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## APPOINTMENTS

### **American University, 2018—present**

Assistant Professor, Communication Studies, School of Communication

### **Bowling Green State University, 2016—2018**

Assistant Professor, School of Media and Communication

Faculty Leader, Algorithms, Big Data, & Culture (A.B.D.C.) Research Group

### **University of Texas at Austin, 2012—2016**

Instructor of Record / Teaching Assistant, School of Journalism

## EDUCATION

### **Ph.D. in Journalism, University of Texas at Austin, 2017**

Dissertation: “News, Nations, and Power Relations: A Study of Newsmaking and Policymaking as Transnational Practices”

**Gene Burd Outstanding Dissertation Award in Journalism Studies (2nd place)**, International Communication Association, 2018

Committee: Stephen D. Reese (chair), Mary A. Bock, Thomas J. Johnson, Bartholomew H. Sparrow, and Joseph D. Straubhaar

### **M.Phil. in West Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 2011**

### **M.A. in Online Journalism, University of Central Lancashire, U.K., 2002**

### **B.A. in Journalism, University of Delhi, India, 2001**

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

**Shahin, S.** (2019). Facing up to Facebook: How digital activism, independent regulation, and mass media foiled a neoliberal threat to net neutrality. *Information, Communication & Society*, 22(1), 1-17. doi: 10.1080/1369118X.2017.1340494 \***Lead Article**

**Shahin, S.** & Zheng, P. (2018). Big Data and the illusion of choice: Comparing the evolution of India's Aadhaar and China's Social Credit System as technosocial discourses. *Social Science Computer Review*. Published ahead of print. doi: 10.1177/0894439318789343 \*Special issue: Big Data Ethics and Politics

Zheng, P. & **Shahin, S.** (2018). Live tweeting live debates: How Twitter reflects and refracts the U.S. political climate in a campaign season. Published ahead of print. *Information, Communication & Society*. doi: 10.1080/1369118X.2018.1503697

**Shahin, S.** (2016). Right to be forgotten: How national identity, political orientation, and capitalist ideology structured a trans-Atlantic debate on information access and control. *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*, 93(2), 360-382. doi: 10.1177/1077699016638835 \*Special issue: Information Access and Control in an Age of Big Data \***JMCQ Outstanding Research Article of the Year Award (Finalist), 2017**

**Shahin, S.** (2016). When scale meets depth: Integrating natural language processing and textual analysis for studying digital corpora. *Communication Methods and Measures*, 10(1), 28-50. doi: 10.1080/19312458.2015.1118447

**Shahin, S.**, Zheng, P., Sturm, H. A., & Fadnis, D. (2016). Protesting the paradigm: A comparative study of news coverage of protests in Brazil, China, and India. *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, 21(2), 143-164. doi: 10.1177/1940161216631114 \***Lead Article**

**Shahin, S.** (2016). A critical axiology for Big Data studies. *Palabra Clave*, 19(4), 972-996. doi: 10.5294/pacla.2016.19.4.2 \***Lead Article**

**Shahin, S.** (2016). Framing 'bad news': Culpability and innocence in news coverage of tragedies. *Journalism Practice*, 10(5), 645-662. doi: 10.1080/17512786.2015.1044556

**Shahin, S.** (2015). Mediated modernities: (Meta)narratives of modern nationhood in Indian and Pakistani media, 1947-2007. *Global Media and Communication*, 11(2), 147-166. doi: 10.1177/1742766515588417

**Shahin, S.** (2015). News framing as identity performance: Religion versus race in the American-Muslim press. *Journal of Communication Inquiry*, 39(4), 338-356. doi: 10.1177/0196859915575740 \*Special issue: Religion, Media, and Culture.

**Shahin, S.** (2015). Unveiling the American-Muslim press: News agendas, frames, and functions. *Journalism: Theory, Practice & Criticism*, 16(7), 884–903. doi: 10.1177/1464884914545376

### Invited Articles

**Shahin, S.** (2017). Analysis of messy data. In J. Matthes, C. S. Davis, & R. F. Potter, (Eds.), *International Encyclopedia of Communication Research Methods* (pp. 1-8). London: Wiley. doi: 10.1002/9781118901731.iecrm0152

Smidi, A. & **Shahin, S.** (2017). Social media and social mobilization in the Middle East: A survey of research on the Arab Spring. *India Quarterly*, 73(2), 196-209. doi: 10.1177/0974928417700798 \*Special issue: The Middle East.

