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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

- **Phd in Social Anthropology** 2013

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN

- **M.Phil in Anthropology of Development** 2008

ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY:

- **M.A in Social Anthropology** 2004

ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY:

- **B.A. in Sociology and Social Administration** 1997 - 2001

LANGUAGES

- **French** (Fluent)
- **English** (Fluent)
- **Amharic** (Fluent)
- **Arabic** (Basic)

AWARDS

2014 International Fellowship for Experienced Researchers – Fernand Braudel – IFER by the European Commission and Fondation Maison des Science de L’Homme: <http://www.fmsh.fr/fr/c/6180>.

2012- African Author Prize from the journal *African Affairs* and the Royal African Society of Great Britain: <http://www.royalafricansociety.org/analysis/african-author-prize-ethiopian-excellence-rewarded-0>.

2012- Research Prize from Lauritz Meltzer fund : http://no.cyclopaedia.net/wiki/Lauritz_Meltzer.

2010 -Research grant from the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Bergen.

2009 - Scholarship from Norwegian State Education Fund.

2006 - Scholarship from Norwegian Agency for International Development.

◀ Academic Publications ▶

Published/ Accepted

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2016. *Subjects of Empires/Citizens of State: Yemenis in the Port of Djibouti and its Hinterland*. Cairo/ New York : The American University in Cairo Press. (Forthcoming in January)

Samson A. Bezabeh. ‘Africa’s Unholy Migrants: Spatial Mobility and Migrants Morality in the age of Borders’, *African Affairs* (Forthcoming in September 2016).

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2015. "Living Across Digital Landscapes: Muslims, Orthodox and Indian Guru in Urban Ethiopia". In Rosalind Hackett and Benjamin Soares (eds) *New Media and Religion in Africa*. Indiana University Press.

Samson A. Bezabeh . 2012. "Mythical Roots, Fantasmic Realities and Transnational Migrants : Yemenis Across the Gulf of Aden". *Cyber Orient*, Vol. 6, Issue 2.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2011. Citizenship and the Logic of Sovereignty in Djibouti. *African Affairs*, 110/441, 587-606.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2011. "Yemeni Families in the Early History of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia ca.1900-1950: A Revisionist Approach in Diasporic Historiography". *Cahiers d'Études Africaines*, LI (4) No.204, pp. 893-919.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2010. Muslim Hadramis in "Christian Ethiopia". *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Vol. 30, No.3, pp. 333-343.

Submitted /In Press

Samson A. Bezabeh. 'Post Independence Politics, Rebellion and Leadership Succession in Djibouti', Submitted to *Journal of Modern African Studies*

Under Preparation

Samson A. Bezabeh. *A Modern History of Djibouti* (Book Manuscript currently under preparation).

Samson A. Bezabeh. *Arab Diasporas in Geopolitical Spaces : Imperial Contestation and the Making of Colonial Subjecthood in the Port of Djibouti, 1919–1939*.

Samson A. Bezabeh. Indigenous Law Court and French Justice System: The death of Hamoudi and the 1930 Riots in Cote Francaise des Somalis. To be submitted to the journal *Africa*.

◀ Public Interventions/ Popular Publications ▶

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2015. French Ethnicity: An Anthropological Reflection, *African Herald Express*: <http://africanheraldexpress.com/blog8/2015/01/15/french-ethnicity-an-anthropological-reflection/>.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2015. Islamic State's Latest Victims : Poor Defenceless Christian Ethiopians, *Open Democracy*: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/samson-abezabeh/islamic-state%E2%80%99s-latest-victims-poor-defenceless-christian-ethiopians>.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2014. Genealogies of Empires: The Islamic State as a Western Symptoms in *Open Democracy*: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/samson-bezabeh/genealogies-of-empire-islamic-state-as-western-symptom>.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2013. Playing Dice With God in the Middle East: The Putin Way in *Tabsir Net: Insight on Islam and the Middle East* : <http://tabsir.net/?p=2228>.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2012. Between Wadiya and China: Djibouti and the Recent Reform of Rassemblement Populaire pour le Progress ion *Focus on the Horn*: <https://focusonthorn.wordpress.com/2012/10/04/between-wadiya-and-china-djibouti-and-the-recent-reform-of-the-rassemblement-populaire-pour-le-progres-rpp/>.

Samson A. Bezabeh. 2012. North Africa's New Unlawful Democracies in *Open Democracy* : <https://www.opendemocracy.net/samson-bezabeh/north-africa%E2%80%99s-new-unlawful-democracies>

◀ Work Experience / Career History ▶

January-June 2015- Visiting Fellow, African Studies Center, Leiden, The Netherlands

January 2014-October 2015- Post Doctoral Researcher, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Social (EHESS), Paris, France

September 2013- December 2013, Visiting Fellow, African Studies Center, Leiden, The Netherlands

March 2013- July 2013, Guest Researcher, Centre Française des Etudes Ethiopiennes/ Ambassade de France, Addis Ababa , Ethiopia

February 2013- Present- Research Associate, Research on Islam and Muslims in Africa, Jerusalem, Israel.

