## Curriculum Vitaeof Fazal Amin Beg of Hunza, Northern Pakistan (Updated in December 2022)

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D Candidate,Coursework (2010-2011)**, 4.0 CGPA, Asian Studies, specialization in Socio-cultural and Legal Anthropology, Dissertation title: Ancestral Rights and Natural Parks in GilgitBaltistan, Pakistan

**M.Phil**(2005), 3.1 CGPA, Regional Studies on Central Asia, China and Russia, specialization in SocioCultural Anthropology, University of Peshawar.

**M.A.** (1997), First Division, First Position, Department of Persian Language and Literature, University of Peshawar.

**B.A.** (1992), 2nd Division, Karachi University Main subjects: Sociology, Education, Economics)

**Academic Distinction**

Awarded Gold Medal for acquiring First Division First Position in my Masters in Persian Language and Literature in 1997.

**Foreign Language Courses**

**Persian from Karachi University in 1994, and Peshwar University and Iranian Cultural Center, Peshawar in 1995); French from Karachi University in 1994 and Alliance Francais, Peshawar in 1995); German from Goethe Institute, Karachi in 1994 and Peshwar University in 1995; Russian and Uyghur/Uzbeki from Area Study Center, Peshawar University in 1998-1999; self study of the basics and sound systems of Greek, Chinese, Spanish and Italian.**

**Social Media: EaglesWorld YouTube Channel**

In March 2020, I launched my own YouTube Channel named “EaglesWorld” on which I’ve been publishing research-based interviews, discussions around various emerging themes in different sectors, life experiences and stories of various categories of people, my poetries, about the societal change and development, and many more in English, Urdu, Persian and Wakhi. So far, I’ve published more than 220 videos on EaglesWorld.I will also start lectures and talks around different themes and topics based on my expertise and specialization in English, Urdu, Persian and Wakhi. In addition, I’ve also kicked off some focused YouTube channel PowersWorld (on power, politics, governance and human rights in English and Urdu); DiamondWorld (dedicated to my personal life and creativities); and others.

**Formal Website: FAZALAMIN.COM**

In 2019, I initiated for my own website as [www.fazalamin.com](http://www.fazalamin.com) on which I’ve published more than 270 posts around various themes and topics mainly in English and Wakhi within anthropology, linguistics, overall development, field studies, poetries and so on. By now, I’ve published more than 275 posts on FAZALAMIN.COM.

**EMPLOYMENT/Consultancies**

Consultant, Rupani Foundation, Pakistan in 2020 for a short time.

Consultant, Calibreon International (November 2018 to February 2020)

I’ve been an Evaluator of Calibreon International, a Pakistan-based free lancing company within the digital world, working with close collaboration with Upork Global Company (based in California). CI has been providing an enabling environment for the youth (male and female) of Gilgit-Baltistan Region for the last seven years.

Development Researcher and Evaluator of the Satpara Development Project baltistan,a mega level project based on value-chain of the Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP) and Aga Khan Foundation, Pakistan, generously funded by the United States Agency for InternationalDevelopment (October 2016 to March 2017).

Facilitator of Independent Social Audit of Gilgit-Baltistan Police, Karakoram International University (Spring semester 2015)and at the same time also performed as Research Associate of INSPIRE Project British Council – Karakoram International University.

**Evaluator of AgaKhan Rural Support Program (AKRSP) for the Local Support Organizations (LSOs) in 2013 to 2014**

I’ve been the researcher and Evaluator of Local Support Organizations (LSOs) of Gilgit Region, fostered by Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP). My particular focus was on the Governance practices of the LSOs.

Manager, Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP), disaster Emergency Field Office Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan Region (June 2012-June 2013).

Researcher-Consultant (Institutional Development, enterprise Development, Policy Dialogue, Monitoring and Evaluation), Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP), Gilgit Core and Regional Office(2005-2010)Researcher-Consultant, “The Christensen Foundation, USA” in partnership with Dr. John Mock of University of California (Principal Investigator) on the Afghan Badakhshan Research Project (2007-2010). I carried out the anthropological survey, fidld studies and documentation on Wakhan of Afghanistan in Spring and Autumn.

