

Call for Abstracts

International Conference on Eritrean Studies
Eritrean Studies: The Way Forward
July 20 - 22, 2016, Asmara, Eritrea

This conference aims to revive scholarly discussions on Eritrea and sketch ways of strengthening academic interest and activities related to the country by engaging scholars from inside and outside Eritrea. The event will offer an opportunity to scholars working on Eritrea to present their work to a larger academic gathering in Asmara. It will also provide a forum for local, Eritrean Diaspora, and international scholars to create and develop links with research and academic institutions and public stakeholders inside the country. This conference is expected to lay foundations for a sustained commitment on the part of the different participants to Eritrean studies. Scholars working on other African countries are also welcome. Their involvement will allow Eritrean studies scholars to establish pan-African networks and connections, providing opportunities to raise issues and share experiences on the manifold challenges of development from different perspectives.

There will be panels from invited guests around the following areas: ensuring sustainability of academic discussions on Eritrean studies; migration and human trafficking; environment, climate change, and sustainable development; peace building and conflict resolution in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea region.

Organizers of the conference invite proposals for panel, paper, and poster presentations around the following areas:

Africa:

- Comparative state-formations in Africa
- Migration and human trafficking in the Horn of Africa
- Economic cooperation between China and Africa
- Perspectives on South-South cooperation

Eritrea:

- Eritrea and emerging challenges in the Nile basin, Rift Valley and Red Sea region
- Foreign relations and diplomacy
- Governance and justice systems
- Historiography and state reproduction
- Archaeological and anthropological studies
- Agriculture and natural resources
- Economy, health, and education
- Alternative development models
- Equity, diversity, identity (language policy, gender parity, etc.)
- Language, literature, visual, and performing arts
- Climate change and sustainable development
- Urbanization and cultural heritage
- Rural, pastoral, and nomadic livelihoods
- Science, technology, and development
- Diaspora issues

This list of areas is not exhaustive and proposals on related fields and on cross-cutting or interdisciplinary issues are welcome.

Deadlines:

- Deadline for proposals: **October 15, 2015**
- Notification of results: **November 30, 2015**
- Full paper submission: **March 30, 2016**

Panel, individual and poster presentation proposals:

Abstract proposals must be in Word document format. Abstracts should not exceed 300 words for individual papers and 1,200 words for panel presentations, including abstracts of each paper in a panel. Formatting and style guidelines for full paper submissions will be provided.

Travel support:

There will be travel and accommodations support for some panel and individual paper presenters from outside the country based on the number of applicants and available funds.

Organizing institutions:

- National Commission for Higher Education, Asmara, Eritrea
- Eritrean Centre for Strategic Studies, Asmara, Eritrea
- Research and Documentation Centre, Asmara, Eritrea

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