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### **Sixth Circular for ICES22**

The 22nd International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (ICES) will be held at Hawassa University, Ethiopia from September 29<sup>th</sup> to October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, focusing on the theme “*Ethiopia in Transition: Heritage, Innovation, and Future Pathways.*” There are 19 general panels and 42 specific panels that are accepted and categorized under the general ones.

#### **List of Panels:**

1. Agronomy, Biodiversity & Conservation
2. Archaeology, paleoanthropology & heritage
  - 2.1. Archives in Ethiopian Studies - from collecting towards sharing (Organizer: Sophia Thubauville; [Thubauville@em.uni-frankfurt.de](mailto:Thubauville@em.uni-frankfurt.de))
  - 2.2. New Approaches to the Ethiopian Archival Tradition (Organizer: Michael Hensley; [michael.hensley@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:michael.hensley@uni-hamburg.de))
  - 2.3. The renovation of Ethiopian cultural heritage in post war regime: Trends and prospects (Organizer: Mekoya Mamo; [mekoyamamo23@gmail.com](mailto:mekoyamamo23@gmail.com))
3. Artificial Intelligence, Research & Education
  - 3.1. Epistemological – Philosophical and Pedagogical Foundations for Educational Policy Reforms and Innovation in the Times of Transitions (Ethiopia in Focus) (Organizer: Eyasu Berento [shambelber@gmail.com](mailto:shambelber@gmail.com))
4. Arts & Architecture
  - 4.1. Art, Architecture and analyses of Art history (Organizer: Dorothea McEwan; [dorothea.mcewan@sas.ac.uk](mailto:dorothea.mcewan@sas.ac.uk))
  - 4.2. Contemporary Issues in Architectural Heritage (Organizer: Alula Tesfaye; [alulatesfay@gmail.com](mailto:alulatesfay@gmail.com))
  - 4.3. Ethiopian Art and the Outside World: 12th – 18th Century (Organizer: Carolin Schäfer; [carolin.schaefer@campus.lmu.de](mailto:carolin.schaefer@campus.lmu.de))
5. Digital Humanities
  - 5.1 Current Status and Future Directions in Natural Language Processing for Ethiopian Languages (Organizer: Seid Muhie Yimam; [seid.muhie.yimam@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:seid.muhie.yimam@uni-hamburg.de))
6. Economics & Development Studies

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7. Ethiopian Manuscript Studies

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8. Food Security

8.1. Food Security and Survival Strategies among Urban Residents (Organizer: Yuka KODAMA; [yuka\\_kodama@ide.go.jp](mailto:yuka_kodama@ide.go.jp))

9. History of the states & peoples of the southern Ethiopian regions

9.1. Entangled Histories and Traditions: Ethnohistorical Perspectives on the Peoples, States, and Societies of South and Southwest Ethiopia. Organizer: Zegeye Woldemariam; [zegeyets@gmail.com](mailto:zegeyets@gmail.com))

9.2. Ethiopia and the Outside World during the Medieval and Modern Periods (Organizer: Aychegrew Hadera; [aychegrew@gmail.com](mailto:aychegrew@gmail.com))

9.3. Ethiopian Historiography: Evolution, Diversity, and Transformation (Panel organizer; Hewan Semon, Email: [hewansemon@gmail.com](mailto:hewansemon@gmail.com))

9.4. Ethiopian Voices Against Slavery (Organizer: [alexander.meckelburg@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:alexander.meckelburg@ucl.ac.uk))

9.5. Ethnic federalism put to the test: Ethnic mobilizations, administrative restructuring, and violence in the former Southern Nations, Nationalities and Peoples' Region (Organizer: Lucie Buffavand; [lucie\\_buffavand@yahoo.com](mailto:lucie_buffavand@yahoo.com))

9.6. Grounded perspective on Ethiopia's war (Organizer: Sabine Planel; [sabine.planel@ird.fr](mailto:sabine.planel@ird.fr))

9.7. Historicizing the anthropology of Ethiopia (Marion Langumier; [marion.langumier@gmail.com](mailto:marion.langumier@gmail.com))

9.8. Memory, Power, and Politics in Ethiopia: Reckoning with the Past (Organizer: Fisseha Fantahun Tefera; [fisseha.tefera@gu.se](mailto:fisseha.tefera@gu.se))

9.9. Reconstructing imperial power in the 1940s and 1950s: objects, texts and monuments (Organizer: Lola Mirti ; [lola.mirti@ehess](mailto:lola.mirti@ehess))

10. Human Geography, Environment & Climate Change

10.1. Environmental challenges and labour in the Horn of Africa (Organizer: PERRIN-JOLY; [constance.perrin-joly@cfee.cnrs.fr](mailto:constance.perrin-joly@cfee.cnrs.fr))

10.2. Examining Urban Transformation in Ethiopia – Theoretical, Methodological, and Analytical Perspectives (Organizer: Camille Pellerin; [camille\\_pellerin@statsvet.uu.se](mailto:camille_pellerin@statsvet.uu.se))

11. Hydrology, Water Management & the Nile issues

11.1. "Revisiting the Hydropolitics of the Nile River: A Geopolitical Lens on Historical and Contemporary Developments" (Organizer: Teferi Mekonnen; [teferim8@gmail.com](mailto:teferim8@gmail.com))

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## 12. Indigenous Knowledge Systems

