



SEVENTY FIVE YEARS
OF
ETHIOPIAN STUDIES IN WARSAW

VOICES BEYOND LANGUAGE, CULTURES BEYOND BORDERS



DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 13 MAY (online)							
		SESSION 1		SESSION 2		SESSION 3	
1	9:00–9:30	Selomon Afework Yenesew	Scared custodianship and community practices in the preservation of Gəʿəz manuscripts heritage preservation: the case of Qəranəyo mādḥane ʿalām church, northwest Ethiopia	Ebrahim Alyoo	Beyond litigation: Rest land as an institution of family hood for Muslim and Christian community in Bāgemədr and Səmen Governorate General to 1974.	David Brunberg	Black America, Ethiopianism and Ethiopians: Tizita (ትዝታ), and the Longing that Binds
2	9:30–10:00	Tsedalu Addisu Aragaw	Preserving the Gəʿəz Literary Heritage: Opportunities and Challenges (in Ethiopia’s Contemporary Context)	Mengistu Tadesse	The Role of "House of reading" in Solving the Problem of Struggling and Non-Reading Primary School Students.	Dereje Tadesse Birbirso	Tracing the Origin of the Triune Black-Red-White Color Symbolism with the Emblematic Faajjii of Oromo Religion: An Africology perspective
3	10:00–10:30	Demeke Tasew Dires	Narrative Ethics in Amharic Fiction: A Historical Overview (1908–2010 GC)	Ronny Meyer	Phases in the linguistic description of Amharic	Stéphane Ancel	Warnings from Coptic Patriarch Petros to Ethiopia in 1850: Doctrine, Jerusalem and Foreign Relations
	10:30–10:45						
4	10:45–11:15	Giulia Casella	Constructing Memory: King Kāleb in Ethiopic Sources	Thomas Demewez	Beyond Curiosity: Unmasking the Untold Story of Europeans’ Archaeological Mission in Ethiopia and its Implication for Material culture Collection	Girma Tayachew	Ethiopia and the Arab World: Political Dynamics and Their Impact on Arab Settlers in Gondar, 1936 to 1970
5	11:15–11:45	Kassa Mekonnen Asfaw	Writing Sanctity and Power: Hagiography, Chronicles, and Historical Consciousness in Medieval Ethiopian Christianity	Behailu Gete	The Diffusion of Wide Stirrups in Ethiopia: Lack of Innovation or Resistance to Change?	Walegn Yalew Beadgie	Lost in the Urban Pulse: The Economic Paradox of Smart Cities and the Silent Sacrifice of Displaced Per-Urban Farmers
6	11:45–12:15	Derbabaw Fentie Shiferaw	Reimagining Ethiopian Studies: Voices Beyond Language, Disciplines Beyond Borders — A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis (1950–2025)	Tsegaye Ebabey Demissie	The Archaeology of Monastic Rock-Cut Churches in Ethiopia: Observations from Dābrā Aron	Yakubu Magaji Azare	Linguistic Complexity and the Decolonization of Knowledge: Hausa Perspectives in a West African Context
	12:15–12:30						
7	12:30–13:00	Melese Moareta Shrbeka	The Role of the Indigenous Yejoka Traditional Justice System in Conflict Resolution and Cultural Tourism Development in Guraghe Zone, Central Ethiopia	Ermias Yeshitla Sengi	Raw Material Sourcing of the Gedeo Megalithic Stelae, Southern Ethiopia	Alemayehu Debebe Mekonnen	Quest for Apolitical Civil Service in Ethiopia: Regimes in Spotlight
8	13:00–13:30	Suleiman Yakubu	The Role Of Culture And Religion In The Modernisation Of Ethiopia In The Twentieth Century	Getnet Desta	Water Management in Ancient Churches and Monasteries of Tigray, Northern Ethiopia: Archaeological Insights from Rock-Cut Cisterns	Bedassa Amsalu	Ethiopia's Migration Towards United Arab Emirates from Human Rights Prespectives
9	13:30–14:00	Fatuma Muhammedsuali Omer	The Contributions of Dābat Amharic ʿaḡamī Poems to Local Social Culture	Tamirat Gebremariam	The Historiography of Sport in Ethiopia: Trends and Perspectives	Genet Abebe Gebre	Borderlanders’ Migration: The Unshared Phenomenon on the Shared Postcolonial African Borders
	14:00–15:00						
10	15:00–15:30	Godswill Okiyi	Cultural Erasure of Igbo Festivals and their Spirituality: The Example of Ekpe Festival of Ikwuano People in Abia State, Nigeria	Addisie Yalew Mengistu	Historical Colophon Writing Practice in the Twenty-First Century Ethiopia		
11	15:30–16:00	Adamu Ago Saleh	Synthesizing Digital Humanities and Pedagogy: A Framework for Transforming Hausa Language Curriculum	Haile Gezae Weldegiorgis	Resistance through Translation: Animal Farm in Amharic and Tigrinya		

