4th International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies

A Multidisciplinary Conference on Peace and Development in Ethiopia & Northeast Africa

Haworth College of Business
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Western Michigan University
August 2-4, 2007
Welcome to the 4th International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies. The general theme of the 2007 conference is “Multidisciplinary Conference on Peace and Development in Ethiopia and Northeast Africa.” Northeast Africa is a sub-region of Africa that is also known as the Horn of Africa. The conference continues the tradition of three multidisciplinary research conferences primarily in the social sciences that address critical issues of human development ranging from economics, health, education, politics, and governance issues. The first conference convened at Western Michigan University on August 16-18, 2001 and achieved immediate success. Several papers were published in Northeast African Studies, a social science journal by Michigan State University Press, while other selected papers were published in proceedings. The first conference experience led to two following conferences in 2003 and 2005 that convened in Ethiopia. The 2003 conference convened with the co-sponsorship of the Institute of Development Research (IDR) at Addis Ababa University and the Ethiopian American Foundation (EAF), a Michigan-based non-profit organization focused on higher education. The 2005 conference was co-sponsored by the Ethiopian Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR) and EAF. Both of these conferences were successful in meeting their objectives. The staffs of the local collaborative institutions in Ethiopia were very helpful and cooperative.

The US strategy with Ethiopia should constructively engage the current and future governments of Ethiopia. Any attempt to isolate an Ethiopian government may have negative effect on the country and the people. For example, the greatest damage on Ethiopian society and economy occurred when Ethiopia was isolated from the United States during 1974-91, following the demise of the government of Emperor Haile Selassie and the rise of a military regime of Colonel Mengistu Haile Mariam. This happened during the cold war days primarily due to geopolitical reasons. Before 1974, the United States was constructively engaged with Ethiopia, and that period also included Ethiopia’s best days. It is encouraging that the US is constructively engaged in various areas of development ranging from education, health including the combat against HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia since 1991. In my recent visit to Ethiopia, I learned that the Peace Corp Program is back with some 40 volunteers working in various parts of the country, primarily in the area of public health. In the 1960s, Ethiopia had one of the largest Peace Corp Program in the world that brought great benefits to the country in various areas of development including secondary education and agriculture. More future US engagement in other areas such as education and agriculture will be needed is desirable.

Development is viewed as a multi-dimensional process that requires an interdisciplinary approach aimed at studies that enhance the understanding of the processes for improving the quality of human life by reducing mass poverty and food insecurity; improving education and health; promoting good governance and strengthening the rule of law; and enhancing human freedom by protecting individual and human rights. Sustainable development in Ethiopia and other African countries can be enhanced by careful policy studies that address the country’s dire realities and their historical evolution as well as the comparative experiences of other developing countries that have succeeded in alleviating poverty and promoting human progress.

An important question is in order. Why did Ethiopia and other African states in spite of a promising start in early 1960s decline or lose ground since then? For example, in early the 1960s, Ethiopia and Ghana were at the same level of development in per capita income terms as South Korea. Today, South Korea is a vibrant industrial giant while Ethiopia and many African states have declined to become among some of the lowest income and poorest countries of the world.
These issues motivate the need to continue and sustain conversations and informed research-based dialogue on development issues in Ethiopia and in Africa at large.

For the 2007 conference, about 80 abstracts were received in response to an open international call for papers released about one year ago. What appears on the Program of is a list of about 50 papers selected for the conference. The papers are organized over two conference days with the first day covering issues of Natural and Human Resources, Culture, and Economy; the second day deals with the critical and timely issues of Globalization, Conflict, Democratization and Human Rights issues. Papers are organized into nine sub-thematic sessions as follows: Session 1 covers Economic Growth and Poverty; Session 2 covers Human Health, HIV/AIDS & Nutrition; Session 3 covers Agriculture and Food Insecurity; Session 4 covers Microeconomic Issues in Development; Session 5 covers Politics, Conflict and Human Rights; Session 6 covers Federalism and Civil Society; Session 7 covers Foreign Investment, Foreign Aid, and Remittances; Session 8 covers Globalization and Macroeconomic Issues; and Session 9 is a special panel by young Ethiopian Americans for Development of Ethiopia. Each session chair will be requested to summarize the policy implications of each respective session of the conference on how to enhance development, human rights and democratic institutions and the rule of law in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa with implications for other countries in Africa on how promote sustainable development and peace.

