

22nd International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (ICES22)
Hawassa University, Ethiopia

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First Circular for ICES22 Call for Panels

The 22nd International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (ICES) will be held at Hawassa University, Ethiopia from September 29th to October 3rd, 2025, under the theme: *“Ethiopia in Transition: Heritage, Innovation, and Future Pathways.”* This conference will bring together researchers from diverse backgrounds, all with a focus on Ethiopia and the region.

The Organizing Committee now welcomes specialized academic panels organized by groups of Ethiopian Studies researchers from around the world. The conference will include general thematic panels offered by the conference organizers as well as specialized panels offered by colleagues based on approval by the ICES22 organizing committee. The organizing committee will review the submissions and decide whether to accept, reject, or make changes based on academic criteria and organizational concerns.

Panels should be organized around the long-established academic disciplines of the conference, which are listed in the table below. Cross-institutional and international panel discussions are highly encouraged. The organizing committee will prioritize proposals that address the conference theme from interdisciplinary perspectives.

Panel proposals should have to meet the following requirements:

1) Title and Abstract

The panel proposal should include a title that succinctly describes the panel's theme, as well as an abstract of no more than 400 words and no less than 200 words. The abstract should include a brief summary of the panel's main point. A panel's theme must be broad enough to welcome several papers contributing various aspects of the theme from different perspectives, but specific enough to allow concentration on one strongly interconnected string of ideas and questions. The format for abstracts should be MS Word or PDF.

2) Responsibility of Panel Organizers

Panel organizers are expected to encourage potential participants to participate in their panels. While accepted panels will be open for registration on the ICES22 website, potential participants can freely choose which panel they would prefer. Accepted panel proposals will then be submitted to the panel organizers for approval or rejection. The final selection of paper presenters will be done by the ICES22 organizing committee.

3) Funding of Panels

Because the ICES22 is a large conference with over 300 scholar-participants from various countries around the world, providing funding for participation is a major challenge. As a result, accepted panel organizers should seek funding or co-funding for panel participants or assist in the identification of funding mechanisms. The availability of funding, however, is not a final criterion for accepting or rejecting a panel proposal. The ICES22 organizing committee will assist the

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process by providing information and necessary letters, as well as identifying funding mechanisms both within and outside of Ethiopia.

4) Key topics for the panels:

Panels should be in the field of social science and humanities with a focus on Ethiopia and the region in general, with focus on the following disciplines:

- Agronomy, Biodiversity & Conservation
- Archaeology, paleoanthropology & heritage
- Artificial Intelligence, Research & Education
- Arts & Architecture
- Digital Humanities
- Economics & Development Studies
- Ethiopian Manuscript Studies
- Food Security
- History of the states & peoples of the southern Ethiopian regions
- Human Geography, Environment & Climate Change
- Hydrology & Water Management
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems
- Law, Governance & Political Economy
- Philology, Literature, Linguistics, & Media Studies
- Political Science & Migration Studies
- Population & Gender Studies
- Social Anthropology & Cultural Studies
- STEM Education & Educational Sciences
- Studies of Religion
- The Nile Issues

5) Key Dates

- Submission Opens: 22Nov 2024
- Deadline for panel submissions: 31 Jan 2025
- Notification of acceptance/rejection: 15 Feb 2025

6) Submit your panels via organizers' email: ices22@hu.edu.et (add "panel submission" in the subject line of your email).

The organizing committee kindly asks all the recipients of this e-mail to spread the news about the 22nd ICES among anyone who might be interested in coming.

All Ethiopian universities are expected to support their staff whose papers are selected for presentation at the conference by covering the expenses.

For any additional questions or comments: ices22@hu.edu.et, or <https://ices22.hu.edu.et>

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