DAY 2 – THURSDAY, 14 MAY (Lecture Hall of the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, Main Campus)		
1	8:30–9:00	Opening
2	9:00–10:00	Sarah Vaughn Keynote lecture: The Ethiopian Imaginary – Turbulence, Politics and Longing for Peace
3	10:00–10:30	Etaferahu Hailu Stanisław Chojnacki: A Lifelong Contribution to Ethiopian Studies
	10:30–10:45	COFFEE BREAK
4	10:45–11:15	Sophia Thubauville Of Age-Grades, Heroes and Kings. Ethiopian Studies at the Frobenius Institute
5	11:15–11:45	Getie Gelaye Remembering Seifu Metaferia - The Distinguished Ethiopian Poet, Folklorist and Linguist
6	11:45–12:15	Yohannes Beyene Tuffa Toward the Professionalization of Translation in Ethiopia: Overcoming Structural Barriers through Institutional and Media Integration
	12:15–12:30	COFFEE BREAK
7	12:30–13:00	Yohannes Adigeh Gelaw Bridging Doctrine and Custom: The Doctrinal Analysis of Religious-cultural Practices and their Effects on the Economic and Psychosocial Development
8	13:00–13:30	Abebe Ashenafi Yonas The Rise of Ethiopian Diplomacy with the Roman Papacy and European Monarchies in the Late Middle and Early Modern Ages
9	13:30–14:00	Aleksander Kacprzak Habāša as understood by the Ethiopian diaspora in Poland: final results
	14:00–15:00	LUNCH BREAK
10	15:00–15:30	Krzysztof Gajewski African Studies and its Place among Literary and Cultural Studies
11	15:30–16:00	Shuaibu Hassan The role of Hausa literature and culture in building bridges between nations
12	16:00–16:30	Dorcas Mwasunda Songs of Sorrow and Strength: Cultural Norms and Marital Abuse Reflected in Nyiha Marriage Songs
	16:30–16:45	COFFEE BREAK
13	16:45	SCREENING OF ارض الصدق (<i>The Land of Truth</i>) WITH DIRECTOR’S COMMENTARY