Manager, Planning, Monitoring & Evaluation, HIMAT Grassroots Development Foundation (HGDF), Kashmir, Pakistan (2008) The terrible earthquake of 2005 devastated Kashmir and it also provided various NGOs to work in the disaster area. In such worst condition, an International initiative was taken by the German and Canadian colleageus and estabsliehd an NGO that extended its helping hands to the poor community regarding their development. I thus served and contributed to this NGO .

Consultant-Researcher for an anthropological study in Xinjiang (China), Institute of Development Studies, Free University, Berlin, Germany, 2006. I carried out an anthropological and demographic survey of the Tajiks and Kirghiz of five counties in Xinjiang.

Director Research, MountCon: Mountain Heritage and Development Partners (2001-2004) MountCon was a family initiative as a business firm to contribute towards the local civil society organizations as well as work in close contact and collaboration with the regional and international NGOs functional in Gilgit-Baltistan Region.

Principal and Science Teacher of Al-Amyn Model School, Gulmit, upper Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan Region from September 1991 to April 1994).

Science and English Teacher, Ghulkin Diamond Jubilee School, Aga Khan Education service, Pakistan (AKESP) from 1989 to 1990.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS**

Beg, Fazal Amin Sadruddin Qatushi and Mir Afzl Tajik (forthcoming): Relationship of Hunza withCentral Asia. This is an edited an a voluminous book on the Tajiks of Central Asia contributed by the international researchers and writers.

Beg, Fazal Amin, John Mock and Mir Ali Wakhani (2021), Development of Wakhi Orthography. Karachi: Oxford University Press.

Beg, Fazal Amin, Ahmad Jami Sakhi, Amanullah and Gul Baig Wakhani, 2021. K̃hikwor Qoyda (Wakhi Primer). Wakhi Tajik Cultural Association (WTCA), Gilgit-Baltistan.

Beg, Fazal Amin, Muhammad Ali and Zoran Lapov, 2019. *Transition from a Traditional Nature and Game Reserve to a National Park:
the Case of Khunzhrav Valley in Northern Pakistan.* In: LAW, CULTURE, AND GOVERNANCE IN HUNZA, eds. Rubya Mehdi and Livia Holden: Nordic Journal of Law & Social Research no. 8, 2018.

<https://jlsr.tors.ku.dk/issues/navei-reet-nordic-journal-of-law-and-social-research-8-2018---law-culture-and-governance-in-hunza/>

Beg, Fazal Amin and Zoran Lapov 2019. *Civil Society and Governance in Gojal (Gilgit-Baltistan).* In: LAW, CULTURE, AND GOVERNANCE IN HUNZA, eds. Rubya Mehdi and Livia Holden: Nordic Journal of Law & Social Research no. 8, 2018.

<https://jlsr.tors.ku.dk/issues/navei-reet-nordic-journal-of-law-and-social-research-8-2018--->

Karim Haji, Zakir Hussain, Fazal Amin Beg, Basharat Ali and Azra Batul, 2017, Ensuring a Harmonized Society in Gilgit-baltistan Region. Islamabad: National Defense University.

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2010. *Societal Development and Change in Hunza Valley (Northern Pakistan): A Study on Ghulkin*Part-II)*.* Islamabad: Karakoram Knowledge Highway (KADO’s Development Journal).

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2009b. *Societal Development and Change in Hunza Valley (Northern Pakistan): A Study on Ghulkin*Part-I)*.*Islamabad: Karakoram Knowledge Highway (KADO’s Development Journal).

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2009a. Societal Transformation in Hunza Valley (Northern Pakistan): A Case Study of Khyber Village*.* Islamabad: Karakoram Knowledge Highway (KADO’s Development Journal).

