

Workshop

HISTORICAL AND ANTHROPOLOGICAL INSIGHTS INTO THE MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN ETHIOPIA

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Friday, 25 July 2003

9:00 Plenary (International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Audimax):
STEVEN KAPLAN: Themes and Method in the Study of Conversion in Ethiopia
HAGGAI ERLICH: Islam and Revolution in Today's Ethiopia

History (I): Jesuit Mission and its Impact (16-17th C.)

Chairperson: TEWELDE BEYENE
Discussants: ISABEL BOAVIDA, KEVIN O'MAHONEY,
MICHAEL KLEINER

10:20 LEONARDO COHEN: The role of the Jesuit missionary as a translator
10:40 ANDREU MARTÍNEZ: Why do you circumcide?: Genealogy of a missionary fetish
11:00 VERENA BÖLL: The encounter of Christian anthropology of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church and the Catholic Church during the 17th century
11:20-12:00 Discussion

12:00-13:30 Lunch break

History (II): Missionary Developments from the 19th Century Onward

Chairperson: SVEN RUBENSON
Discussants: HUSSEIN AHMED, DONALD CRUMMEY,
UOLDELUL CHELATI DIRAR

13:30 SEVIR CHERNETSOV: Ethiopian theological response towards European missionary propaganda in the 17th-19th centuries
13:50 KEBEDE HORDOFA: Missionaries enslaved Oromos and their contribution to the development of the Oromo language
14:10 WOLBERT SMIDT: The role of the former Oromo-slave Pauline Fathme in Switzerland in the foundation of the Protestant Oromo-mission

14:30 TSEGA ENDALEW: Protestant Mission Activities in the Lake Tana Region: Persecutions in Bahir Dar, 1968-1994

14:50 MERDASSA KASSAYE: Missionaries' leadership role shift and limitation in the current Ethiopian Evangelical Church

15:10-15:50 Discussion

Saturday, 26 July 2003

Anthropology: Conversions, Resistances and Compromises

Chairperson: STEVEN KAPLAN
Discussants: ABBEBE KIFLEYESUS, ALEXANDER NATY

9:00 ALEXANDER NATY: The Sudan Interior Mission in Aariland, southern Ethiopia

9:20 SUSANNE EPPLE: Protestant and Catholic missionaries among the Banna, Hamar and Bashada: successes and losses for both parties. A case study

9:40 CHRISTIANE FALGE: Nuer Christian segmentation and Christian conversion

10:00 MERSHA ALEHEGNE: Missions and the Ethiopian Orthodox Church

10:20 SVEN RUBENSON: How the missionary was converted: a personal account

10:40-11:20 Discussion

11:20-11:45 Coffee break

Summarizing Discussion

Chairperson: BAHRU ZEWEDE

11:45-13:00 Is Ethiopia an exception?

13:00 Evolution, methods, patterns and ways of conversion
The converted and the other
Politics and missions