



# OSA Mid-year Conference 2023

March 18- 19, 2023  
Hybrid - Berlin, Germany

Day One: Saturday 18 March 2023			
<i>Time (CET)</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
12-12:30 pm	Registration		OSA
12:30-1pm	Berlin Oromo Community	Welcome by the Host Organizing Community	
	OSA President	Opening Remarks	
1:00-3:20pm	<b>Session 1: War and Violence in the Horn of Africa</b>		Moderator:  Bonnie Holcomb, OSA Board Member
20 minutes	<b>Featured Speaker:</b> Ezekiel Gebissa <b>Title:</b> The New Great Game in the Horn of Africa and the Future of Ethiopia's New South		
	<b>Panel presentations</b>		
15 minutes	Milkessa M. Gemechu	Quiet Annexations in Ethiopia: Amhara Region's Expansion to Central Oromia	
15 minutes	Iftu Taye	Sexual and Gender-based Violence on Women as a Weapon of War in Oromia, Western Wallagga	
15 minutes	Asafa Jalata	The Neo-Nafxanya Government of Abiy Ahmed, Terrorism, and Gross Human Rights Violations in Oromia and Ethiopia	
15 minutes	Bashir Idao	A Nightmare of Dismantling Oromia and Killing Oromos to Build Greater Ethiopia	
60 minutes	Discussion		
3:20pm	Coffee Break		
3:35-6:10pm	<b>Session 2: War, Violence and Human Rights Conditions in Oromia</b>		Moderator  Madeline Bass, OSA Secretary
20 minutes	<b>Featured Speaker:</b> Kebene Kejela Wodajo <b>Title:</b> The Structurality of Contemporary Human Rights Violence in Ethiopia		
	<b>Panel Presentations</b>		
15 minutes	Gemechu Abeshu	Histories of Migration, Settlement, Territorial Claims, and Violence against the Oromo in East Wallaga zone: the case of Jidda Ayana District	
15 minutes	Gemechu Kedir	Redefining "Human" through Paradoxical Symbolic Depictions of the Body either Eases or Worsens Violence:	

		Reflections on Oromo Cultural Knowledge	
15 minutes	Getaneh Chemed	<i>Oromoo haa Baraaruu (OB): the Emergence of a New Wave of Popular Protest</i>	
15 minutes	Ginbar Negera	Arroolle Fiichee: The Symbol of Resistance and Heroism in Karrayyuu	
15 minutes	Marga Fekadu	The Ethiopian Judiciary, Plights and Rights of Oromo Political Prisoners: Critical Case Analyses	
60 minutes	Discussion		
<b>Day Two: 19 March 2023</b>			
1:00-3:20pm	<b>Session 1: Socio-economic conditions</b>		Moderator:  Mekuria Bulcha, OSA Past President
20 minutes	<b>Featured Speaker:</b> Dr. Gutu Olana Wayessa Title: Historical Materialism, Political Ecology, and Environmental Justice: A Theoretical Framing of Current Socio-Economic Realities		
	<b>Panel Presentations</b>		
15 minutes	Teferi Mergo	Mother Tongue Instruction, Learning and Employment: Evidence from Ethiopia	
15 minutes	Waktole Hailu	Context Matters: Crisis, Crisis Management Policy and Community Need: Borana Oromo in Focus	
15 minutes	Trevor Trueman	Ostriches and Dinosaurs: Can We Show the Way toward Revolutionary Multicultural Democracy?	
15 minutes	Fikir Hailu	Whose “Right to the City”? Violent Encounters, Capitalist Restructuring, and the Political Economy of Peri-urbanization around Addis Ababa, Ethiopia	
60 minutes	Discussion		
15 minutes	Coffee Break		
3:35-5:35pm	<b>Session 2: Social and Environmental Injustice</b>		Moderator: Kebene Kejela, Conference Committee
60 minutes	<i>Panel:</i> Roba Bulga Jilo, Oli Bachie, Geremew Amenu, Begna Dugassa	Understanding the Impact of Social and Environmental Injustice and Envisioning Workable Solutions: The Case of Karrayyuu of Oromia in Ethiopia	
60 minutes	Discussion		
15 minutes	OSA President & Board Chair	Closing Remarks	