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The historical highlands of Northern Ethiopia (Tigray), an ancient Christian region, have experienced complex developments in the past millennia. Within the local ecclesiastic context, different religious groups and movements were born at different points in time, each time modifying and enriching the cultural landscape of the area. Having appeared, churches and monastic communities used to define, retain or change their affiliation. The emerging networks influenced the religious, cultural and social life in North Ethiopia. Studying ecclesiastic sites, one can try to reconstruct and trace back historical identities, creating a coherent historical narrative for the region.

The first workshop convened by the team of the Ethio-SPARE project and bringing together specialists in different interrelated fields focuses on religious currents in Tigray and their reflection in the region's ecclesiastic landscape. New results will be presented both from Ethio-SPARE and other ongoing research projects. The comparative perspective offered by the workshop framework will allow new methodological insights into the matter, and the additional time for discussion will allow for learning opportunities for all workshop participants.

Friday, 15 July 2011

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| 14.00-14.15 | Opening and welcome |
| 14.15-14.45 | Ecclesiastic Landscape of North Ethiopia.
Methodologies and Types of Approach. An Overview.
<i>Dr. Denis Nosnitsin, Hamburg</i> |
| 14.45-15.30 | Monastic Networks in North Ethiopia
<i>Dr. Anaïs Wion, Paris</i> |
| 15.30-16.00 | Discussion

<i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16.30-17.15 | Ecclesiastic Sites of the Nine Saints
<i>Dr. Antonella Brita, Naples</i> |

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| 17.15-18.00 | Monastic Network of abunä Mädhaniṇä Ǝgzi?
<i>François LeCadre, Paris</i> |
| 18.00-18.30 | Discussion |
| 20.00 | <i>Dinner</i> |

Saturday, 16 July 2011

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| 09.00-09.45 | "Ewostatean" Ecclesiastic Sites in North Ethiopia
<i>Prof. Dr. Michael Gervers, Toronto</i> |
| 09.45-10.30 | New Branches of the "Stephanite" Monastic Network? The Cases of Foqāda and Mäkod'a
<i>Dr. Denis Nosnitsin, Hamburg</i> |
| 10.30-11.00 | Discussion

<i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11.30-12.15 | Historical Overview of the Church of 'Addiqāharsi Paraqlīṭos (Gulo Mākāda, Tigray): Site, Tradition, Library
<i>Dr. Stéphane Ancel, Hamburg</i> |
| 12.15-13.00 | Manuscripts and Scribes of the Church of Mədrä Ruba (Gulo Mākāda, Tigray)
<i>Vitagrazia Pisani, Hamburg</i> |
| | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14.30-15.00 | Churches and Monasteries of North Ethiopia: Cultural Heritage
<i>Gebre Egziabher Naizghi, Mekelle</i> |
| 15.00-15.30 | Final discussion. Conclusion |