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## Experience

### University of Pennsylvania

Doctoral Researcher, Annenberg School for Communication

Philadelphia, PA

Aug 2025 – Present

- Use experimental and computational methods to study platform design, governance, and online discourse
- Current projects include a survey experiment on community moderation and an eight-dimensional discourse quality metric developed through a design-based supervised learning approach

### Prosocial Design Network

Fellow

Remote

Apr 2025 – Apr 2026

- Facilitated expert working group sessions and co-authored report on researcher-practitioner collaboration to catalyze actionable platform-design research
- Led social media section of report mapping 30+ LLM-enabled tools for public discourse, surveying 25+ developers and stakeholders

### Shorenstein Center, Harvard Kennedy School

Policy Researcher

Cambridge, MA

2023 – 2024

- Analyzed Facebook Papers for platform governance case studies and policy recommendations; developed voter education resources; engaged FCC, FTC, and Obama Foundation

### L.E.K. Consulting

Strategy Consultant

London, UK

2017 – 2021

- Delivered quantitative analysis, market research, and strategic recommendations across 20+ commercial and public-sector projects for senior client stakeholders
- Led workstreams involving financial modeling, survey analysis, large dataset analysis, and 60+ stakeholder interviews

## Projects

### Integrity Institute

Tech Policy Tracker, Operational Lead

Remote

Aug 2024 – Present

- Developed public U.S. federal/state tech-legislation tracker with LLM-assisted summarization, thematic classification, and searchable front-end; built semi-automated Python pipeline using ML/NLP and APIs
- Produced supporting infrastructure including technical documentation, website analytics, user support workflows, and volunteer coordination processes for ongoing tracker maintenance

### Trustible

AI Governance Consultant

Remote

Jul 2023 – Oct 2023

- Interviewed privacy and AI governance professionals to assess how privacy teams were adapting to AI governance; authored white paper for Trustible on skills gaps, governance processes, and organizational readiness

**Pensieve:** Built an open-source tool to organize research notes using semantic search and LLM-assisted summarization

**Selected Writing:** Publications and reports in Tech Policy Press, Journalist's Resource, Shorenstein Center, Trustible, Media Manipulation Casebook, and Prosocial Design Network. Full list at rehanmirza.net

## Education

### University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. in Communication, GPA: 4.0 (current)

Philadelphia, PA

Aug 2025 – Present

Advisor: Sandra González-Bailón | Center for Information Networks and Democracy

### Harvard Kennedy School

Master in Public Policy

Cambridge, MA

May 2023

### University College London

MSc Global Health and Development

London, UK

Sep 2016

### University of Cambridge

BA Economics

Cambridge, UK

Jun 2014

## Skills

**Technical:** Python, R, Stata, NLP/ML, LLM-assisted classification, API integration, GitHub, Qualtrics, Tableau

**Methods:** Experimental design, survey design, statistical modeling, content analysis, causal inference, qualitative interviews

**Domains:** Platform governance, trust and safety, information integrity, online discourse, AI governance, prosocial design