

# Ethiopia: Identity Politics, Human Rights and Democratization

## Provisional Agenda

**DAY 1 AM: Friday 8 May 2015** - Alumni Theatre, New Academic Building, LSE

8.30am Registration and refreshments

**8.45am Welcome**

**9-10.30 Session 1 Legacies and Promises of the Ethiopian Revolution(s)**

Chair: Tsegaye Regassa Ararssa

9am 'Revolution after Revolution: the Question of Hegemonic Discourse and Power Shift in Ethiopian Theatre' *Zerihun Birhanu, Addis Ababa University*

9.15am 'Narrating the Ethiopian Revolution through Autobiographies: A New Form of Struggle for Legacy?' *Tamrat Haile Degeffo, Haramaya University*

9.30am 'Negotiating for Political Spaces with the Ethiopian Revolutionary Generation' *Eyob Balcha Gebremariam, University of Manchester*

9.45am 'State-Media Relations in the Post-Revolutionary Ethiopia (1974 – 2014)' *Hallelujah Lulie, Institute of Security Studies*

10am Questions, Comments, Discussions

10.30am Break

**10.45-12.15 Session 2 Constitutional Engineering, Liberalism, Identity Politics**

Chair: Bayisa Wak-Woya (UNHCR)

10.45am 'Ethiopia: One Revolution Short of Utopia?' *Gedion T. Hessbon, Addis Ababa University*

11am 'Defective Constitution-Making Process and Its Impacts on Outcome: Reflection on Ethiopian Constitution Making Experience' *Aberra Degeffo, Addis Ababa University*

11.15am 'The Quest for Recognition of a differential Identity through a right to self-determination: examining 'unempirical procedures' of the House of Federation in Ethiopia' *Tadesse Kassa Woldetsadik, Addis Ababa University*

11.30am 'Ethiopia's Successor Trials: The Paradoxes of Dealing with the Past Amid Continuity' *Dadimos Haile, University of Bristol*

11.45am Questions, Comments, Discussions

12.15pm Lunch Room 2.16, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, New Academic Building

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<b>1.15-2.45</b>	<b>Session 3</b>	<b>Ethiopia's Development Agenda, Developmental State, Development Aid</b>
	Chair:	Abadir Ibrahim
1.15pm		'Development Agendas and Public Universities in Ethiopia' <i>Paul O'Keeffe, Sapinza University of Rome</i>
1.30pm		'Competing Understandings of the Right to Development in International Law and International Human Rights Law: The Ethiopian Developmental State in Context' <i>Bruck Teshome, London</i>
1.45pm		'Securitized Development in Federal Ethiopia: Some Contradictions' <i>Fana Gebresenbet, Addis Ababa University</i>
2pm		[to be confirmed]
2.15pm		Questions, Comments, Discussions
2.45pm		Break
<b>3-4.30</b>	<b>Session 4 [Roundtable]</b>	<b>Taking Federalism and Self-Determination Seriously: the Ethiopian Case</b>
	Chair:	Teshale Aberra
3pm	Panelists:	Tsegaye Regassa, (Melbourne Law School) Bayisa Wak-Woya (Affiliation tbc) Taddesse Kersemo (Affiliation tbc)
4pm		Questions, Comments, Discussions
4.30pm		Break
<b>5pm-6.30pm</b>	[Keynote address]	<b>The Quest for a New Beginning and/in the Ethiopia yet to Come: Identity, Human Rights and Democracy in the FDRE Constitution</b>
	Speaker:	Tsegaye Regassa (University of Melbourne)
	Chair:	Awol Allo (LSE)
7pm	Dinner	Room B.07, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields, LSE

Refreshments and lunch are provided at no charge. Those wishing to attend the conference dinner, a two course buffet, are required to book and pay online by the end of Monday 4 May.

