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Education

Ph.D. (Sociology)	2018, University of Delhi, New Delhi.
Thesis Title	Delay in Justice: A Sociological Study of Under-trial Prisoners in Jammu and Kashmir with Special Reference to Central Jail Srinagar.
M. Phil. (Sociology)	2010, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.
Dissertation Title	Prison System in Jammu and Kashmir in Post-Independence India: Review of Literature.
M.A. (Sociology)	2008, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.
B. A.	2005, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar.

Technical/Diploma Courses

NCPUL	2001-02, One Year Diploma in Computer Applications and Multilingual DTP. Comtech Computer Education, Baramulla through Ministry of Human Resource Development, (Department of Secondary and Higher Education), Government of India.
Certificate Course in Social Work	2005, Government Degree College, Baramulla, Jammu and Kashmir.

Academic Experience

Assistant Professor (Substantive)	19 August 2025 Onwards
Assistant Professor (Contractual)	18 March, 2025 to 31 July 2025-12-22 Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

Lecturer (Contractual)	01 March, 2024 to 31 December, 2024 Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
Lecturer (Contractual)	16 February, 2023 to 31 December, 2023 Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.
Lecturer (Contractual)	25 March, 2021 to 31 January, 2022 Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir.

Research Experience

Research Fellow (CPEPA)	1 st September, 2017 to 24 th March, 2021 Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
Project Fellow (CPEPA)	23 rd December, 2016 to 31 st August, 2017 Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
Field Investigator	June 2008, in a project titled “ <i>Socio-Economic and Educational Condition of Muslims in a Majority Concentration of District of Uttar Pradesh: A Survey of District Etah</i> ” Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims in India, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.
Field Researcher	October 2010, in a project titled: “ <i>Development Deficit among Muslim Slum Dwellers of Aligarh City</i> ” Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims in India, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.
Field Investigator	2009, in a Major Research Project titled: “ <i>Migration, Health and Sexuality: A Sociological Study of Migrant Construction Labourers in the Urban Settings of Western Uttar Pradesh</i> ” Department of Sociology and Social Work, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh.

Awards and Honours

Doctoral Fellowship	2011, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs,
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	Government of India vide letter no. 32/04/2011-RD/BPR&D; Dated: 15 July, 2011 (Not availed)
Doctoral Fellowship	2012 to 2014, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi vide letter no. F. No. 3-1/Policy/2011-12/FEL; Dated: 12 January, 2012.

Professional Activities

Tour In-charge	MA 4 th Semester (Batch 2023) tour to Kargil in September, 2025.
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Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

a. Attended/participated/paper presented

1. Participated in Two Day workshop on “*Inflibnet: Resources, Services & Facilities for Universities*” organized by Allama Iqbal Library, University of Kashmir in collaboration with Inflibnet from **08th to 9th December, 2025**.
2. Participated and presented a paper on “*Islam and the rights of children: An appraisal*” in International Conference on “**Cultures of Childhood in Contemporary South Asia**”, organized by Department of Sociology, South Asian University and Centre for Media and Mass Communication Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi from **14 to 15 December, 2023**.
3. Participated in “**National Seminar on Role of Universities in Social Transformation**” organized by Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir from **05-06 September, 2023**.
4. Participated and presented a paper on “**The Constituted Culture within the Prison**” in 46th All India Sociological Conference organized by Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai in **8-10 December 2021** (Virtual).
5. Participated and presented a paper on “**Forgotten Voices: The plight of prisoners’ families**” in 45th All India Sociological Conference organized by Department of Sociology, University of Kerala in **27-29 December 2019**.
6. Participated and presented a paper on “**Media diversity and pluralism**” in “One-Day Interim workshop on News Diversity and Pluralism” organized by Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on **2nd April, 2018**.
7. Participated and completed “**Seven-Day Research Methodology Workshop for Research Scholars and Young Faculty**” organized by Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi under the auspices of UGC sponsored Centre with Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area from **11-17 December, 2017**.
8. Participated in One Day National Seminar on “**Quality Assurance in Higher Education**” organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi on **04 November, 2017**.

