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Participants with Proposed Abstracts

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Abu Girma Moges, Ph.D. President & CFO, A&A Optimal Solutions, Tsukuba Science City, Ibaraki, Japan, *The Political Economy of Poverty Reduction Policies in Ethiopia*

Aden Asefa, Graduate Student, School of Public Health, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, *The United Nations MDGs: Can They be Achieved in the Area of Public Health, HIV/AIDs & Human Nutrition by 2015?*

Aduna Lemi, Ph.D. Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts-Boston
A Profile of Foreign Aid to Ethiopia: 1960-2003

Aduna Lemi, Blen Solomon & Sisay Asefa, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University. *Do Foreign Direct Investment & Foreign Aid Promote Good Governance?*

Alemayehu Ambel, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University, *Changes in Child Nutrition Statistics in Ethiopia: Evidence from 2000 and 2005 Demographic & Health Surveys*

Alemayehu Geda Ph.D, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. *The Political Economy of Growth in Ethiopia*

Alemayehu Geda PhD and Daniel Zerfu, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University. *The Impact of China and India on Africa: A Global Model Approach-Trade, FDI, and African Manufacturing Sector.*

Alvi, Eskander, Ph.D. Department of Economics, Western Michigan University, and Seife Dendir, Ph. D. Department of Economics, Radford University, VA. *Private Transfers, Informal Loans and Risk Sharing among Poor Urban Households*

Assefa Mehretu Ph.D, Professor of Geography and Director of the Center for Integrative Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. *The Imbalance between Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Forces in the Horn of Africa: How the Politics of Difference has Submerged the Politics of Integration*

Ayalew Kanno, Ph.D. African Studies Center, Michigan State University, *Oromo Legacies and Role in Ethiopia's Past: Implications for the Present and Future*

Badege Bishaw, Ph.D. College of Forestry, Oregon State University, Oregon, USA: ***Integrating Agroforestry into Rural Development for Food Security and Environmental Protection in Ethiopia***

Bathseba Belai, Association for Higher Education and Development (AHEAD).Montreal, Canada
The Ethiopian Diaspora: A Partner in Ethiopia's Development Efforts?

Bedassa Tadesse, Ph.D. Department of Economics, University of Minnesota, Duluth, ***the African Growth and Opportunity Act: Has it done anything?***

Bedri Jebriil Mohammed, Ph.D. Student, Graduate School of Management Development & Information Science, Nihon Fkushi University, ***Japan Government's Response to the Challenge of HIV/AIDS in Ethiopia***

Belai Habtu-Jesus, Belai Habte-Jesus, MD, MPH, Global Strategic Enterprises, Inc. Washington DC.
Institutional Challenges of Globalization and Millennium Development Goals (MDG) on Africa:

Berhanu Balcha, Ph.D. Aalborg University, Denmark, ***"Restructuring State and Society: Ethnic Federalism in Ethiopia"***

Berhanu G. Hailemariam, Ph.D. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia ***THE ROLE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PLAYS IN ALEVIATING POVERTY***

Berhanu Mengistu, Dept. of Public Administration, Old Dominion University and Paulos Chanie, Addis Ababa University, ***"Disconnects Between Public Sector Management and Decentralization Reforms: An Empirical Analysis of Fiscal Federalism in Ethiopia***

Blen Solomon, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. ***THE ROLES OF EXCHANGE RATE UNCERTAINTY AND POLITICAL RISK ON FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT (FDI) INTO AFRICA***

BT Constantinos, President, Center for Human Environment, Addis Ababa, ***Priming a Strategy and Mechanism for Greater Horn of Africa Peace and Development***

Daniel Kendie, Ph.D. Department of History, Prairie View A&M University, Texas, ***Toward Resolving the Ethiopia-Somalia Disputes.***

Daniel Zerfu, Department of Economics, Gothenburg University, Germany. ***Property Rights Institutions and Investment in Ethiopia***

Daniel Zerfu, Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University. ***Governance and Productivity: Microeconomic Evidence from Ethiopia:***

Dawit Senbet and Abera Senbeta, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University. ***Fiscal Response to External Finance: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa***

Dini, Shukria PhD Candidate in Women Studies, York University, Canada. ***Creating Alternative Cooking Energy for Poor and Tsunami Families: The Case of Bander Beyla, Punt land, Somalia, Northeast Africa***

Elias Kedir Shukralla, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Economics, Maremec College, ***Aid, policies, and Growth in Africa***