DAY 3 – FRIDAY 15 MAY (Faculty of Asian and African Cultures, Hoža 69)							
1	9:00–10:00	Terje Østebø	Keynote lecture: The Trajectory of the Study of Islam in Ethiopia				
2	10:00–10:30	Atsbha Gebreegziabher	Memory, Trauma, and Post-Conflict Recovery in Ethiopian Societies: The Tigrai Experience				
		LECTURE HALL		ROOM 332		ROOM 327	
	10:30–10:45	COFFEE BREAK					
3	10:45–11:15	Zuzanna Augustyniak and Kamil Kuraskiewicz	NeGaSh Project – Archaeo-ethnographic Research in Tigray	Lionel Posthumus	Teaching African languages to ‘foreigners’: developing common modern syllabi, didactic methods, and teaching materials	Eugeniusz Rzewuski	Portuguese as source language in lexical borrowing and code-switching in Mwani - Mozambican “Swahili” language
4	11:15–11:45	Wolbert Smidt	Silver coins with magic graffiti in Ethiopia as "medical amulets" - A further element to understand non-Christian belief traditions in the Ethiopian highlands	Tamara Prischnegg	Teaching Somali to foreigners – the issue with focus markers	Devet Goodness and Okoa Simile	Persuasive Strategies Used by Pentecostal Churches Ministers During Preaching
5	11:45–12:15	Habtom Teklay	Faith, Memory and Harmony in Negash Tigray	Martin Okoth	Discourse Management in Teaching African Languages: Case Study: Kiswahili	Devet Goodness and Okoa Simile	The Impact of Tanzania Urban Migration on Language Choice, Use and Personal Identity
	12:15–12:30	COFFEE BREAK					
6	12:30–13:00	Zuzanna Augustyniak and Weldehiwot Birhanu	Remembering Al-Negashi: Collective Memory and Interreligious Cohesion in Negash	Adeda Haileselassie Mehari	Start Speaking Amharic Fast: Defining the Essential A1 Verb Paradigm according to Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR)	Saul S. Bichwa	Metaphors that Wound Integrity: How Swahili Proverbs Shape Collective Tolerance of Corruption
7	13:00–13:30	Carolyn Schäfer	Inspirational Shrines: The relation of Luso-Indian workshops with the Ethiopian icon production of the 17th and early 18th century	Aleksander Duda	Developing a digital Amharic ‘verb conjugator’: a step towards accessible grammar resources	Mengistu Tirore	The nexus between youth involvement in education and irregular migration to South Africa in Hadiya, Ethiopia: Situational and Impact Analysis
8	13:30–14:00	Alula Tesfay Asfha	Documenting Heritage During and After Conflict: Evidence from the Tigray HeritageScapes Initiative	Jędrzej Czerep	Abyi Ahmed and prophetism in politics	Marit Østebø	Overlooked Histories of Cancer Care in Ethiopia
	14:00–15:00	LUNCH BREAK					
9	15:00–15:30	Eric Amoussou	Hagiographic writing in Ethiopian diasporic monasteries: new notes on the Manuscript Paris, BnF Éthiopien 136 (15th-16th centuries)	Mersha Alehagne Mengistie	The ‘Andəmtā Commentary Tradition: Transmission, Transformation, and Availability in Ethiopian Liturgical Practice	Weronika Kozłowska	New regulations, old violence: Do New Regulations on Female Migrant Workers Have a Chance to Improve Their Working Conditions?
10	15:30–16:00	Marcin Krawczuk	Amharic translation of the Rətu’a Häymānot homiliary (CAe 2222) from the manuscript IES 1036 : some preliminary observations	Shimels Ayele Yalew, Natalia Ortega Saez, Getachew Gashew Ameshe, Tigab Bezie Bikis	Revisiting the Art of Instant Ink for Ethiopic Manuscript Restoration	Angela Raven-Roberts	Necessary Evil-Food Drops, Moving People, Countering Resistance- The Encounter and engagement of the Ethiopian Relief and Rehabilitation Commission with the rest of the world 1984-1989
11	16:00–16:30	Michael Hensley	The Names of Books: Reading and Interpreting Ethiopian Book Inventories	Ayenew Sileshi Demssie	History of conservation and timeline of interventions in Fasil’s Ghebbi, Gondar Ethiopia	Emilia Bilińska	Towards independence and emancipation – the integration and new identity of Ethiopian Jewish women in Israel
	16:30–16:45	COFFEE BREAK					
12	16:45–17:15			Augustine Dickinson	How Much Did Pre-Modern Ethiopians Know of Other Calendars?	Robert Piętek	The reception of Christianity in the Kongo during the period of the first contacts with Portugal
13	17:15–17:45			Daria Elagina	Reception of the Astronomical Book of 1 Enoch in Ethiopia and Eritrea	Okoa Simile	Voice Imitation as Political Satire and Moral Positioning in Mrisho Mpoto’s Nikipata Nauli and Haacaaluu Hundessaa’s Jiira
14	17:45–18:15			Elizaveta Shvarts	Beta Israel Magic Scrolls: Issues of Ownership and Attribution		