

Invited Talk

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Collusion in Online Media

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Abstract: Decentralized social media, accessed through Internet-based forums, promise greater responsiveness, larger coverage, and reduced vulnerability to authoritative biases. Unfortunately, they also come with limited liability for disinformation and collusive persuasion, locking communities into "echo chambers" of opinion. Recent world events provide ample testimony that collusion is a serious challenge to unbiased truth discovery and opinion formation. In the talk, I shall address our ongoing effort on understanding different forms of collusion happening around Twitter. In particular, I shall present our recently-developed systems which detect collusive Twitter followers and retweeters involved in black market services. The talk will end with a glimpse of the overall research activities going on in our [group](#).

Bio: Tanmoy is an Assistant Professor and a Ramanujan Fellow at the Dept. of Computer Science & Engg., IIIT Delhi, India. Prior to this, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Dept. of Computer Science, University of Maryland, College Park, USA. He completed his Ph.D as a Google India PhD fellow at IIT Kharagpur, India in 2015. His primary research interests include social network analysis, Data Mining, and Natural Language Processing. He has received several awards including the Early Career Research Award, DAAD Faculty award, Best reviewer award in WWW'18, best PhD thesis award by Xerox Research, IBM Research and Indian National Academy of Engineering (INAE). He has served as a PC member of several conferences including WWW, NAACL, AACL, IJCAI, PAKDD.

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