There are also two keynote lectures and one plenary lunch lecture. The first key note lecture on Friday is given by Professor Donald Levine, an eminent scholar of human society and culture in general and that of Ethiopian society and culture in particular. He is author of: Wax and Gold: Tradition and Innovation in Ethiopian Culture and Greater Ethiopia: the Evolution of Multiethnic Society. More recently he has written Three Narratives of the Oromo Past. He also has publications in progress entitled: Interpreting Ethiopia: Papers from Five Decades. Professor Levine’s lecture is entitled “An Ethiopian Dilemma: Deep Structures, Wrenching Processes.” The second keynote is delivered by Dr. Ingida Asfaw, an internationally recognized cardiac surgeon who pioneered the lifesaving tricuspid valve surgery, a procedure that is used all over the world. He is a major philanthropist in field of health and medicine and man who has given so much to his motherland. The title of his lecture is “The Role of the Ethiopian North American Health Professional Association (ENAHPA) in the Healthcare Sector and Forging Synergy within the Diaspora.” The conference agenda also includes a Saturday plenary lecture given by the US Deputy Secretary of State for African Affairs, James Swan. Swan is responsible for the Bureau of African Affairs offices for Central and East Africa including Regional Security Affairs. He will address the topic of “US Policy in the Horn of Africa.”

The conference features two buffet lunches and one buffet dinner and a special Ethiopian Dinner catered by Pallette Catering owned by a young Ethiopian American chef in cooperation with the Red Sea Restaurant of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The conference will also feature films, poetry and music from Ethiopia. In addition, publications are displayed by Michigan State University Press and the African World Press. The conference is open to students, the University faculty and staff, and the general public. Attendees pay a modest registration fee of $80 that covers all meals during the conference; students pay $20 dollars. Participants defined as presenters, session chairs, and discussants are not required to pay the registration fee. But, they can support the conference by making voluntary contributions to, and/or by becoming members of, EDSA.

I thank all co-sponsors of the conference which includes the various academic departments and units of Western Michigan University listed in the program as well as the University of Michigan’s International Institute and Department of Afro-American and African Studies. I am also thankful to local conference organizing committee members listed in the program. Last but not least, I thank all the participants of the conference without which the conference could not have been possible.

Finally, all participants are cordially invited to become members of Ethiopian Development Studies Association (EDSA), which will be inaugurated at this conference. EDSA was established in the State of Michigan in March 2007 as a non-profit independent and professional association whose objectives include convening future such conferences as well other development activities in Ethiopia, including fostering cooperation among individuals and organizations that share similar objectives both in Ethiopia and the United States. Thank you for your attention.

Sisay Asefa
Western Michigan University
August 3, 2007
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8:30–10:30 A.M. SESSION 1: Economic Growth, Development & Poverty ........................................2000 Schneider
Chair: Professor Roger Tang, Professor of Accountancy and Upjohn Chair of Business Administration, Haworth College of Business, Western Michigan University

• The Political Economy of Poverty Reduction Policies
  Dr. Abu Girma, President & CFO, A&A Optimal Solutions, Tsukuba Science City, Ibaraki, Japan

• Poverty Reduction through Agricultural Growth: Lessons for Ethiopia on Conditions of Effectiveness
  Dr. Tesfaye Teklu, Poverty Policy Advisor, UNDP, Gaborone, Botswana

• Human Rights and Economic Rights: The Key to Macroeconomic Development in the Horn of Africa
  Professor Ted Vesta, Department of Political Science, Oklahoma University, Stillwater, OK

• Aid, Growth, and Poverty Alleviation in Ethiopia
  Dr. Sintayeh Fissha, Faculty of Business and Economics, Mekelle University, Ethiopia

10:30–10:45 A.M. Refreshment Break .......................................................Fetzer Lobby
Chair: Dr. Sosena Kebede, Internal Medicine, Kaiser Clinic, Baltimore, Maryland

• Changes in Child Nutrition Statistics in Ethiopia: Evidence from 2000 & 2005 Demographic Health Service
  Alemayehu Ambel & Wei-Chiao Huang, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan

• Government’s Response to the Challenge of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia
  Bedri Mohammed, Nihon Fkushi University, Japan

• Healthcare System in Eritrea: Progress and Impact
  Dr. Eyassu Habte-Gabr, MD, Director of Infectious Diseases, & Professor of Medicine, Hurley Medical Center/Michigan State University, Flint, Michigan
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An Ethiopian Dilemma: Deep Structures, Wrenching Processes
Professor Donald Levine, University of Chicago
Introduction by Professor Sisay Asefa

2:30–4:30 P.M. SESSION 3A: Agriculture & Food Security ........................................ 2000 Schneider

Chair: Dr. Imru Assefa, Michigan State University

• Market Orientation of Smallholder Farmers in Selected Livestock and Livestock Products in Ethiopia
  Dr. Berhanu Gebremedhin, Mohammad Jabbar, and Dirk Hoekstra, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