- 12.1. Philosophical Dimensions of Indigenous Knowledge Systems in Ethiopia: Epistemology, Ethics, and Social Justice (Organizer: Mohammed Zeinu Hassen; [mohammed.zeinu@aastu.edu.et](mailto:mohammed.zeinu@aastu.edu.et))
- 12.2 Succession and Innovation of Cultural Music, Dance, and Related Indigenous Knowledge for the Future of Ethiopia (Organizer: Admasu Abebe; [admasu.abebe143@gmail.com](mailto:admasu.abebe143@gmail.com))

## 13. Law, Governance & Political Economy

- 13.1. Ethiopian Philosophy in Transition: Contemporary and Historical Perspectives (organizer: Jonathan Egid; [jj.egid@gmail.com](mailto:jj.egid@gmail.com))
- 13.2. Good Governance and Institutions in Ethiopia - Changes and Continuities (Organizer: *Zerihun Mohammed*; E-mail: [zerihun@gga.org](mailto:zerihun@gga.org))

## 14. Philology, Literature, Linguistics, & Media Studies

- 14.1. Documenting Grammatical Complexity in Understudied Languages of Ethiopia (Organizer: Mulugeta Seyoum; [mulugeta.seyoum@aau.edu.et](mailto:mulugeta.seyoum@aau.edu.et); Derib Ado; [derib.ado@aau.edu.et](mailto:derib.ado@aau.edu.et))
- 14.2. Ethiopian Gə'əz Literary Heritage: Contemporary Pathways from Manuscript to Print (Organizer: Mersha Alehegne Mengistie; [mersha.alehegne@aau.edu.et](mailto:mersha.alehegne@aau.edu.et))
- 14.3. Exploring Subordinate Clauses in African Afroasiatic Languages: Structures, Functions, and Typological Perspectives (Ronny Meyer; [ronny.meyer@inalco.fr](mailto:ronny.meyer@inalco.fr), [teferra@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:teferra@tauex.tau.ac.il))
- 14.4. Gender marking on grammatical nominalizations in Ethiopian languages (Organizer: Kazuhiro Kawachi ([kawachi@keio.jp](mailto:kawachi@keio.jp)))
- 14.5. Teaching Amharic to foreigners: Developing a common modern syllabus, didactic methods, and teaching materials (Panel organizer: Anbessa Tefera; e-mail: [teferra@tauex.tau.ac.il](mailto:teferra@tauex.tau.ac.il), [ronny.meyer@inalco.fr](mailto:ronny.meyer@inalco.fr))

## 15. Political Science & Migration Studies

- 15.1. Addressing Political Violence in the Horn of Africa: Origins, Current Dynamics and Future Trends (Organizer: Dr. Aleksi Ylönen ([aleksiylonen@gmail.com](mailto:aleksiylonen@gmail.com)))
- 15.2. Global Ethiopian Diaspora in Context (Organizer: Hewan Girma; [H\\_GIRMA@uncg.edu](mailto:H_GIRMA@uncg.edu))
- 15.3. Local Responses to Compound Shocks in Amhara Region: Case Studies and Cross Community Comparisons (Organizer: **Teferi Abate**; [teferi.abate@gmail.com](mailto:teferi.abate@gmail.com))

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- 15.4. Pathways and boundaries – Tigray’s crossroads (Organizer: Zuzanna Augustyniak; [z.augustyniak@uw.edu.pl](mailto:z.augustyniak@uw.edu.pl))
16. Population & Gender Studies
17. Social Anthropology & Cultural Studies
- 17.1. Cultural diversity, conflict and prospects for peace in South Ethiopia(Organizer: Yohannes Yitbarek; [johnela16@gmail.com](mailto:johnela16@gmail.com))
- 17.2. Revisiting Studies in Making of Enset Culture before 20th century (Organizer: Admasu Abebe; [admasu.abebe@aastu.edu.et](mailto:admasu.abebe@aastu.edu.et))
- 17.3. Ritual in Ethiopian cultures: decline or renewal? (Organizer: Jon Abbink; [g.j.abbink@asc.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:g.j.abbink@asc.leidenuniv.nl))
- 15.4. Youth transitions to adulthood through a period of multiple crises (Organizer: Alula Pankhurst; [alulap@gmail.com](mailto:alulap@gmail.com))
18. STEM Education & Educational Sciences
19. Studies of Religion
- 19.1. Finding Spiritual Fulfilment in the Rasta-Tewahedo Encounter (Organizer: Alexandra S Antohin; [sasha.antohin@gmail.com](mailto:sasha.antohin@gmail.com))
- 19.2. Our Lady Mary: her Life and Miracles in Text and Image (1400-1800)  
Organizer: Jutta Sperling; [jsSS@hampshire.edu](mailto:jsSS@hampshire.edu))
- 19.3. Religious interactions in Pre-contemporary Ethiopia: contacts, circulations and exchanges (Organizer: Amélie Chekroun; [amelie.chekroun@cnsr.fr](mailto:amelie.chekroun@cnsr.fr))

The call for panel submission ended on April 30/2025. We have, however, extended abstract submission and review of the abstract by panel organizers to 30 May 2025. All the abstracts selected by the panel organizers have to be submitted to the ICES22 organizing committee by 5 June 2025 via [ices22@hu.edu.et](mailto:ices22@hu.edu.et). Please mention your specific panel code (number) as outlined in this circular as this is the revised version (the earlier coding was changed. We apologize for that).

Panel organizers have to communicate to their co-organizers and potential contributors to submit abstracts to their panels and update possible changes. We have included in circular 6 names of panel organizers and their email so that contributors can pick panels that fit their contributions. If an article does not fit into the specific panels, and yet it does to the general panel themes, please send the abstract directly to [ices22@hu.edu.et](mailto:ices22@hu.edu.et), and the LOC will consider possible options.

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