

EDUCATION

Stony Brook University

Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology

Graduate Research Fellow at Institute for Advanced Computational Sciences

Tentative dissertation title: "Hey World! Help us": A Field Analysis of International Attention to Domestic Social Movements

Committee: Nicholas H. Wilson (Co-chair), Yongjun Zhang (Co-chair), Kathleen M. Fallon, Laura K. Nelson (External)

Qualification exam areas (passed with distinction): Political sociology, globalization, computational social science

New York, USA

2022 – 2026 (Expected)

Stony Brook University

M.A in Sociology

Degree received on the path for Ph.D.

New York, USA

2022 – 2024

Middle East Technical University

B.Sc. in Physics with minor in sociology

Ankara, Turkey

2018 - 2022

PUBLICATIONS

Citations: 41 | H-Index: 3

- **Vahabli, Danial.** "Mentioning the Unmentionable: Perception of Opportunities, Agency, Emotions, and Identity in Iranian Resistance Rap Prior and during the Women, Life, Freedom Uprisings." *Poetics* 111 (August 2025): 102020. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2025.102020>.
- Winner of Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division's **Graduate Student Paper Award** by Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2025
- **Vahabli, Danial,** and Jason Jeffrey Jones. "Identity Diversification and Homogenization: Evidence from Frequent Estimates of Similarity of Self-Authored, Self-Descriptive Text." *Journal of Computational Social Science* 8, no. 2 (February 6, 2025): 28. . <https://doi.org/10.1007/s42001-025-00358-y>.
- **Vahabli, Danial.** "From the Global South to the Human Rights Stage: A Study of Global Frame Resonance Using a Comparative Case of Women, Life, Freedom and Bloody November in Iran." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, August 20, 2024, 00207152241269783. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00207152241269783>.
- Winner of **Hanan Selvin Award** for the best quantitative and/or methodological paper, 2024
- **Vahabli, Danial,** and Tamas Vicsek. "Emergence of Synchronised Rotations in Dense Active Matter with Disorder." *Communications Physics* 6, no. 1 (March 31, 2023): 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s42005-023-01173-5>
- Nizam, Ü Seleme, Ghaith Makey, Michaël Barbier, S. Süleyman Kahraman, Esin Demir, Ehsan E. Shafigh, Sezin Galioglu, **Danial Vahabli,** Sercan Hüsnügil, Muhammed H Güneş, Efe Yelesti, Serim Ilday. "Dynamic Evolution of Hyperuniformity in a Driven Dissipative Colloidal System." *Journal of Physics: Condensed Matter* 33, no. 30 (June 2021): 304002. <https://doi.org/10.1088/1361-648X/abf9b8>.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

- **Danial Vahabli,** "Hashtag Activism for Global Attention, Digital Boomerangs, and the Case of Iranian Resistance from 2015-2022", **Under Review**
- **Danial Vahabli,** "Northern Campuses, Southern Liberation Dreams: Foreign Policy, Diaspora Repression, and In/admissible Immigrants", **In preparation**
- **Danial Vahabli,** "A Real Activist is a Dead Activist: Authenticity, Repression, and Anxieties of Trust under Authoritarianism", **In preparation**
- **Danial Vahabli,** Alexander B. Kinney, Yongjun Zhang, "Protest in Pictures: A Computational Approach to Visual Framing in Global News Media", **In preparation**
- **Danial Vahabli,** Jason J. Jones, "Identity Survival: Ephemeral and Enduring Identity Signifiers", **In preparation**

