

Curriculum Vitae of Prof. Tekeste Negash

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Tekeste Negash obtained his Ph. D in 1987 at Department of History at Uppsala University with a doctoral thesis on Italian colonialism in Eritrea. From 1988 until 1998, he did some research on three rather distinct areas, namely, political history, educational policy studies and the evolution of land tenure systems in the Horn of Africa. From 1998 to the present he has been studying democracy in Africa, National building, contemporary war between Ethiopia and Eritrea, European aid and a critical role of NGO and development studies. Now retired, he has been Associate Prof History Department Uppsala, Senior lecturer Falun, Dalarna University Consultant and Prof. Swedish University for Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala

Main Research Projects

* Between Politics and History: The former Italian East African Empire and its archives. An International research of Ethiopianist scholars to explore possibilities of making the best use of the colonial archives as well as to develop collaborative research projects (between indigenous researchers of the Horn) on themes of continuity and discontinuity in the modern history of the Horn of Africa. The following institutions are jointly responsible for the organisation and implementation of the research: Bologna University; Höskolan Dalarna; Università di Roma Tre; and University of Paris.

* The local and the external in Ethiopian social and political history from 1900 to 2000. The aim is to develop a research project that could bring together Ethiopian and foreign researchers who would critically examine the interplay between the local, and the external in Ethiopia history.

* International NGOs and the growing marginalisation of Africa. Based on anthropological/historical sources, the aim of this study is to assess the nature and role of international NGOs in Africa. Critical developments; historical issues, ongoing research are critically examined

* The global landscape of natural resource management and rural development from a local perspective A research programme developed during the last years focused on the analysis of the Ethiopian land tenure systems in historical perspective.

* The Democratic Goal of Education and Information Overload: Civic Education in European Secondary Schools. The concept for the development of a European research project is already in place. The idea is to recruit at least two PhD students from each participating country. In Sweden the collaborating institution is Dalarna University.

Selected Publications:

1983. "Resistance and Collaboration in Eritrea, 1885-1914: Historiographic Overview"
in *Quaderni di Studi Etiopici*, n. 3-4, pp. 26-54.

1983. "Review article on: Sherman, R., *Eritrea: The Unfinished Revolution*, 1980; Pool, D., *Eritrea, Africa's Longest War*, 1980; Davidson, B., Cliff e, L. and Bereket Habte Selassie,

Themes in Modern African History and Culture. *Behind the War in Eritrea*, 1980; Bereket Habte Selassie, *Conflict and Intervention in the Horn of Africa*" in *Northeast African Studies*, vol. 5, n. 1, pp. 67-81.

1984. "Resistance and Collaboration in Eritrea, 1882-1914" in Rubenson, S. (ed.) *Proceedings of the 7th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, University of Lund, 1982*, Addis Ababa, Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Uppsala University, 1984, pp. 315-325.
1986. *No Medicine for the bite of a white snake: notes on nationalism and Resistance in Eritrea, 1882-1940*, Uppsala University.
1986. "Pax Italica and its Ethiopian Enemies, 1936-1940" in Eeckaute, D.; Perret, M. (eds.) *La guerre D'Ethiopie et L'Opinion Mondiale, 1934-1941*, Paris, INALCO, pp. 29-53.
1987. *History of the people of Ethiopia*, by Aleqä Tayyā Gäbrä Mariam, 1922, translated by Hudson G. and Tekeste Negash, Centre for Multiethnic Research, Uppsala University, 1987.
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1990. *The Crisis of Ethiopian Education: Some implications for Nation-Building*, Uppsala, Uppsala Studies in Education, 29.
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1995. *Dimensions of Development with Emphasis on Africa*. Uppsala, Nordic Africa Institute. [An anthology of the First Interdisciplinary Conference on Third World Studies held in Uppsala in 1994 and edited together with Prof. Lars Rudebeck]
1995. "Competing Imaginations of the nations" in Tekeste Negash; Rudebeck, L. (eds.) *Dimensions of Development with Emphasis on Africa*, Uppsala, Nordic Africa Institute, pp. 266-279.
1995. "Contradictions between Western Democracy and African Cultures: Lessons from the Past" in Melin, M. (ed.) *Democracy in Africa: On Whose Terms?* Stockholm, Forum Syd, pp. 61-78.
1996. *Rethinking Education in Ethiopia*, Uppsala, Nordic Africa Institute.
1996. "Colonialismo italiano e nazionalismo eritreo" in *Africa e Mediterraneo. Cultura, politica, economia, societa*, vol. 1, pp. 15-21.
1997. *Eritrea and Ethiopia: The Federal Experience*. Uppsala, Nordic Africa Institute; New Jersey, Rutgers University Press.
1997. "Ideologins makt över historien – om den etiopiska Zagwe-dynastin (930-1270)" in Backlund, J. et al. (eds.) *Historiska Etyder: en vanbok till Stellan Dahlgren*, Uppsala.
1997. "The unfinished quest for an equitable land tenure system: the case of Ethiopia" in *Current Issues in International Rural Development*, December, vol.15, pp. 33-40.
1997. "Alcune considerazioni sulle relazioni italo-africane" in *Studi Piacentini*, vol. 22, pp. 185-187.
1998. "Adwa and the History of Eritrea: Some Issues of Periodization" in Abdussamad H. Ahmad; Pankhurst, R. *Adwa. Victory Centenary Conference, 26 February-2 march 1996*, Addis Ababa, Institute of Ethiopian Studies, pp. 569-585.
1998. "The Catholic Mission and the Catholic Community in Eritrea, 1894-1950" in Getatchew Haile; Lande, A.; Rubenson, S. (eds.) *The Missionary Factor in Ethiopia*. Sonderdruck, Peter Lang, pp. 121-134.
2000. *Brothers at War: Making Sense of the Eritrean-Ethiopian War*, Oxford, James

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2000. "The Landscape of African Constitutions. Some Concluding Remarks" in Piergigli, V.; Taddia, I. (eds.) *International Conference on African Constitutions*, Torino, Giappichelli Editore, pp. 331-349.
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2004. "Italy and its relations with Eritrean political parties, 1948-50" in *Africa* (Rome), vol. 59, n. 3-4, pp. 417-452.
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2006. *Of Global Concern: Rural Livelihood Dynamics and Natural Resource Governance*, Stockholm, Sida Studies, vol. 16, Introduction, pp. 11-30 (with Kjell Havnevik and Atakilte Beyene).
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2006. "Education and Development in Ethiopia: the history of dubious correlation" In Witakowski, W. *et al.* (eds.) *Festschrift for Professor Joanna Mantel-Niecko*, University of Warsaw, pp. 151-172.
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2007. *L' Africa Orientale italiana nel dibattito storico contemporaneo*, Carcangiu B.; Tekeste Negash (eds.) Roma, Carocci editore.
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2008. "In and Out of Colonialism: The fall of development aid and the marginalisation of Africa" in *Africana. Rivista di studi extraeuropei*, pp.89-104.
2008. "Distressed yet confident, Ethiopia enters the third Millennium" in *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies*, vol. 3, n. 2, pp. 1-21.
2008. "Higher Education in Africa: some preliminary Reflections" in Jan Zahorik, *et al.* (eds.) *Viva Africa*, 2008, Pilsen, University of Western Bohemia, pp. 263-271.
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