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2001a. En Route to China and Back to Pakistan: Some Observations and Experiences. In: Journal of *Central Asia, vol.49. Peshawar:* University of Peshawar.

**SELECTED PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT AND ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

Beg, Fazal Amin. *Hunza Disaster: Pro- and Anti-Pakistan Elements,* Daily Frontier Post, June 8, 2010.

Beg, Fazal Amin. *Hunza’s Impending Doom,”* Dawn, May 29, 2010.

Beg, Fazal Amin. *Save Pakistan from the catastrophe;* Dawn, March 11, 2010.

Beg, Fazal Amin. *Kuhimir: Proposed name for the Northern Areas of Pakistan;* Dawn, September 21, 2007.

Beg, Fazal Amin. *Education and Health Issues in Hunza,* DAWN, August 4, 2002.

Beg, Fazal Amin. *Educational Issues in the Northern Areas of Pakistan,* Frontier Star, Peshawar 1995.

**Publications on fazalamin.com**

In addition to my poetries (as a creative work) in Wakhi, Persian, Urdu and English, based on my extensive fieldwork in the Northern Pakistan, Western Xinjiang (China), nort-eastern Afghanistan and south-western Tajikistan, more than 60 posts (field studies, papers, biographies, essays, articles and the like) I have published in English on [www.fazalamin.com](http://www.fazalamin.com)

**Selected FIELDWORK**

Conflicts and conficts management in Hunza valley (2013).

A study of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) of constructing the irrigation channels in hunza and Nagar districts of Gilgit-Baltistan (2012).

Exploration and audio documentation of the Wakhi architecture within the traditional Pamiri houses in Hunza valley, Northern Pakistan.

Indigenous Knowledge and Snow-avalanche Cases of the Karakoram-Pamir Region: A Study of Hunza and Ishkoman Valleys, Gilgit-Baltistan( January-March, 2012).

Social and political governance: Individual Case Studies in Gilgit-Baltistan Region (Autumn 2009).

Fieldwork in Afghanistan (Badakhshan)over 300 hours of documentation on different thematic areas of cultural/social and applied anthropology (Spring and Summer, 2007).

*Kinship (and Marriage ties of the WakhiPamiri Ethnic Group in Badakhshan*in Afghanistan in 2007.

*An Anthropological Survey of the Wakhi Tajiks & Kirghiz Turks of Xinjiang (2006)*

Ethnographic *survey of Qarumbar (Ishkoman) valley, Ghizer District, northern Pakistan* in 2006.

Survey and documentation of the historic sites of Upper Hunza entitled: In Search of Historical Places (Heritages) in GojalHunza, Northern Pakistan (2001)

Kinship & Marriage in the Chinese Wakhi Society in Xinjiang (2000)

**Language Preservation, Documentation and Studies**

Besides other fields and areas of studies in anthropology (as am engaged with them for over two decades), one of my special intersts in languages also led me to know a dozen of languages at different scales of learning. Learning and knowing about these international languages including English, Urdu/Hindi , Farsi/Persian, Arabic, Pushto, German, French, Russian, Uyghur, Greek and Chinese led and encouraged me to see the Wakhi Pamiri language in a comparative contexts in various fields such as the sound systems, etymological, syntactical and semantic relations. Apart from Wakhi (my mother tongue), I have also been looking various aspects of the languages (I mentioned above) cross with Burushaski (in which i’m proficient at least in average) and other indigenous languages of small population in Gilgit-Baltistan and across the border (as I have a significant level of proficiency in the sound systems)

**Language-related published and Unpublished Papers**

Beg, Fazal Amin (2014), an Anthropological Survey of the Ethnic Composition and Identity Shift among the Mountain communities: Approaches and Experiences of Preserving and Promoting the Hunza Wakhi Language in Gilgit-Baltistan Region as a case ([www.fazalamin.com](http://www.fazalamin.com) )

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2011. Globalization and Mode of Interaction: The State of Intangible Cultural heritages of Gilgit-Baltistan Region with a special focus on the Indigenous Languages (presented in the national heritage conference in Lok Virsa, Islamabad).www.fazalamin.com

**Language-related Preservation and Preservation in the form of Books and Papers**

Beg, Fazal Amin (continues): Poetries in Wakhi, Persian and Urdu (more than 160 poetries I’ve published on my website: [www.fazalamin.com](http://www.fazalamin.com) )

Beg, Fazal Amin (continues). Study of the Wakhi Pamiri Grammar and its Structure.