**Shahin, S.** (2016). The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly Muslim: Media representations of 'Islamic punk' through a postcolonial lens. In J. Smith & B. K. Thakore (Eds.), *Race and Contention in Twenty-First Century U.S. Media* (pp. 214-230). New York: Routledge.

Gil de Zúñiga, H. & **Shahin, S.** (2015). Social media and their impact on civic participation. In H. Gil de Zúñiga (Ed.), *New Agendas in Communication: New Technologies and Civic Engagement* (pp. 78-90). New York: Routledge.

**Shahin, S.** (2012). Controlled chaos: Iran's hot peace with Afghanistan. In M. Makinsky (Ed.), *L'Iran et les grands acteurs regionaux et globaux* (pp. 321-337). Paris: L'Harmattan.

**Shahin, S.** (2002). The new New Journalism. Book review of 'Journalism Online' by Mike Ward. *British Journalism Review*, 13(4), 94-96. doi: 10.1177/095647480201300416

### Manuscripts Under Review

**Shahin, S.,** Seroka, L., & Islam, M. R. (revise and resubmit). "What's racist about deporting criminal illegal 'Felons'?" Examining the link between emotion and cognition in tweets about immigration. *New Media & Society*.

**Shahin, S.** From social movement to social inertia: Emotion, cognition, and the limits of connective action. *Information, Communication & Society*.

**Shahin, S.,** Kim, K, & East, A. Social media and the diffusion of contentious politics: A meta-analysis of the Logic of Connective Action. *Human Communication Research*.

**Shahin, S. &** Dai, Z. Social change 2.0? A technosocial framework to assess global aid agencies' public engagement on Twitter. *American Behavioral Scientist*.

Zheng, P. & **Shahin, S.** (revise and resubmit). The peace paradigm? A network analytic approach to media and contentious politics in the Global South. *Social Movement Studies*.

## Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers

**Shahin, S.**, Seroka, L., & Islam, M. R. (2018, August). "What's racist about deporting criminal illegal 'Felons'?" Examining the link between emotion and cognition in tweets about immigration. Presented at the AEJMC annual conference (Mass Communication & Society Division), Washington, D.C.

**Shahin, S.**, Smidi, A., & Kim, K. (2018, May). Orientalism meets Californian Ideology: A meta-analysis of research on new and legacy media's role in the Arab Spring, 2011-2016. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Political Communication Division), Prague.

**Shahin, S.**, & Dai, Z. (2018, May). The view from the East: A comparative analysis of how Beijing and Delhi tweet about climate change. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Global Communication and Social Change Division), Prague.

**Shahin, S.** & Ng, M. (2017, August). It's Alt-Right: Tracing the technosocial evolution of White Nationalism on Twitter. Presented at the AEJMC annual conference (Communication Technology Division), Chicago.

**Shahin, S.** & Dai, Z. (2017, May). Social change 2.0? A comparative analysis of global aid agencies' public engagement via Twitter. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Global Communication and Social Change Division), San Diego.

Zheng, P. & **Shahin, S.** (2017, May). The peace paradigm? A network analytic approach to media and contentious politics in the Global South. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Political Communication Division), San Diego.

Jung, H. & **Shahin, S.** (2017, May). Music on the Orient Express: Postcolonial readings of U.S. media coverage of Korean and Indian popular culture. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Popular Communication Division), San Diego.

Zheng, P. & **Shahin, S.** (2017, April). Through the Twitter glass: How social media reflect and reshape the political climate. Presented at the ISOJ annual conference, Austin.

**Shahin, S.** (2016, August). Facing up to Facebook: How digital activism, independent regulation and mass media foiled a capitalist threat to net neutrality. Presented at the AEJMC annual conference (Communication Technology Division), Minneapolis.  
**\*Jung-Sook Lee Top Student Paper Award.**

Zheng, P., Gil de Zúñiga, H., Tu, F., & **Shahin, S.** (2015, November). What's not to "Like?" How political expression on social media enhances participation. Presented at the NCA annual conference (Political Communication Division), Las Vegas.