- Mohammad Ali Kadivar, Saber Khani, **Danial Vahabli**, Vahid Abedini, Samira Barzin, "The Contingency of Structures: Triggers and the Social Geography of Revolutionary Episodes in Iran 2018-2022", **In preparation**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025, "Digital Boomerangs: Affordable Alternatives for Transnational Advocacy in the Global South" Panel presentation, 120th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting Chicago, IL.
- 2025, "Protest in Pictures: A Computational Approach to Visual Framing in Global News Media" Panel organized by the Collective Behavior and Social Movements (CBSM) section. 120th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting Chicago, IL.
- 2025, "Digital Boomerangs: Affordable Alternatives for Transnational Advocacy in the Global South" Panel presentation, CBSM Mini-Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2025, "Mentioning the Unmentionable: Perception of Opportunities, Agency, Emotions, and Identity in Iranian Resistance Rap Prior and During the Women, Life, Freedom Uprisings" Panel presentation, CBSM Mini-Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2025, "Mentioning the Unmentionable: Perception of Opportunities, Agency, Emotions, and Identity in Iranian Resistance Rap Prior and During the Women, Life, Freedom Uprisings" Panel presentation, The Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL
- 2025, "Mentioning the Unmentionable: Perception of Opportunities, Agency, Emotions, and Identity in Iranian Resistance Rap Prior and During the Women, Life, Freedom Uprisings" Eastern Sociological Society Conference 2025, Boston, MA.
- 2025, "Hashtag Activism for Global Attention: Ignored and Co-opted Iranian Subaltern Perspectives" Eastern Sociological Society Conference 2025, Boston, MA.
- 2024, "From Sad Eastern to Angry Eastern: Agency, Emotions, and Heroines in Persian Protest Rap" Panel organized by the Collective Behavior and Social Movements (CBSM) section. 119th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, CA.
- 2024, "Hashtag Activism for Global Attention: Unheard Subaltern Iranian Perspectives" Poster Presentation. 10th International Conference on Computational Social Science, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2024, "The Global Spotlight on the Global South: A Study of Global Frame Resonance with a Comparative Case of Women, Life, Freedom and Bloody November Uprisings in Iran" Panel on "Women, Basic Rights, and Activism", Third Critical Perspectives on Human Rights Conference 2024, New York City, NY
- 2023, "The Amplification of Social Movements by Word-Society Channels: A Case Study of Iran" Round Table Presentation. 118th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023, "From Sad Eastern to Angry Eastern – a Content Analysis of the Persian Rap" Panel Presentation. National Women's Studies Association 2023 Conference, Baltimore, MD.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division's Graduate Student Paper Award by Society for the Study of Social Problems for paper titled "Mentioning the Unmentionable: Perception of Opportunities, Agency, Emotions, and Identity in Iranian Resistance Rap prior and during the Women, Life, Freedom Uprisings", 2025
- Hanan Selvin Award for outstanding quantitative and/or methodological paper from Stony Brook University's Sociology department for paper titled "From the Global South to the World Stage: A Study of Global Frame Resonance Using a Comparative Case of Women, Life, Freedom and Bloody November in Iran", 2025
- Beneficiary of the graduate fellowship of the Institute for Advanced Computational Science.
- Beneficiary of TUTÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Scholarship for my work with Prof. Serim Ilday.
- Beneficiary of Erasmus + Traineeship grant for research internship position under the supervision of Prof. Tamas Vicsek, Budapest, Hungary.
- High honor student at the physics department at Middle East Technical University (Spring 2018-Spring 2021).

SERVICE

Social Movements Working Group - Organizer
Stony Brook University

March 2024 - Present
New York, USA

- A working group dedicated to the study of social movements with the Stony Brook Sociology community.

Graduate Student Colloquium
Stony Brook University

2023 - 2025
New York, USA

- Co-organizer of Turbulent Times, Stony Brook Sociology Graduate Student Colloquium, 2023
- Co-organizer of Movement and Stillness, Stony Brook Sociology Graduate Student Colloquium, 2024

Department Service
Stony Brook University

September 2022 - Present
New York, USA

- Graduate Student Representative on External Chair Search Committee, 2024
- Graduate Student Representative, 2024
- Secretary of Sociology Graduate Student Forum, 2024
- President of Sociology Graduate Student Forum, 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Coding** : Python, MATLAB, R
- Libraries** : CUDA Python, NetworkX, nltk, TensorFlow, QISKIT
- Dev Tools** : Visual Studio Code, Git, Gitlab
- Design** : Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Premiere Pro

LANGUAGES

- Persian (Native)
- Turkish (Native)
- English (IELTS 8/9)