• Commercial Off-take under Smallholder Mixed Crop-Livestock Production System in Ethiopia & its Determinants for Improving Live Animal Supply for Export Abattoirs
  Dr. Asfaw Negassa, Agricultural Economist, ILRI, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

• Cereal Production and N-Fertilizer Demand in Greater Horn of Africa and Egypt: Analysis Based on Material Balance
  Shawel Betru, PhD Student & Professor Hiroyoki Kawashima, University of Tokyo, Japan

• Technical Efficiency among Southeastern Ethiopian Farmers: Investigating the Influence of Credit Constraint
  Hussien Hamda Komicha, PhD Student in Economics, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden

• Rural and Agricultural Development Issues in the Horn of Africa
  Halile Selassie Belay, PhD (Cornell), Chief Technical Advisor /FAO/UNDP (Retired)

• Market Orientation of Smallholders in Staple Food Crops in Ethiopia: The Case of Teff, Wheat and Rice
  Dr. Berhanu Gebremedhin and Dirk Hoekstra, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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Chair: Professor Ahmed Hussien, Department of Economics, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo, Michigan

• Food of the Pious or Poison of the Young? Assessing the Khat Controversy in Ethiopia
  Dr. Ezekiel Gebissa, Associate Professor, Kettering University, Flint, Michigan

• Critical Factors Hampering Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia: The Case of Northern Ethiopian Farmers
  Yezihalem Tesfa, Lecturer, St. Mary University College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
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• Everyday I Buy a Glass of Tap-water and a Handful of Corn (Quollo): Urban Hunger, Fasting and the Meaning of Food for Ethiopian Orthodox Christians
  Cressida Marcus, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, D.Phil Candidate, University of Oxford, UK

• The Contribution of Farmers’ Breeders in Meeting Food Security: The Case of Sorghum in Ethiopia
  Dr. Frew Mekbib, Associate Professor, Haramaya University, Ethiopia

• Farmers’ Preferences for Development Intervention Programs in Ethiopia: A Case Study of Subsistence Farmers in Eastern Highlands of Hararge
  Wegayehu Bekele, Acting President, Diredawa University, Ethiopia

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  Alebel Bayarau, Hoeheneim University, Germany, and Genanew Bekele, Johannes Kepler University of Lintz, Austria

• Experiences with Architecture and Urban Planning in Addis Ababa
  Dagmawi Abebe, Architect, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

• Investigation of Quality Awareness, Developments and Factors Impeding Product Quality Improvements in Ethiopian Medium and Large Scale Manufacturing Industries
  Gebremeskel Khasay, P. H. Osanna, & N. M Durkbasa, Vienna University of Technology, Austria

• Governance and Productivity: Microeconomic Evidence from Ethiopia
  Daniel Zerfu, Guthenberg University, Germany

• Households’ Willingness to Resettle and Preference to Forms of Compensation for Improving Slum Areas in Addis Ababa City
  Alebel Bayarau, Hoeheneim University, Germany, and Genanew Bekele, Johannes Kepler University of Lintz, Austria

• Private Transfers, Informal Loan and Risk Sharing Among Poor Urban Households
  Eskander Alvi, Western Michigan University, and Seife Dendir, Radford University, Virginia

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Democratization & Conflict Resolution in Ethiopia
Moderator: Professor Berhanu Mengistu, Old Dominion University, Virginia
Professor Assefa Mehretu, Michigan State University
Dr. Haile Selassie Belay, Chief Technical Advisor/FAO/UNDP (Retired)
Ms. Selamawit Mulugeta, Congressional Ethiopian Caucus, Washington DC
Professor Sisay Asea, Western Michigan University
Dr. Fikre Tolossa, Independent Scholar & Poet
Professor Donald Levine, University of Chicago
Mr. Mathewos Gichile, President, New Generation University College, Ethiopia

Saturday, August 4:  GLOBALIZATION, POLITICS, INSTITUTIONS, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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Chair: Professor Kevin Corder, Chair, Department of Political Science, Western Michigan University

• Navigating the Boundaries of Blackness: The Congressional Representation and Political Participation of Ethiopian Americans and the Other African Immigrants in the United States
  Menna Demissie, PhD Candidate in Public Policy and Political Science, University of Michigan

• Party Politics, Political Polarization & the Future of Ethiopian Democracy
  Dr. Merera Gudina, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science & International Relations, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

• Challenges of Regional Peace after the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan
  Dr. Elke Grawert, University of Bremen, Germany