**Shahin, S.** & Jung, H. (2015, October). Music on the Orient Express: Postcolonial readings of U.S. media coverage of K-Wave and Bollywood musicals. Presented at the Global Fusion annual conference, College Station.

**Shahin, S.**, Zheng, P., Sturm, H. A., & Fadnis, D. (2015, August). Protesting the paradigm: A comparative study of news coverage of protests in Brazil, China, and India. Presented at the AEJMC annual conference (International Communication Division), San Francisco.

**Shahin, S.** (2015, May). Qualitative Big Data research? Integrating natural language processing with textual analysis. Presented at ICA conference (Political Communication Division), San Juan.

**Shahin, S.** (2015, May). Framing 'bad news': Culpability and innocence in news coverage of tragedies. Presented at the ICA conference (Journalism Studies Division), San Juan.

**Shahin, S.** (2015, February). The more things change...: News media, collective memory, and the enduring India-Pakistan rivalry. Presented at the ISA annual conference, New Orleans.

**Shahin, S.** (2014, October). Mediated modernities: (Meta)narratives of modern nationhood in India and Pakistani press, 1947-2007. Presented at the Global Fusion annual conference, Austin. **\*Top Student Paper Award.**

**Shahin, S.** & Pain, P. (2014, August). Mediating nation-ness: Nationhood and national identity in Indian and Pakistani media, 1947-1997. Presented at the AEJMC annual conference (International Communication Division), Montreal. **\*James W. Markham Top Student Paper Award.**

**Shahin, S.** (2014, May). News media and the social construction of international politics. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Political Communication Division), Seattle.

**Shahin, S.** (2014, May). News making as identity work: How religion and race compete in the American-Muslim press. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division), Seattle. **\*Top Student Paper Award.**

**Shahin, S.** (2013, August). Unveiling the American-Muslim press: News agendas and frames in *Islamic Horizons* and *Muslim Journal*. Presented at the AEJMC annual conference (Minorities and Communication Division), Washington, D.C. **\*Top Student Paper Award.**

**Shahin, S.**, Saldaña, M., & Gil de Zúñiga, H. (2013, August). The peripheral elaboration model: How incidental news exposure predicts political participation. Presented at the

AEJMC annual conference (Communication Theory and Methodology Division), Washington, D.C. **\*Top Paper Award.**

**Shahin, S.** (2013, May). Hymn of the hyphens: Construction of American-Muslim identity in taqwacore songs. Presented at the ICA annual conference (Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division), London. **\*Top Student Paper Award.**

### **Panels & Competitively Selected Presentations**

**Shahin, S.** (2017, May). Barbarians at the Twitter gate: A social network analysis of #MuslimAwarenessMonth and #CanYouHearUsNow. Presented as part of a panel on 'Intervention via Interactivity: Video Games, Social Networks, and (De)Racialization' at the ICA annual conference (Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division), San Diego.

**Shahin, S., Oz, M., & Vu, H.** (2017, February). The green revolution: Why anti-environmental projects mobilized citizens against authoritarian regimes in Vietnam and Turkey. Presented at the ISA annual conference, Baltimore.

**Shahin, S. & Zheng, P.** (2016, September). The Iran nuclear deal: How global power relations shape global news. Presented at the APSA annual conference (Political Communication Division), Philadelphia.

Zheng, P. & **Shahin, S.** (2016, May). Locating the 'paradigm' in protest paradigm: A comparative network analysis. Presented at the WAPOR annual conference, Austin.

**Shahin, S.** (2016, March). Global politics and the indexing and framing of global news: A six-nation study. Presented at the ISA annual conference, Atlanta.

**Shahin, S.** (2014, May). Taqwacore in the news: Representations of Muslim punk rock culture in American, British, and ethnic press. Presented as part of a panel on 'South Asian Diaspora, Racialization, and Popular Culture' at the ICA annual conference (Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division), Seattle.

**Shahin, S.** (2013, May). Googling opinion: Online search as an alternative to surveys. Presented at the WAPOR annual conference, Boston.

### **Invited Presentations**

**Shahin, S.** (2018, March). Computational methods in communication research: Using LDA topic modeling and regex to identify ideological influences in U.S. news coverage. Presented at the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green.

