

Danial Vahabli

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SOCIOLOGY PH.D. STUDENT

I am a sociology PhD student at Stony Brook University, NY and the graduate fellow of Institute for Advanced Computational Science. In my research I use both computational methods and qualitative methods to study the intersection of culture, globalization, and resistance. In my dissertation project I am focusing on international media representations of domestic protests with insights from social movement studies, world society theory, and media studies. I have previously shown how biases in global civil society affect the extent and the tone of the coverage of protests in Iran. I am also interested in protest art and its role on everyday acts of resistance. I am especially interested in Iranian protest rap and the ways in which rappers articulate grievances. Prior to coming to Stony Brook University, I received my BSc in physics from Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

EDUCATION

Stony Brook University

Ph.D. In Sociology

Graduate Research Fellow at Institute for Advanced Computational Sciences

New York, USA

2022 – 2027 (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

Bachelor of Science in Physics

GPA: 3.76/4 - Concentrated in Mathematical Physics

Ankara, Turkey

2018 - 2022

Middle East Technical University

Minored In Sociology

GPA: 4/4

Ankara, Turkey

2020 - 2022

National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents

High School Diploma concentrating in Mathematics and Physics

Urmia, Iran

2014 - 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Citations: 34 | H-Index: 2

- **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>.
- **Danial Vahabli**, "Mentioning the Unmentionable: Perception of Opportunities, Agency, Emotions, and Identity in Iranian Resistance Rap prior and during the Women, Life, Freedom Uprisings", **Under Review**
- Winner of **Conflict, Social Action, and Change Division's Graduate Student Paper Award** by Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2025
- **Danial Vahabli**, Hashtag Activism for Global Attention, Digital Boomerangs, and the Case of Iranian Resistance from 2015-2022, **Under Review**

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 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 2023 - 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)