



IAS Medieval Studies and Near Eastern Studies Joint Lecture

May 20, 12-1:30 pm

Beyond Ethiopia: The Islamic Intellectual History of the Horn of Africa

This is the fourth and final event of a webinar series IAS Ethiopian Studies.

Panelists: **Maria Bulakh** (Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow) • **Alessandro Gori** (University of Copenhagen) • **Hassen Muhammad Kawo** (University of Cape Town, South Africa) • **Paul M. Love** (Al Akhawayn University) • **Anne Regourd** (Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris)

Much progress has been made over the past decade in the study of Muslim Ethiopia, and with the ongoing work of digitizing, cataloguing and analyzing the local Muslim manuscript tradition, scholars are in a better position than ever before to assess the intellectual strands prevalent among the Muslims of Ethiopia at any given time in history. Our objective for the webinar is threefold: First, we would like to get a clearer picture of what still needs to be done in terms of salvaging and providing access to the Muslim manuscript tradition of Ethiopia (or Ethiopian provenance) — what are the challenges and what would be the promises? Secondly, we hope to engage in a discussion that will assess the intellectual traditions prevalent among Ethiopian Muslims, e.g. legal traditions, doctrinal stances, and other prevalent expressions of Islamic identity, throughout history. Thirdly, we intend to engage in a discussion that will situate the intellectual history of Muslim Ethiopia beyond its core region and discuss how it intersected over the centuries with other prevalent strands and developments, such as the Horn of Africa (including Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia), Southern Arabia (Yemen), as well as East Africa or even the Indian Ocean network. Lastly, we are eager to think together about where the study of Muslim Ethiopia stands within the larger picture of Ethiopian Studies.

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