



2024 MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

Virtual Program

Week 1

April 13 & 14

(11:00AM to 3:00PM EDT)

Week 2

April 20 & 21

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All times are listed in EDT (GMT-4)(Washington DC/ New York City time zone)

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OROMO STUDIES ASSOCIATION
2024 MIDYEAR CONFERENCE
ASSESSING THE ROLE OF OROMO CIVIC
ORGANIZATIONS IN NATION BUILDING
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DAY 1: SATURDAY, APRIL 13

TIME	EVENT DETAILS
11:00 – 11:30 AM	Welcome and Blessing O/Lubee Birru, Q/Samuel Berhanu, S/Abdulrahim Doyyo, L/Dr. Benti Ujulu, H/S Zenebech Salgan Convener: Lello Guluma
11:30- 11:40 AM	Opening Remarks OSA President Kebede Feda OSA Board Chair Getahun Benti
	Panel 1: Revisiting History: The Legacy of Emperor Menilik and the Oromo Perspective
11:40 AM – 1:10 PM	Roundtable Discussion Getahun Benti, Asafa Jalata, Mohammed Hassen, & Abbas Haji Gnamo <i>Moderated by Tsega Etefa</i>
1:10- 1:50 PM	Featured Speaker <i>Strengthening Nation-Building: The Contribution of Oromo Civic Organizations in Europe</i> Kebene Wadajo <i>Moderated by Asebe Regassa</i>
	Panel 2: Democratic Nation-Building; Assessing the Power of Oromo Civic Organizations
1:50- 3:00 PM	<i>Diaspora Solidarity and Indigenous Revolution: case studies from Oromo organizations in Europe</i> Madeline Bass <i>The Representation of Women in the Offices of the Karrayyu Gadaa Governance: the executive arm in focus</i> Ginbar Negera <i>Moderated by Peri Klemm</i>
3:00 PM	Close of day comments Provided by Lello Guluma

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DAY 2: Sunday, APRIL 14

TIME	EVENT DETAILS
11:00- 11:10 AM	Welcome <i>Convener: Lello Guluma</i>
	Panel 3: Examining Civic Organizations' Efficiency, Civic and Socio-Environmental Engagement <i>What are the Places of Civic Society in Public Health Development?: attempts at fostering social medicine in the Oromia Region in Ethiopia</i>
11:10 AM- 12:40 PM	Begna Dugassa <i>Environmental Citizenship and the Oromo-Eco-Membership</i> Guyyoo Dooyyoo Guyyoo <i>Qooda Dalagaa Kinnisa Damma Dammeessu, Uumaa Gaara irraa Hanga Lagaatti Wanna Namni Caasaa Hawaasa Ummataa ijaaru Baratuu qabu</i> Gemechu Kedir <i>Moderated by Yeshi Tolessa</i>
12:40- 1:20 PM	Featured Speaker <i>The Impact of Ethiopia's Koree Nageenyaa on the Oromo Youth Movement and its International Implications</i> Milkessa Gemechu <i>Moderated by Asfaw Beyene</i>
	Panel 4: Youth Activism in Oromia: A Critical Analysis of Goals, Accomplishments and Challenges <i>The Power of Music as a Unifying Factor in the Struggle for Political Power from Birth to Death for the Oromo People</i>
1:20- 2:50 PM	Beshir Edeo <i>Natural Theology as Indigenist Critical Sustainability: lessons learned from qeerroo movement for Black African and Indigenous nations' policymaking</i> Dereje Tadesse Birbirso <i>Oromo Youth Protest: movements, achievements and success dimensions</i> Endalew Kufi <i>Moderated by Bonnie Holcomb</i>
2:50 PM	Close of day comments <i>Provided by Lello Guluma</i>



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DAY 3: SATURDAY, APRIL 20

TIME	EVENT DETAILS
11:00 – 11:10 AM	Welcome <i>Convener: Lello Guluma</i>
	Panel 5: Welfare Economics and the Role of Oromo Civic Organizations: An Evaluation <i>Donors' Interests or Recipients' Needs?: the role of Oromo civic organizations on aligning donors' interests with victims' needs in delivering aid in Oromia</i>
	Waktole Hailu Dhuguma <i>Using Information and Communications Technology (ICT) to Address the Challenges of Poverty, Inequality and Unemployment</i>
11:10 AM – 12:400 PM	Emmanuel Ahishakiye & Ruth Wario <i>The Challenges and Impacts of a Grassroots NGO in Oromia: the case of Resources for the Enrichment of African Lives/ REAL 2004-2024</i>
	Tsehai Wodajo <i>Moderated by Teferi Mergo</i>
	Featured Speaker <i>Significance of the Sinqqee institution in the Oromo Struggle and System Building</i>
12:40- 1:20 PM	Martha Kuwee Kumsa <i>Moderated by Soretti Kedir</i>
1:20 PM	Close of day comments <i>Provided by Lello Guluma</i>

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DAY 4: Sunday, APRIL 21

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11:00 – 11:10 AM	Welcome <i>Convener:</i> Lello Guluma
11:10 AM – 12:20 PM	Panel 6: Advancing Human Rights: The Role of Oromo Civic Organizations <i>Civic Groups who have Advocated to Protect Human Rights & Advance Justice and Diplomacy</i> Kana Duba <i>Examining the Role of Oromo Civic Organizations in Human Rights Monitoring, Documentation, and Reporting: challenges and pathways for progress</i> Getu Saketa Roro <i>Moderated by</i> Fantahun Diba
12:20- 1:00 PM	Featured Speaker <i>Oromo Civic Organizations: diaspora groups address human rights, democracy, diplomacy and humanitarian assistance</i> Leyla Abawari <i>Moderated by</i> Trevor Trueman
1:00- 3:00 PM	Plenary Discussion <i>Sharing Experience and Capacity of Oromo Civic and Community Organizations</i> Featuring participants from Oromo community organizations; relief and support groups; professional, women’s, and youth associations; religious groups; human rights and advocacy groups <i>Moderated by</i> Kebede Feda
3:00 PM	Close of conference comments/remarks Lello Guluma OSA President Kebede Feda OSA Board Chair Getahun Benti