• Examining the 2005 Ethiopian Parliamentary Election Results under Alternative Election Rules
  Professor John Ishyama, Department of Political Science, Truman State University, Kirksville, Missouri

• The Global Response to the Darfur Crises in Sudan
  Mehari Maru, Mason Fellow, John Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

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Chair: Professor Assefa Mehretu, Department of Geography, Michigan State University

• Fishing in Trouble Waters: The Somali Vortex and Meles Zenawi’s Intervention
  Professor Paulos Milkias, Department of Political Science, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada
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- Cutting the Conversation: From Retributive Politics to Restorative & Democratic Recourse
  Dr. Tibeb Eshete and Dr. Bekele Haile Selassie, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

- Problem of Social Capital and Cultural Norms among Ethiopian Elites
  Salam Yitbarak, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Canada

- Priming a Strategy and Mechanism for Great Horn of Africa: Peace, Security and Development
  Dr. B.T. Constantinos, Center for Human Environment, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- Horn of Africa: Conflict and Consequences
  Yussuf Kalib, North Texas Health & Human Services Department, Dallas, Texas

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- Building Democratic Institutions of Governance and Civil Society
  Dr. Erku Yimer, Ethiopian National Congress, Washington DC

- Determinants of Institutional Quality in Sub-Saharan African Countries
  Eyerusalem Siba, PhD Candidate, Gudenberg University, Germany

- What Role Should Civil Society Organizations Play to Address Ethnic Conflicts in Ethiopia
  Sisay Gebregziabher, Program Director of Hiwot HIV-AIDS Prevention, Care and Support Organization (HAPCSO), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

- The Status of Local Governments in Ethiopia
  Meskerem Shiferaw, Netherlands Development Association, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

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  Chair: Professor Berhanu Mengistu, Department of Public Administration, Old Dominion University, VA

- Decentralized Governance in Post-1991 Ethiopia
  Dr. Kassahun Berhau, Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

- Disconnects Between Public Sector Management and Decentralization Reforms: An Empirical Analysis of Fiscal Federalism in Ethiopia
  Professor Berhanu Mengistu, Old Dominion University, and Paulos Channie, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

- Civil Society Relationship Experiences in Ethiopia
  Dr. Teshome Tadesse, Michigan State University, Michigan
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US Policy on the Horn of Africa
James C. Swan, Deputy Secretary for African Affairs, US Department of State, Washington DC
Introduction by Professor Sisay Asefa

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Chair: Dr. Ezekiel Gebissa, Associate Professor, Kettering University, Flint, Michigan

• Do Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Aid Promote Good Governance in Africa?
  Dr. Adugna Lemi, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts-Boston; Blen Solomon, PhD Candidate, Western Michigan University; and Professor Sisay Asefa, Western Michigan University

• Estimating Remittances from the US to Ethiopia
  Dr. Gezehaghn Bekele, Senior International Economist, US General Accountability Office, Washington DC

• Second Generation Ethiopians in America: Challenges and Promises
  Dr. Solomon Addis, Assistant Professor, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan

• The Impact of Food Aid on the Economies of the Horn: A Public Choice Perspective
  Dr. Hodan Isse, Assistant Professor of Economics and Finance, University of Buffalo, New York

• A Profile of Foreign Aid to Ethiopia: 1960-2003
  Dr. Adugna Lemi, Assistant Professor, University of Massachusetts-Boston

4:00–4:15 P.M. Refreshment Break ............................................................................... 4555 Fetzer

Chair: Dr. Michael Mamo, Assistant Professor of Economics, Westminster College, Utah

• Fiscal Response to External Finance: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa
  Dawit Senbet, Ph.D Candidate in Applied Economics, and Aberra Senbeta, Ph.D Candidate in Economics, Western Michigan University

• Leadership Perspective: Development and Transition to a Free Market Economy (Working Paper)
  Dr. Kinfu Adisu, Assistant Professor, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan

• The Role of Exchange Rate Uncertainty and Political Risk on Foreign Direct Investment into Africa
  Blen Solomon, Ph.D Candidate in Applied Economics, Western Michigan University
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**5:15–6:45 P.M.**
**SESSION 9: Panel for Young Ethiopian Americans**
**Organizers:** Young Ethiopian Americans
**Panelists:**
Aden Sisay Asefa, School of Public Health, University of Michigan
Engeda Selemon Asfaw, ENAHPA & Young Adult Council
Nahom Beyene, Ethiopian Students Association International (ESAI.org)
Nebyat Demessie, Society of Ethiopians Established in the Diaspora (SEED)
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Dr. Ingida Asfaw
Introduction by Wongelawit Tefera, Pfizer Corporation

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