January 2009 -January 2013- PhD Candidate, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway.

September 2005-June 2006- Program Coordinator, PANOS International, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

October 2003-September 2005- Lecturer, Lion Travel and Tourism Institute, Addis Ababa , Ethiopia.

September 2005-October 2003, Consultant, The World Bank and Ethiopian Road Authority, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

June-July 2003, Field researcher, Well Being and Ill Being Project, University of Bath (UK) and Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

May- August 2012, Graduate Assistant, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

◀ Academic Endeavours / Professional Talks ▶

4 December, 2015 – *Beyond Time and Space : Yemenis in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa*, Paper Presented for the Seminar on Contemporary Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa, Centre Française des Etudes Éthiopienne(CFEE), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

3 November, 2015-*Beyond the Network Model: Reconceptualising Interactions in Indian Ocean Studies*, Paper Presented at the Ifriqiyya Colloquium, Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University, USA.

10 September 2015- *Media and Islam In Ethiopia: Protest and Perception of Repression Since 1991*, Paper Presented for the workshop entitled as *Religion and Radicalism in Africa*, Netherland Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hague, The Netherlands.

July, 8, 2015-*From Radio to Facebook Islam: Protest and Repression in Ethiopia Since the 1950s*, Paper Presented at the European Conference of African Studies (ECAS), Paris, France.

March 13, 2015- *Capital Citizens and Ruling Elites : Asia and the West in the Red Sea Littoral*, Paper Presented at the International Institute of Asia Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands.

June 7, 2014- *Dépasser Les Représentations Colonial : Nouvelles Direction Pour Les Etudes Djiboutienne* , Paper presented at the L'Institut des Mondes Africaine (IMAF) Paris, France. <http://imaf.cnrs.fr/spip.php?article286&lang=fr>.

May 6, 2014- *The Geopolitics of Religiosity : Arab Muslim in the Horn of Africa During the Interwar Period*, Paper presented in a workshop organised by Laboratoire Europeen D'Histoire et Anthropologie des Savoir, des Technique et de Croyances (LABEX HASTEC), Paris, France.

October 29, 2013- *Islam, The Middle East and French Politics in Colonial Djibouti, 1880s-1950s*, Paper presented at the African Study Centre, Leiden, The Netherlands.

December 2012- *Carl Schmitt in Africa*. Paper for the Workshop “Dalits and Muslims in the History of India’s State Formation”, University of Bergen, Norway.

March 15, 2012- *Mythical Roots, Fantasmic Realities and Transnational Migrants: Yemenis across the Gulf of Aden*. Key Note address for the conference ‘*Dancing on the Borders-Religious Movement in Transition.*’ Department of Religious Studies, California State University (Long Beach) USA : http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/cla/news_events/?p=3252.

June 12, 2012. *Scale and mobility* Paper for the workshop entitled as *Moving scales and scales of movement: cosmologies of borders and crossing*, Department of Anthropology, University College London (UCL), London, United Kingdom : http://www.ucl.ac.uk/anthropology/anthropology-news/CROC_RRG_Workshop.

October 2012 Mythical Citizenship: Yemenis Arabs in Zion land. Paper presented in the bi-annual Conference of Royal African Studies, University of Leeds, UK.

September 13, 2010- Living Across Digital Landscapes. Presentation at an international conference on *Transforming Identities and New Representation of Muslim in Contemporary Ethiopia*, Christian Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway

Khat in Dire Dawa. Presentation at a Workshop on the marketing and Commercialisation of Khat in Ethiopia. The Workshop was funded by the United States Embassy in Ethiopia.

◀ Consultancy ▶

2014 Wrote an expert report for the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, a UK based independent national charity that work with migrants.

2014 Served as a country expert for “Regime of Ethnicity: A Global Database of Ethnic Demography and Survey of State Policies on Ethnicity project”. The project which is run by Prof Sener Akturk at Koc University in Istanbul (Turkey) is funded by European Commission through a Marie Curie Reintegration grant as part of the 7th Framework program for 2010-2014 period.

2013 Advised the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada on the situation of Refugees in Djibouti: <http://irb-cisr.gc.ca/Eng/ResRec/RirRdi/Pages/index.aspx?doc=454589>.

September 2005- October 2003 served as a consultant in a project that was funded by the World Bank and the Ethiopian Road Authority. Workshop was funded by the United States Embassy in Ethiopia.

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