or “circumstances” which they had no role in choosing and the circumstantial causes should be eliminated through policymaking. I employed an agent-based modeling (ABM) approach which simulates the micro-behaviors of people in pursuing education and employment as outcomes and reports macro-level measures including the Gini coefficient and Human Opportunities Index (HOI). Given these outcomes, I extracted the scenarios which bring equal opportunities to people in different condition groups.
- 2017 **B.Sc. Final Project: Design and Implementation of a NEAT Neural Network Simulator**
Abstract: Using C++, an object-oriented simulation of physical objects is designed to run the learning algorithms in a 2D volleyball game. Various physical constraints and gameplay rules were applied to the simulation. With a shared memory, data is transferred to an FPGA Processor where the neural network is being trained.

Certifications

- 2023 Certificate Program in University Teaching and Learning, Center for Educational Excellence, SFU
- 2022 Instructional Skills Workshop, Center for Educational Excellence, SFU
- 2021 4th St. Petersburg Summer School on Network Analysis, St. Petersburg University

Selected Graduate Courses

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| SFU | ○ Seminar on Social Construction of Communication Technologies |
| 2020 - 2022 | ○ Directed Studies Seminar in Information Systems Theories |
| | ○ Theory Development in Business Administration |
| | ○ Research Design: Experiments |
| | ○ Test Theory |
| | ○ Applied Econometrics |
| | ○ Stochastics Systems |
| UBC - 2021 | ○ Seminar on Behavioral Methods in IS Research |
| UT | ○ Business Intelligence |
| 2017 - 2020 | ○ Entrepreneurship and Digital Innovation |
| | ○ Strategic Management of Information Systems |
| | ○ E-Business Models |
| | ○ Database Management Systems |

Miscellaneous

- Languages English (Fluent) - Persian (Native) – French (Basic Knowledge)
- Hobbies Philosophy | Blogging | TV Series | Swimming