Efrem Bechere, Ph.D. Plant and Soil Science Department, Texas Tech. University, Lubbock, Texas.
Agricultural Research and Development in Ethiopia

Eyassu Habte-Gabr, MD, Hurley Medical Center, Flint, Michigan. *The Effect of Drought in Human Health in Eritrea.*

Ezekiel Gebissa, Ph.D. Kettering University, Flint, Michigan . *Food of the Pious or Poison of the Young? Assessing the Khat Controversy in Ethiopia.*

Fredu Nega, Ph.D. Student, Mekelle University, Ethiopia & Eric Tollens, Professor, KU Leuven University, Belgium *Social Capital, Poverty Traps and Livestock Asset Dynamics in the Presence of Shocks in Northern Ethiopia*

Gebremeskel Kahay, Ph.D Student, P.H. Osanna & N.M. Duakbasa, Vienna University of Technology, Vienna, Austria, *Quality Awareness and Development in Ethiopian Medium and Large Scale Manufacturing Industries*

Genenaw Bekele, PhD Student, and Alebel Bayrau, Johannes Kepler, University, Lintz, Austria, *Analysis of Determinants of Household's Willingness to Resettle and Investors willingness to pay for urban land: The Case of Addis Ababa City.*

Getachew Felleke, Ph.D. Myazaki International College, Myazaki, Japan, *the Modern Education Path to Ethiopia's Development: A Take-off on a Trojan horse?*

Getnet Alemu, Ph.D. Institute of Development Research , Addis Ababa University. *Missing Policy Priorities: Resource Tracking on HIV/AIDS for Oromia & SNNP Regional States*

Gezahegn Bekele, Ph.D.Senior International Economist, US General Accountability Office, Washington DC, *Estimating Remittances from the US to Ethiopia*

Grawert, Elke, *Challenges of Regional Peace After the Comprehensive Peace Agreement in Sudan*, University of Bremen, Bremen, Germany

Guiral, Clarissel, Ph.D. Student in Ethno biology, National Museum of Natural History, Paris, FR. *"Those who don't participate to the lemat are like stones" Peasants' perceptions of the concept of 'development' in Ethiopia*

Haile Selassie Belay, Chief Technical Advisor/FAO/UNDP (Retired)
Maryland, USA. *Rural and Agricultural Development Issues in the Horn of Africa*

Ingida Asfaw, MD. Clinical Professor of Surgery, Wayne State University and Founding President, ENHAPA, *"The Role of the Ethiopian North American Health Professionals Association (ENHAPA) in the Healthcare Sector and Forging Synergy within the Diaspora"*

Ishiyama, John PhD Professor of Political Science, Truman State University, Kirksville, MO. USA. *Examining the 2005 Ethiopian Parliamentary Election Results under Alternative Electoral Rules*

Isse, Hodan, Ph.D. Department of Finance & Managerial Economics, University of Buffalo, NY (**title forthcoming**)

Jose' Pascal da Rocha, Ph.D Candidate in Conflict Resolution Studies, Martin-Luther-University, Halle, Germany. *Human Rights in NEPAD: Rights, Instruments, Players and Limits*

Kalib, Yussuf, Regional Director, North Texas Health & Human Services Department, Grand Prairie, Texas, *Horn of Africa: Conflict and Consequences*

Kassahun Berhanu, Ph.D. Department of Political Science & International Relations, Addis Ababa University, *the Ramifications of Decentralized Governance in Post-1991 Ethiopia*

Kidane Alemayehu, Horn of Africa Peace and Development Center, Dallas, Texas, *Horn of Africa: From Glory to Misery and Hope.*

Kinfu Adisu, Ph.D. Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI. *Leadership perspective: Country development and transition to free market economy.*

Levine, Donald. Ph.D. Peter B. Ritzma Professor of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. USA: *"An Ethiopian Dilemma: Deep Structures, Wrenching Processes."*

Mahamane, Addo. Ph.D. Université Abdou, Monumouni de Niamey, Niger. *Traditions & Perspectives of Religious Co-existence in Niger: Reflections about Cultural Issues*

Mellese M. Tashu, Graduate Student, Harvard University, *Patters of Economic Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa: Learning from One's Own History*

Menna Demisse, Ph.D. Candidate in Public Policy, the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. *Navigating the Boundaries of Blackness: The Congressional Representation and Political Participation of Ethiopian Americans and other African Immigrants in the United States*

Merera Gudina, Ph.D. Department of Political Science and International Relations, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *Party Politics, Political Polarization & the Future of Ethiopian Democracy*