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**DAY 2 AM: Saturday 9 May 2015** - Room G.03, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields, LSE

- 8.30am Refreshments
- 9-10.30 Session 5 Fiscal Policy, Investment Decisions, and the Ethics of Development Aid**  
Chair: Bruck Teshome
- 9am 'Intergovernmental Fiscal Arrangement in Ethiopia: Twenty Years' Experience and Basic Issues from a Human Rights-Based Approach Perspective' *Solomon Negussie, Addis Ababa University*
- 9.15am 'Property Rights and Investment Decision: The Mediating Effect of Contract Enforcement in Ethiopia' *Ziade Hailu, Makerere University*
- 9.30am 'To Aid or Not to Aid? UK's Foreign Policy Dilemmas Over Ethiopia'  
*Abel Endashaw, Uppsala University, Sweden*
- 9.45am [to be confirmed]
- 10am Questions, Comments, Discussions
- 10.30am Break
- 10.45-12.15 Session 6 The Constitution, Democratization and Human Rights**  
Chair: Jonathan Fisher, University of Birmingham
- 10.45am 'Post-Meles Ethiopia? Reflecting on the Country's Political Trajectory in Light of the 2015 Elections' *Elise Dufief, Northwestern University (USA)/EHESS (Paris)*
- 11am 'Deliberation without democracy? Decentralisation, people mobilisation and the Ethiopian developmental state'  
*Emanuele Fantini & Iginio Gagliardone, University of Turin & University of Oxford*
- 11.15am 'The Rhetorics of Ethiopian Justice Sector Reform Program'  
*Henok Gabisa, Washington & Lee University*
- 11.30am 'Constitutional Rights, Implementation Laws, and their Enforcement: A Story of Displacement'  
*Wondimagegn T. Goshu, University of Graz*
- 11.45am Questions, Comments, Discussions
- 12.15pm Lunch: The Bean Counter Café, 32 Lincoln's Inn Fields

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<b>1-2.30</b>	<b>Session 7</b>	<b>Securitization, Counter-Terrorism and Foreign Policy</b>
	Chair:	Awol Allo, LSE
1pm		'Becoming a Regional Actor with the Authority to Intervene: Ethiopian Identity as a Foreign Policy Actor and Its Interventions in Somalia's Civil War (Post-1991): A Research Proposal <i>Katharina Newbery, University of St. Andrews</i>
1.15pm		'Ethiopia and its Neighbours: Between Historical Determinism and Post-Liberation Security Politics' <i>Jonathan Fisher, University of Birmingham</i>
1.30pm		Contested Conceptions of Secularism in Post-1974 Ethiopia: Exploring Tensions and Conflicts in Institutionalizing the Separation of State and Religion <i>Abduletif Kedir Idris, Addis Ababa University</i>
1.45pm		'The Scope of Definition of a Terrorist Act Under Ethiopian Law: Appraisal of Its Compatibility with Regional and International Counterterrorism Instruments' <i>Wondwossen Kassa, Flinders University</i>
2pm		Questions, Comments, Discussions
2.30pm		Break
<b>2.45-4.15</b>	<b>Session 8</b>	<b>Human Rights: Freedom of Expression, Privacy and Media</b>
	Chair:	Etana Habte, SOAS
2.45pm		'Freedom of Expression and the Media Landscape in Ethiopia: Contemporary Challenges' <i>Mesenbet A. Tadeg, National University of Ireland Galway</i>
3pm		'Freedom of Expression and Self-censorship in Ethiopian Print Media: A case of Internal Conflicts' <i>Mulatu Alemayehu Moges, University of Oslo</i>
3.15pm		'Privacy Rights in Ethiopia Post the FDRE Constitution: Challenges and Prospects' <i>Kinfe Micheal Yilma, Brunel University</i>
3.30pm		'Freedom of Religion in 'Revolutionary-Secular' Ethiopia' <i>Abadir M. Ibrahim, Maney &amp; Gordon, PA</i>
3.45pm		Questions, Comments, Discussions
4.15pm		Break
<b>4.30-5.30</b>	<b>Session 9 [Roundtable]</b>	<b>The State of Human Rights in Ethiopia: Reasons and Prospects</b>
	Chair:	Trevor Trueman
	Panelists:	Claire Beston, former Amnesty International Ethiopia and Eritrea researcher Felix Horne, Human Rights Watch, Horn of Africa Researcher Rosa Curling, Judicial Review and Human Rights solicitor, Leigh Day
5.30pm		Questions, Comments, Discussions
6pm		Conclusion