

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Samson A. Bezabeh is an Anthropologist with a focus on state-society interaction. Research interest and focus include Diaspora study, Islam and media, Christianity and Christian state cosmologies as well as issues of citizenship, ethnicity and class in Africa. In terms of regional focus Samson's work concentrate on the Horn of Africa particularly in the republic of Djibouti and Ethiopia where he has conducted research over a period of ten years. His geographical focus also include Southern Arabia particularly the southern part of Yemen. Samson has published articles in peer reviewed international journals.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN	
• Phd in Social Anthropology	2013
UNIVERSITY OF BERGEN	
• M.Phil in Anthropology of Development	2008
ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY:	
• M.A in Social Anthropology	2004
ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY:	1997 - 2001
• B.A. in Sociology and Social Administration	

LANGUAGES

- **French** (Fluent in speaking and reading)
- **English** (Fluent in speaking, reading and writing)
- **Amharic** (Fluent in speaking, reading and writing)
- **Arabic** (Basic)

AWARDS

- 2012- Prize for best article published in African Affairs (an Oxford Journal on Africa) over two years' time. The Prize is given by the Royal African Society of Great Britain. The award committee include Director of the Royal African Society, President of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom, members of the editorial board and editors of the journal. The Prize was collected last September in a ceremony that was organised at the University of Leeds.

- 2012- Research Prize from Lauritz Meltzer fund. The fund is a grant given for research purpose for academics working in Scandinavia. . The prize that I obtained was the highest within the department of Anthropology for the academic calendar.
- 2010 -Research grant from the Faculty of Social Science at the University of Bergen.
- 2009 -Scholarship from Norwegian State Education Fund.
- 2006 -Scholarship from Norwegian Agency for International Development.

◀ Publications ▶

. Published/ Accepted

- Samson A. Bezabeh. 2011. Citizenship and the Logic of Sovereignty in Djibouti. *African Affairs*. 110/441, 587-606.
- Samson A. Bezabeh. 2010. Muslim Hadramis in “Christian Ethiopia”. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. Vol. 30, No.3, pp. 333-343.
- Samson A. Bezabeh. 2011. “Yemeni Families in the Early History of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia ca.1900-1950: A Revisionist Approach in Diasporic Historiography”. *Cahiers d'Études africaines.no, 204*.
- Samson A. Bezabeh. (Forthcoming 2012). “Living Across Digital Landscapes: Muslims, Orthodox and Indian Guru in Urban Ethiopia”. In Rosalind Hackett and Benjamin Soares (eds) *New Media and Religion in Africa*. Indiana University Press.
- Samson A. Bezabeh . “Mythical Roots, Fantasmic Realities and Transnational Migrants : Yemenis Across the Gulf of Aden”. Forth coming in *Cyber Orient*.

Submitted /In Press

- Samson A. Bezabeh. Islam, the Middle East and the Politics of France in Colonial Djibouti. Submitted to *Journal of African History*.
- Samson A. Bezabeh. Do our Informants lie? Vertical protocol of Evidence and the Paradox of Anthropological Epistemology. Submitted to Taylor and Francis’s journal entitled as *History and Anthropology*.
- Samson A. Bezabeh. Yemenis in the Politics of Ethiopia: From Wilsonian Sovereignty to Pan Arabism, 1920-1960, Submitted for a special issue of the journal *African Diaspora*.
- Samson A. Bezabeh..Subjects of Empires/Citizens of State : Yemenis in the Port of Djibouti and its Hinterland. (Book Manuscript Under consideration by Ohio University Press)

Under Preparation

- Samson A. Bezabeh. Muslim Law Court and French Justice System :The death of Hamoudi and the 1930 Riots in Cote Francaise des Somalis. To be submitted to the journal *Africa*

Unpublished Material

- Samson A. Bezabeh. 2009. The Politics of Hybridity : States of Exceptions and Multicultural Philosophy of Social Sciences. (Paper Presented at the Doctoral School in the University of Bergen).
- Samson A. Bezabeh. 2008. Among People With History : Yemeni Diaspora and Ethiopian State Interaction in Historical Perspective. M.Phil Thesis, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Bergen.
- Samson A. Bezabeh. 2004. Yemenis in Dire Dawa, Eastern Ethiopia . A Study in Migration and Identity. M.A Thesis, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Addis Ababa University.

◀ Academic Endeavours / Professional Talk ▶

- *Mythical Roots, Fantasmic Realities and Transnational Migrants: Yemenis across the Gulf of Aden.* Key Note address for the conference ‘*Dancing on the Borders-Religious Movement in Transition.*’ The Conference was organised by the Department of Religious Studies, California State University (Long Beach) and my presentation was the key note address of the conference.
- *Living Across Digital Landscapes.* Presentation at an international conference on *Transforming Identities and New Representation of Muslim in Contemporary Ethiopia.* The conference was organised by Center of African Studies at the University of Florida, Christian Michelsen Institute, University of Bergen and the Center for Modern Oriental Studies (Germany).
- Presentation on Scale and mobility in a graduate workshop organized by the Anthropology Department of the University College London (UCL). The workshop was entitled *as Moving scales and scales of movement: cosmologies of borders and crossings* and was held at UCL from 12th -13th June 2012.
- *Mythical Citizenship: Yemenis Arabs in Zion land.* Paper presented in the bi-annual Conference of Royal African Studies, University of Leeds, UK.
- *Carl Schmitt in Africa.* Paper for the Workshop Dalits and Muslims in the History of India’s State Formation, University of Bergen, Norway.
- *Khat in Dire Dawa.* Presentation at a Workshop on the marketing and Commercialisation of Khat in Ethiopia. The Workshop was funded by the United States Embassy in Ethiopia.