**Shahin, S.** (2016, October). Facing up to Facebook: How digital activism, independent regulation and mass media foiled a capitalist threat to net neutrality. Presented during

a colloquium at the School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green.

**Shahin, S.** (2016, August). A critical axiology for Big Data studies. Presented as part of a *JMCQ*-organized panel on 'Information Access and Control in an Age of Big Data' at the AEJMC annual conference, Minneapolis.

**Shahin, S.** (2015, December). Van Rossum meets Van Dijk: Using computational tools for critical research. Research talk at the Department of Communication, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**Shahin, S.** (2014, October). Concluding remarks. Wrap-up Session of the Global Fusion annual conference, Austin.

**Shahin, S.** (2011, September). Arab Spring in Persian Gulf: A social constructivist perspective. Presented at CWAS Student Seminar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

**Shahin, S.** (2011, May). Discontent in West Asia: What the future holds. Presented at IPCS Young Scholars Conference, New Delhi.

## AWARDS

### Honors & Prizes

**Gene Burd Outstanding Dissertation Award (2nd place)**, Journalism Studies Division, ICA, 2018

**Outstanding Research Article of the Year Award (Finalist)**, Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly, 2017

**Jung-Sook Lee Top Student Paper Award**, Communication Technology Division, AEJMC, 2016

**Maxwell McCombs Graduate Publishing Award**, School of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin, 2016

**Maxwell McCombs Graduate Publishing Award**, School of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin, 2015

**Top Student Paper Award**, Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division, ICA, 2014

**James W. Markham Top Student Paper Award**, International Communication Division, AEJMC, 2014

**Top Student Paper Award**, Global Fusion, 2014

**Top Student Paper Award**, Ethnicity and Race in Communication Division, ICA, 2013

**Top Paper (Open Competition) Award**, Communication Theory & Methodology Division, AEJMC, 2013

**Top Student Paper Award**, Minorities and Communication Division, AEJMC, 2013

### **Fellowships & Grants**

**Research Grant**, \$30,000, School of Communication, American University, 2018-20

**Research Grant**, \$10,000, College of Arts & Sciences, Bowling Green State University, 2016-18

**Continuing Fellowship**, \$18,000, Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin, 2015-16

**Summer Fellowship**, \$4,500, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin, 2016

**Research Fellowship**, \$3,500, Muslim Public Affairs Council, Washington, D.C., 2015

**Ada Frances Miller Fellowship**, \$2,500, School of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin, 2014-15

**Ada Frances Miller Fellowship**, \$2,500, School of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin, 2014-15

**Pic Wagner Fellowship**, \$1,000, School of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin, 2012-13

**Commonwealth Scholarship**, Department for International Development, U.K., 2001-02

### **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

Faculty Leader, Algorithms, Big Data, & Culture (A.B.D.C.) Research Group, Bowling Green State University, 2017-18

Summer Graduate Research Assistant, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin, 2013-16

Researcher, Global Media Research Group, University of Texas at Austin, 2015-16

Researcher, Digital Media Research Program, University of Texas at Austin, 2012-15



## **CLASSES TAUGHT**

### **American University**

Advanced Media Research Methods (doctoral)

### **Bowling Green State University**

Emerging Platforms, Emerging Journalism

Online Journalism

Multimedia Reporting Skills

### **University of Texas at Austin**

Digital Storytelling

Multimedia Journalism (master's and undergraduate)

Web Publishing

Reporting Texas (master's and undergraduate)

Reporting Images

Reporting Words

## **GUEST LECTURES**

“Mining and Analyzing Social Networks,” School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Spring 2018 (Instructor: Dr. Yanqin Lu)

“Comparing Social Networks,” School of Journalism, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2017 (Instructor: Dr. Dhiraj Murthy)

“Critical Research with Big Data,” School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Fall 2016 & 2017 (Instructor: Dr. Louisa Ha)

“Critical Research with Big Data,” School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Fall 2016 (Instructor: Dr. Radhika Gajjala)

“Data Journalism,” School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Spring 2017 (Instructor: Dr. Catherine Cassara)

“Data Journalism,” School of Media and Communication, Bowling Green State University, Fall 2016 (Instructor: Mohammad Ala'uddin)