9. Participated and presented a paper on “**Deradicalization and Rehabilitation of Terrorist Prisoners: Issues and Challenges**” in the *National Seminar on Terrorism in South Asia: Issues and Challenges*, organized by Department of Political Science, *Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh*, during **9-10 November, 2012**.
10. Participated and presented a paper on “**Crime against Women in India: An Analysis**” in the *National Conference on Population, Resource and Environment* organized by *Department of Geography, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh*, during **1-2 March 2011**.
11. Participated and presented a paper titled: “**Caught in the Storm: Sexual Violence against Women in Jammu and Kashmir – A Sociological Analysis**” in XXXVII All India Sociological Conference organized by Jawahar Lal Nehru University, New Delhi during **11-13 December 2011**.
12. Participated and presented a paper titled: “**Problems of Under-trials in Jammu and Kashmir**” in XXXVI All India Sociological Conference organized by *Indian Sociological Society at Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Orissa* during **27-29 December 2010**.
13. Participated in “**National Seminar on Minority Education in India: Issues of Access, Equity and Inclusion**” organized by Centre for Promotion of Educational and Cultural Advancement of Muslims in India, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh, during **7 & 8 March 2009**.
14. Participated and presented a paper on “**Atrocious Crime of Child Labour**” in XXXV All India Sociological Conference organized by Indian Sociological Society at University of Kashmir, Hazratbal, Srinagar during **10-12 October 2009**.
15. Participated and completed Certificate Course on “**Socio-Legal Research Methods**”, a workshop organized by Centre for Civil and Criminal Justice Administration, National Law Institute University, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh during **1-5 October 2009**.

b. Coordinated/Organised

1. Organised a “**Seven-day Research Methodology Workshop for Research Scholars and Young Faculty**” at Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi under the UGC sponsored programme Centre with Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area during **11-17 December, 2019**.
2. Coordinated “**Two-weeks Capacity Building workshop on Media and Communication Studies**” at Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi under the UGC programme Centre with Potential for Excellence in a Particular Area from **22 April to 4 May 2019**.
3. Co-convened Two-Day National Consultation on “**Mapping Creative Industry and Economy in India**” at Centre for Culture, Media & Governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi from **16 to 17 April, 2018**.

4. Member of the organizing committee for a Three-day Workshop on the theme “**On the philosophy of now: Countering incommunicado, invisibility, crisis**” scheduled from **5 to 7 October, 2018**.
5. Member of the organizing committee for a Two-day workshop on “**Social Media: Emerging Issues and Challenges**” scheduled from **12 to 13 October, 2018**.

Publications

a. Research papers and articles

1. Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad. (2016) Caught in the storm: Sexual violence against women in Jammu and Kashmir – A sociological analysis. *Asian Journal of Multidimensional Research* 5(6): pp. 124-137.
2. Singh, Archana; Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad & Das, Biswajit. (2019). Culture, Nation and Communication in India. *Journal of Media and Communication* 3(2): pp. 1-14.
3. Das, Biswajit; Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad & Singh, Archana. (2019). Anthropology of Hunger: People’s Perception and Survival Strategies in Kalahandi, *The Eastern Anthropologist*, 72 (3-4): pp. 245-270.
4. Das, Biswajit; Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad & Singh, Archana. (2020). Globalisation, Labour and Technology: A study of call centre work force, *Labour and Development*, 27(2): pp. 54-74.
5. Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (2020). The effects of fathers’ imprisonment on children: Risks and challenges, *Indian Journal of Criminology*, 48(2) 57-70.
6. “Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad, (2021) Citizen Journalism and Democracy in India, *Journal of Media and Communication*, 5(1): 97-118.
7. “Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad, (2023) Forgotten Voices: The plight of prisoners’ families, *Journal of Family Studies*; 29(2): 911-926.
8. “Das, Biswajit; Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad & Singh, Archana. (2022). Culture, Politics and Identity in India, *Social Identities*, 28(3): 329-342.
9. “Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad, (2021). Crime against women in India: An analysis, *Journal of Society in Kashmir*, 11(1): 112 – 135.
10. “Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad, (2022). Diversity, Pluralism and News Framing - An Analysis, *Journal of Society in Kashmir*, 12(1): 44-60.
11. “Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad, (2023). Child labour in India: A Sociological Study, *Journal of Society in Kashmir*, 13(1): 52-62.

