

SEVENTY FIVE YEARS OF ETHIOPIAN STUDIES IN WARSAW



Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce the call for papers for the international conference “**Seventy-Five Years of Ethiopian Studies: Voices Beyond Language, Cultures Beyond Borders,**” to be held at the **University of Warsaw on 14–15 May 2026.**

To mark the 75th anniversary of Ethiopian Studies at the University of Warsaw, we invite proposals exploring the diversity and transformation of Ethiopian cultures, languages, and societies. As Ethiopian Studies laid the foundations for African Studies in Warsaw, this event will also celebrate the scholarly and organizational connections of our department with other academic institutions and research centers—both in Poland and abroad—that have contributed to the growth and international recognition of Ethiopian and African Studies. Especially, on this occasion, we would like to commemorate Stefan Strelcyn’s and other Polish Ethiopianists’ and Africanists’ scholarly and organizational legacy.

We welcome contributions from a wide range of disciplines, with particular attention to:

- Archaeology, history, and material culture
- Religion, ritual, and community practices (past and present)
- Intercultural relations, diaspora, and global connections
- Ethiopian languages and literatures – especially Amharic and Gə‘əz – in historical and contemporary perspectives
- Teaching Amharic (and other African languages) to foreigners: developing common modern syllabi, didactic methods, and teaching materials
- Translation across languages, media, and cultures
- Oral traditions, music, and performance
- Social change, urban life, migration, and shifting identities
- New approaches: digital humanities and interdisciplinary research

Submission details:

- Abstracts: 200–300 words
- Biographical note: 150 words
- Deadline: **10 February 2026**
- Notifications of acceptance: **28 February 2026**
- Conference language: **English**

Please send submissions: [LINK](#)

We warmly encourage you to share this invitation with colleagues and networks who may be interested. We look forward to celebrating this anniversary and advancing the debate on Ethiopian and African Studies together.

With kind regards,

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