Meskerem Shiferaw, Local Governance Advisor, Netherlands Development Association, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *the Status of Local Good Governance in Ethiopia.*

Michael Mamo, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of Economics, Westminster College, Utah, *Flows of Foreign Capital in Developing Economies*

Mulugeta Fesseha, Ph.D. Director, Institute of Development Research, Addis Ababa University, *Cultural and Natural Resource Exploration and Community Based Ecotourism Development*, (with, Kassaye Begashaw², Kifle Wolde Aregay³, Mulugeta Alene⁴)

Negash Shiferaw, Birtunet Development Solutions PLC. Consultant, Addis Ababa University, *"Community Conversations for Sustainable Environmental Management: Case studies on Environmental Education from Lake Zeway area, Ethiopia"*

Paulos Chanie, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia & Berhanu Mengistu, Old Dominion University, Virginia *"Clientelism and Ethiopia Post-1991 Decentralization*, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Paulos Milkias, Ph.D. Professor of Political Science, Marianopolis College/Concordia University, Montreal, Canada: *Fishing in Troubled Waters: The Somali Vortex and Meles Zenawi's Intervention*

Salam Yitbarak, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Canada, *the Problem of Social Capital and Cultural Norms among Ethiopian (Political) Elites*

Samatar, Said, Ph.D. Professor of History, Rutgers University, NJ. *Unhappy Masses and the Challenge of Political Islam in the Horn of Africa."*

Shawel Betru, Ph.D. Student & Hiroyoki Kawashima, Ph.D. The University of Tokyo, *Cereal Production and N-Fertilizer Demand in the Greater Horn of Africa and Egypt: An Analysis Based on Material Balance*

Sintayoh Fissaha (PhD), Faculty of Business and Economics, Mekelle University, Ethiopia *Aid, Growth, and Poverty Alleviation in Ethiopia*

Solomon Eyasu, Howard University, Washington DC. *“The Impact of Soil Conservation on Crop Productivity in the Southern Ethiopian Highlands”*.

Solomon Getahun, Ph.D. Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, USA *Second-Generation Ethiopians in America: Challenges and Promises*

Teferi Abate Adem, Ph.D. Human Relations Area Files, Inc. Yale University, New Haven, Con. USA *“Well-Off Tenant, Not So Powerful Officials, Poor Landholders perceptions of Wealth, Authority, and preshood in an Ethiopian community”*:

Tegegne Gebre-Egziabher, Addis Ababa University, *The Developmental impact of China and India on Ethiopia with emphasis on small scale footwear producers.*

Teshome Tadesse, Ph.D. Michigan State University, **Civil Society Relationship Experiences in Ethiopia,**

Tesfaye Teklu, Ph.D. UNDP/Gaborone, Botswana (Paper forthcoming-tentative)

Tibebe Eshete, Ph.D. Assistant Professor of History, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Michigan, *Cutting the Conversation; From Retributive Politics to Restorative Discourse*

Tsegaye Regassa, LL.B, LL.M, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. **Sub-national Constitutions in Ethiopia: Imagining Federalism from Below**

Wagayehu Bekele, Ph.D. Acting President, Diredawa University, *Analysis of farmers preferences for development intervention Programs in Ethiopia: A Case Study of Subsistence Farmers in Eastern Highlands of Hararge.*

Wales, Michael, FAO Investment Centre, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Rome, Italy, **A DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR AGRICULTURE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA**

Wendimsyameregne Mekasha, Research Analyst, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Addis Ababa, *Socio-economic Determinants of Child Nutrition: The Case of Rural Harari Region.*

Vestal, Ted. Professor of Political Science, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK. *Prerequisites to Macro-economic Development & Globalization in the Horn of Africa*

Yared Mussie, Hello Anti-Aids Association: *The Direction of HIV/AIDs in Ethiopia and the Youth’s Actions and Reactions.*

Yeabsira Temesgen, Student, George Mason University, Arlington, VA, USA. *Tradition and Culture: A Hindrance or Complement to Education.*

Yezihalem Tesfa, Lecturer, St. Mary’s University College, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *Critical Factors Hampering Agricultural Productivity in Ethiopia: The Case of Northern Ethiopian Farmers*

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Economic Development, Income poverty
Education and Leadership
Human Health, Nutrition
Peace Building & Conflict Resolution

Politics and Political Culture
The Role of the Diaspora

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Sociology and Culture
History and Geography
Public Health & Education
Development & Public Policy