Book chapters:

1. Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (2019) Tribal and Ethnic Movements, In, Singh, Archana (eds.) *Sociology of India*, (pp. 159-173), Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi (ISBN: 978-93-89668-57-5).

2. Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (2022) Debates in Doing Ethnography, In, Singh, Archana (eds.) *Reading Ethnographies*, (pp. 133-142), Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.
3. Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (2022) Scientific Ethnography, In, Singh, Archana (eds.) *Reading Ethnographies*, (pp. 143-152), Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi.
4. Das, Biswajit, Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad, Singh Archana (2024) Culture, Communication and Identity in an Era of Globalisation in India, In, B. K. Nagla & K. Choudhary (eds.) (pp. 175-189), *Culture, Change in India - Intellectual Traditions, Institutions and Regions*, Routledge. (ISBN: 9781032859989)
5. Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) News Diversity and pluralism: Concepts, approaches and practical insights, In Biswajit Das, Vibodh Parthasarthy (Eds.) *News and Democracy* (Orient Blackswan; paper accepted by editors).

Modules for UG and PG Courses

a. Authored modules for UG and PG Courses at IGNOU

1. Gilani, A. A. (2022). Debates in doing ethnography. In A. Singh (Ed.), *Reading ethnographies* (pp. 133–142). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
2. Gilani, A. A. (2022). Scientific ethnography. In A. Singh (Ed.), *Reading ethnographies* (pp. 143–152). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
3. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Reciprocity and Gift. In A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 46-56). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
4. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Exchange and Money In. A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 57-65). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
5. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Hunting and Gathering In. A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 77-86). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
6. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Pastoralist and Horticulturist. In A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 87-98). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
7. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Domestic Mode of Production. In A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 99-108). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
8. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Peasant Economy. In A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 109-118). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
9. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Capitalism. In A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 119-128). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
10. Gilani, A. A. (2022) Socialism. In A. Singh (ed.) *Economy and Society* (pp. 129-138). Indira Gandhi National Open University.

11. Gilani, A. A. (2021) Political Economy. In A. Singh (ed.) *Urban Sociology* (pp. 50-62). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
12. Gilani, A. A. (2021) Occupation. In A. Singh (ed.) *Urban Sociology* (pp. 98-107). Indira Gandhi National Open University.
13. Gilani, A. A. (N.A.) *Cultural Studies*.

b. Co-authored modules for UGC sponsored epg-pathshala (Modules available at: www.epgp.inflibnet.ac.in)

1. Das, Biswajit & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Culture, Communication and Nation.**
2. Das, Biswajit & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Identity, Culture and Nation.**
3. Das, Biswajit & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **News Diversity and Pluralism.**
4. Das, Biswajit & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Mass Culture.**
5. Das, Biswajit & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Frankfurt School.**
6. Singh, Archana & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Report Writing.**
7. Singh, Archana & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Ethnography.**
8. Singh, Archana & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Textual Analysis.**
9. Singh, Archana & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Discourse Analysis.**
10. Singh, Archana & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Case Studies.**
11. Singh, Archana & Gilani, Ajaz Ahmad (N.A.) **Historical Methods.**

Administrative Responsibilities

Nodal Officer DIQA from 28/10-2025 onwards, Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

Coordinator Examination from 28/11/2025 onwards, Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.

Member Departmental Purchase Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Kashmir, Srinagar.