Beg, Fazal Amin (continues). Diverse relationship of Wakhi Pamiri within and out of its family of languages .

Beg, Fazal Amin (continues). cultural Constructs from the Lens of Language: Wakhi Idioms and Proverbs from Hunza and Ishkoman valleys , Gilgit-Baltistan Region, Northern Pakistan

Beg, Fazal Amin 2017: Wakhi Pamiri Primer on Anglicized Orthography.

Beg, Fazal Amin 2017. Wakhi Anthology (over 1,000 pages based on Anglicized Wakhi orthography).

Beg, Fazal amin 2017. Rũs̃han Jahoon (The Bright World): Wakhi Pamiri Poetry of Ustodh Sa’odat Shoh of Hunza, Gilgit-Baltistan Region

Beg, Fazal Amin 2015. Transcription System on the Anglicized Orthography for the Indigenous Languages of Gilgit-Baltistan Region and across the Borders including Balti, Burushaski, D̃umaki, Khowar, S̃hina and Sariqoli.

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2014. Development of transcription/ writing system for the indigenous languages of Gilgit-Baltistan and across the border for their documentation, preservation and promotion: A Practical Initiative and Guide.

Beg, Fazal Amin 2014. Wakhi Anthology (over 300 pages based on Roman orthography).

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2014. Documentation of related toponyms of Gilgit-Baltistan Region, Northern Pakistan.

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2013. Wakhi Folksongs from Hunza and Wakhan.

Beg, Fazal Amin 2009. Treasure of the Wakhi Pamir Language (Word-list of Wakhi words comprised on over 30,000 words(Unpublished).

Beg, Fazal Amin, 2008. Wakhi Pamiri Folktales from Wakhan and Hunza (Unpublished).

Beg, Fazal Amin 2002. Wakhi Pamiri Anthology (comprised over 200 pages based on Latino-Greek. (Unpublished)

**Acquisition of LANGUAGES(at different scales)**

English, Urdu, Persian, Wakhi Pamiri, Burushaski, Arabic, German, French, Russian, Uyghur, Greek and Pashtu.

**INTERNATIONAL TRAVELS**

Afghanistan (2007, 2013), China (1991, 2000, 2006, 2012), Denmark (2016), , France (2016), Germany (1999), India (2008), Italy (2016), Tajikistan (2013).

**Selected Voluntary Services**

* December 2019 to November 2021, served as the Vice President of Wakhi tajik Cultural Association (WTCA), a renowned civil society organization, functional in Pakistan for the last 30 years.
* From 2010 to 2016, I served as Advisor and Director of Gojal Local Support Organization (GOLSON) functional in Hunza Valley of Gilgit-Baltistan Region.
* As a researcher, I’ve been mostly continuing my research work in voluntary capacity without involvement of any external funding/support.
* I’ve advised and helped uncountable graduate students of various universities in line with their theses and dissertation.

**Personal Information**

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**VISUAL Disability**

Although, I have become visually disabled due to a progressive retinal degeneration disease called Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP, I lost my eyesight after qualifying my PhD coursework in 2011. However, I can still work efficiently on my laptop with the help of a software called JAWS (Job Access With Speech). I can move around with the help of a white cane. For the fieldwork around different themes and topics, I collect data on my digital voice recorder and/or laptop directly, **Social Media and Website Operation.** , videography on my Endroid mobile setI also deal with and manage the videography with the help of an assistant in the field.

**References**

Will be provided if desired .