“Media in the Middle East,” School of Journalism, Kansas University, Spring 2016—Fall 2018 (Instructor: Dr. Hong Vu)

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer**

New Media & Society  
The International Journal of Press/Politics  
Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly  
Mass Communication & Society  
Communication Methods and Measures  
International Journal of Communication  
International Communication Gazette  
Global Media and Communication  
Popular Communication  
Journal of Communication Inquiry  
Chinese Journal of Communication  
Social and Cultural Geography  
The Sociological Quarterly  
Contemporary Review of the Middle East  
Romanian Journal of Political Science  
The Open Cybernetics and Systemics Journal

### **Journal Chief Editor, 2014—16**

Sagar: A South Asia Research Journal, published by South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin

### **Media Engagement**

Interviewed regularly by U.S. and global media as an expert on social media and politics  
Judge for Ohio News Media Association’s Hooper Awards, 2016, 2017  
Speaker on a panel on “fake news,” organized by the Press Club of Toledo, 2017

**Moderator**

ICA annual conference, San Diego, 2017

AEJMC annual conference, San Francisco, 2015

Global Fusion annual conference, Austin, 2014

**Graduate Liaison Officer**

Minorities and Communication Division, AEJMC, 2013-2015

**SERVICE TO BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY****Doctoral Dissertation Committee Membership**

Mohammad Ala'uddin (in progress)

Laura Seroka (in progress)

Adam Smidi (in progress)

Tarishi Verma (in progress)

Benjamin Brojakowski (May 2017)

**Undergraduate Honors / Research Project Supervision**

Hannah Jane Finnerty (in progress)

Clairessa Morrow (in progress)

Meredith Siegel (in progress)

Navier Grimes (in progress)

**Student Mentoring**

Oversaw two doctoral independent studies (Adam Smidi, Kisun Kim)

Faculty mentor at the NCA Doctoral Honors Seminar, July 2017

Adviser to undergraduate students on the Multiplatform Journalism track

**Curriculum Development**

Helped redesign the Journalism and Public Relations curriculum

Designed a new course, titled Emerging Platforms, Emerging Journalism

Redesigned courses on Online Journalism and Multimedia Reporting

Member of a committee planning a new major in advertising

### **Miscellaneous Committee Memberships**

Member of the Graduate Program Committee, January—July 2018

Member of the Director Succession Committee, October 2017—March 2018

Member of search committees for faculty in social media and advertising, 2016-17

### **Diversity Promotion**

Diversity Representative, Department of Journalism and Public Relations, August 2017—July 2018

Adviser, NABJ Student Chapter, August 2017—July 2018

## **SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

Member, search committee for associate professor in journalism, 2015-16

## **JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE**

Contributing Writer, *Foreign Policy in Focus*, *Outlook*, *Hindu*, *Mint*, *Khaleej Times*, *Asia Times Online*, January 2012—present

News Editor, *Mint*, India, December 2009—December 2011

Senior Assistant Editor, *Mail Today*, India, September 2008—December 2009

Assistant Editor, *Qatar Tribune*, Qatar, May 2006—September 2008

Edit Page/Online Editor, *Oman Tribune*, Oman, December 2004—May 2006

Online Editor, *Indo-Asian News Service*, India, August—December 2004

Senior Sub-Editor, *HindustanTimes.com*, India, October 2002—July 2004

Contributing Writer, *BBC Lancashire Online*, UK, April—June 2002

Intern, *BBC Asian Network*, UK, March—April 2002

Content Developer, *Go4i.com*, India, June 2000—July 2001

Researcher, *TV Today*, India, August—October 1999

Contributing Writer, *The Indian Express*, India, February 1998—March 1999

## **DIGITAL SKILLS**

### **Big Data Analysis, Network Analysis, Sentiment Analysis, Machine Learning**

Python, Mallet, Netlytic, Gephi, R

### **Digital Production & Online Publishing**

PremierePro, FinalCutPro, Photoshop, Audacity, HTML, Dreamweaver, WordPress

## **LANGUAGES**

Hindi (fluent in speaking, reading, writing)

Urdu (fluent in speaking; intermediate in reading and writing)

French (basic in speaking, reading, writing)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

International Communication Association, 2013—present

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, 2013—present

International Studies Association, 2015—present

American Political Science Association, 2016—present