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CURRENT OCCUPATION

Assistant Professor and Head,
Addis Ababa University, School of LawVisiting Professor (Part-time)
Central European University

EDUCATION

Central European University, Budapest Hungary
Doctor of Juridical Science in Comparative Constitutional Law (*summa cum laude*) **November, 2014**
 Dissertation: Contextualizing Constitutionalism: Multi-Party Democracy in the African Political Matrix
 (Summa sum laude; Committee: Markus Böckenförde, Kwasi Prempeh, Renata Uitz)

Central European University, Budapest Hungary
LLM in Comparative Constitutional Law **2009**
 Thesis: *An Apologetics for Constitutionalism and Fundamental Rights; Freedom of Expression in Ethiopia*

Addis Ababa University Faculty of Law
LLB with Great Distinction **2007**

AWARDS

Doctoral Research Support Grant **2013/2014 Academic year**
 The CEU Award for Advanced Doctoral Student **2012/2013 Academic Year**
 The Addis Ababa University Outstanding Student Medal (AAU Gold Medal) **2007**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Constitution Building in Africa
(Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, Department of Legal Studies) **2013, 2014**
 Developed the syllabus and delivered the course with Dr. Markus Böckenförde

Introduction to International Human Rights
(Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, Roma Access Program) **2011/2012 Academic Year**

Media Law
Adjunct Instructor, Hawassa University **2009/2010 Academic Year**
 [Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

Constitutional Law I, Constitutional Law II
(Addis Ababa University) **2009/2010 Academic year**
 [Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

Introduction to Law and the Ethiopian Legal System, Family Law
(Addis Ababa University) **2007/2008 Academic Year**
 [Developed syllabus and overall course structure, and administered all grades.]

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Editor-in-Chief Journal of Ethiopian Law Addis Ababa University, School of Law	2015-2016
Senior Legal Advisor (Part-time) International Law and Policy Institute	2015-2016
Visiting Scholar and Researcher, Indiana University, Center for Constitutional Democracy Indiana University Maurer School of Law	2016
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary Constitution Building in Africa Course Manager (2013), Co-director (since 2014) Assist in the development of syllabus, selection of students and development of case studies	2013 – till present
Journal of Ethiopian Law, Addis Ababa University, A.A, Ethiopia Associate Articles editor Edited Feature Articles	2009/2010 Academic Year
Journal of Ethiopian Legal Education. Justice and Legal System research Institute, A.A , Ethiopia Founding Managing Editor Drafted the editorial policy, coordinated the work of the editorial committee, solicited submissions for publication, corresponded with contributors and assessors, edited articles, assisted the editor in chief	2007/2008 Academic Year
MEHRETEAB LEUL & Associates Law Office, A.A Ethiopia Associate Provided legal research and consultancy in various areas of the law	2007-2008 & 2009-2010, 2014-15

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- "Developmentalism: A Friend or a Foe to Constitutional Democracy in Africa", forthcoming in **Chicago-Kent Journal of International and Comparative Law**, 2017 Spring Issue
- "*Tackling the Imperial Premiership and Abuse of Incumbency: Ideas for Constitutional Reform in Ethiopia* ", **The FDRE Constitution: Some Perspectives on the Institutional Dimension**, Edited by Gedion Timothewos and Helen Fikre, (Addis Ababa University Printing 2014).
- "*The Fourth Constitution making wave of Africa: Constitutions 4.0?*" **Temple International and Comparative Law Journal** 28 (2014): 185-431 (based on a paper presented at the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) 2014 Annual Meeting, Constitutional Conflict and Development: Perspectives from South Asia and Africa Panel, New York City, 2014)
- "*The Precarious Future of the Ethiopian Constitution.*" **Journal of African Law** 57.02 (2013): 215-233.
- "*Some major Themes in the Study of Constitutionalism and Democracy in Africa*", **The Vienna Journal of International Constitutional Law**, 7(1), 2013:28-48. [Based on a paper with the same title presented at the Annual *African Constitutional Lawyers Net Work* Conference in Lagos, Nigeria, 2012]
- "*Constitutionalism and Impoverishment: A Complex Dynamic*", (Co-authored with Arun Thiruvengadam (National University of Singapore)) in: **The Oxford Handbook of Comparative Constitutional Law** , Edited by Michel Rosenfeld, András Sajó, (Oxford University Press 2012):153-169.
- "*Freedom of Expression in Ethiopia: The Jurisprudential Dearth*", **Mizan Law Review**, 4(2), 2010.
- "*Freedom of Expression and the Press vs. the Fairness and Integrity of the Judiciary; the Tension Explored with an Emphasis on the Offence of Contempt of Court*", **Ethiopian Human Rights Series**, Wondwossen Demissies(ed.), (Addis Ababa University Printing , 2009).

EDITED BOOK

The FDRE Constitution: Some Perspectives on the Institutional Dimension, Eds Gedion Timothewos and Helen Fikre, (Addis Ababa University Printing 2014).

LANGUAGES

Amharic- Native Speaker

English – speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency

MEMBERSHIPS

Ethiopian Christian Lawyers Fellowship

African Constitutional Lawyers Network

REFERENCES

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