



**The 2015 Midyear Conference of the Oromo Studies Association March 28-29**  
**Konfraansii Waldaa Qorannoo Oromoo Bara 2015 Bitootessa 28-29**

**Venue:** Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München  
 Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 1  
 80539 München, Germany

**Theme:** “Historical and Contemporary Relations between Europe and the Oromo”

**Preliminary Daily Conference Schedule**

<b>Day 1: Saturday, March 28, 2015</b>			
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity/Theme of Panel</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Presenters</b> <b>* indicates Travel Visa Pending</b>
8:00 – 9:00 AM	Registration	Yeshi Tolessa, OSA Treasurer	Local Hospitality & Registration Group
9:00 – 9:15 AM	<b>Welcome Remarks</b>		Hermann Amborn, Representative of Ludwig Maximillians University
9:15-9:30 AM	<b>OSA President’s Opening Remarks</b>		<b>Jawar Mohammed</b> , OSA President
9:30-10:30 AM	<b>Panel I.</b> <b>Paul Baxter's Contribution to Oromo Studies</b>		Presenters: <b>Mohammed Hassen</b> <i>Dr. Paul Baxter's Contribution to Oromo Studies</i>  <b>Marco Bassi</b> <i>In Honor of Paul Baxter. Reflecting on Oromo Institutions in Classic Comparative Africanist Perspective</i>

10:30 – 11:30	<b>Keynote Address</b>		<b>Gemetchu Megersa</b>
11:30 – 1:00 PM	<b>LUNCH</b>		
1:00- 3:30 PM	<b>Panel II</b>  <b>Pre-conquest Oromo-European Relations</b>		Presenters <b>Aneesa Kassim &amp; Gilberta Dietl</b> <i>European and Oromo Fables: the Aesop Connection</i>  <b>Dereje Hinew*</b> <i>European Travelers' Witness of Oromo Environmental Protection Prior to Abyssinian Conquest</i>  <b>Ezekiel Gebissa</b> <i>Witness to Oromo Life in Europe: Narratives from Nineteenth Century</i>  <b>Kulani Gudina</b> <i>The Story of Ganame: Oromo Slave in Europe</i>  <b>Tesfaye Tolessa*</b> <i>Contributions of European Catholic Missionaries in Oromo Literacy in 19th Century</i>  <b>Teferi Nigussie*</b> <i>The Role of Catholic Missionaries in the Development of Oromo Literature</i>
3:30 – 4:30 PM	<b>Panel III</b>  <b>European Role in Abyssinian Conquest and Administration [Colonization] of Oromo and Southern Nations</b>		Presenters <b>Bonnie Holcomb</b> <i>What the Position of Afred Ilg Suggests about the European Role in Building the Ethiopian State under Menelik</i>  <b>Biratu Qana'i*</b> <i>Italian Occupation as an Opportunity for Oromo Nationalist Resistance Against the Abyssinian Rule: The Case of Dhuguma Jaldesso</i>  <b>Thomas Zitelmann</b> <i>Empire and Subjugation Visualized - Historical Germanophone Documentary Films on Ethiopia and Oromo (1926-1956)</i>

4:30-5:00 PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<b>Roundtable on Direction for Future Research /or Graduate Student Forum for Ongoing Study</b>		
9:00 – 12:00 AM	<b>Evening Music Concert and Dance</b>		
<b>Day 2: Sunday, March 29, 2015</b>			
10:00 –11:30 AM	<b>Panel IV, Part 1</b>  <b>The Oromo Resistance Movement: Oromo activism in Europe</b>		Panelists: <b>Jawar Mohammed</b> <i>Haile Fida's Era and Activism in Europe</i>  <b>Serawit Bekele</b> <i>Reclaiming the Nation through Prayer: Irreecha Celebration by the Diaspora Oromo</i>  <b>Asnake Erko &amp;Hundassa Lamessa:</b> <i>The Challenge of Registering Irreechaa</i>  <b>Thomas Banta</b> <i>"Resistance to tyranny is service to God"</i>
11:30-1:00 PM	<b>Panel IV, Part 2</b>  <b>The Oromo Resistance Movement: the Role of Europeans</b>		Panelists: <b>Angelika Spiekermann</b> <i>An Overview of 20 Years of Support in Oromiya by LAFIM organization</i>  <b>Banti Ujulu</b> <i>The Impact of Oromo Christianity on the Oromo Struggle for Freedom</i>  <b>Gerd Decke</b> <i>Gudina Tumsa's Wholistic African Political Theology of Liberation: Christians &amp; Churches as Paradigms, Participants &amp; Advocates in the Political Process</i>  <b>Alemayehu Birru</b> <i>Gunnar Hasselbatt: Oromo Faranji</i>

1:00 – 2:30 PM	<b>Lunch</b>		
2:30-3:30 PM	<p><b>Panel VI.</b></p> <p><b>Pre-conquest Oromo-European Relations: <i>European encounters and reportage about the Oromo</i></b></p>		<p>Presenters:</p> <p><b>Eloi Ficquet:</b> <i>New Revelations about Oromo-European Dynamics from the d’Abbadie Papers</i></p> <p><b>Mohammed Hassen</b> <i>The Contribution of Antoine d’Abbadie to Oromo Studies</i></p> <p><b>Etana Habte*</b> <i>Oromo Historiography, Ethiopianist Discourse and European Writers: Calling “Abba Bahriy’s ‘History of the Galla’ ” into Question</i></p>
3:30 – 5:00 PM	<p><b>Panel Contemporary Oromo-European Relations</b></p>		<p>Presenters</p> <p><b>Trevor Trueman</b> <i>The Treatment of Oromo Asylum Seekers in Britain and Europe</i></p> <p><b>Gudrun Dahl</b> <i>Reflections on the Future of Boran Society in Northern Kenya</i></p> <p><b>Bonsitu Shigut</b> <i>Dhibdee fi Badhadhiinaa aada lama keesatti guddachuu</i></p>
5:00 – 6:00 PM	<p><b>Roundtable on Directions for Future Research and/or Graduate Student Forum to Present Ongoing Research</b></p>		