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**Ethiopia** - Paulos Milkias 2011-05-18

This book is the most complete, accessible, and up-to-date resource for Ethiopian geography, history, politics, economics, society, culture, and education, with coverage from ancient times to the present. Ethiopia is a comprehensive treatment of this ancient country's history coupled with an exploration of the nation today. Arranged by broad topics, the book provides an overview of Ethiopia's physical and human geography, its history, its system of government, and the present economic situation. But the book also presents a picture of contemporary society and culture and

of the Ethiopian people. It also discusses art, music, and cinema; class; gender; ethnicity; and education, as well as the language, food, and etiquette of the country. Readers will learn such fascinating details as the fact that coffee was first domesticated in Ethiopia more than 10,000 years ago and that modern Ethiopia comprises 77 different ethnic groups with their own distinct languages.

**Eritrea** - Mussie Tesfagiorgis G. Ph.D. 2010-10-29

This authoritative overview serves as a comprehensive resource on Eritrea's history, politics, economy, society, and culture. Located in eastern

Africa, bordering the Red Sea between Djibouti and Sudan, Eritrea is a poor but developing East African country, the capital of which is Asmara. Formerly a province of Ethiopia, Eritrea became independent on May 24, 1993, following a 30-year struggle that culminated in a referendum vote for independence. Written materials on most aspects of Eritrean history and culture are quite scarce. Eritrea fills that gap with an exhaustive, thematically organized overview. It examines Eritrean geography, the history of Eritrea since the ancient period, and the government, politics, economy, society, cultures, and people of the modern nation. Though based largely on the documentary record, the book also recognizes the value of oral history among the people of Eritrea and incorporates that history as well. Leading sources are quoted at length to provide analysis and perspective.

A History of African Motherhood - Rhiannon Stephens 2013-09-02

Writing precolonial African history: words and other historical fragments --

Motherhood in north Nyanza, eighth through twelfth centuries --

Consolidation and adaptation: the politics of motherhood in early Buganda

and south Kyoga, thirteenth through fifteenth centuries -- Mothering the

kingdoms: Buganda, Busoga and east Kyoga, sixteenth through eighteenth

centuries -- Contesting the authority of mothers in the nineteenth century.

Gender-related Legal Reform and Access to Economic Resources in

Eastern Africa - Gita Gopal 1999

The impetus for change in African legal reform is coming primarily from African women themselves, as they respond to their personal and practical experiences with the law. Top-down imposition of norms has not worked; if legal reform is to lead to sustainable equity for women, the voices of these women must be heard. Given that previous efforts to ensure greater equity in personal laws have not been fully successful in eastern African countries, any new legal initiatives must not repeat the mistakes of the past. Law must not again remain merely on the books as a legitimizing tool that reinforces or supports gender discrimination, but must actively protect and guard the interests of both men and women. This paper attempts to draw out some possible lessons from past experience to inform new efforts at legal reform in these countries. It examines the laws related to allocation of economic resources within households in the broader historical, social, and cultural context in some of these countries, and examines the effectiveness of these laws in challenging gender relationships.

The Traditional Teaching of the Ethiopian Orthodox Täwahedo Church -

Christine Chaillot

Christine Chaillot's new book, *The Traditional Teaching of the Ethiopian Orthodox Täwahedo Church: Faith and Spirituality*, presents a topic that is

little – if at all – known outside Ethiopia, even in Christian circles. Moreover, it is a much neglected field in the wider study of African education. It is a teaching based on ancient texts and books, taught orally to the students who will become the future clergy and who will then share their knowledge with the faithful in Church life. The studies of the different disciplines are pursued at different schools and at different levels, in liturgy, theology with commentaries of books (Old and New Testaments, books of the Church fathers and monks) as well as composition of poems (qenes) and iconography. All this teaching presented in the present volume is deeply related to the faith and spirituality of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church. This teaching is a unique intangible cultural heritage. One wonders, however, what its future will be in the context of the modern educational methods and social attitudes that have evolved in Ethiopia over the last half-century.

**The Ethiopian Borderlands - Richard Pankhurst 1997**

This book is an historical investigative account of the history of the expanding and often nebulous borders of Ethiopia, beginning from ancient times to 1800. It deals with areas that have for years been contentious and problematic for the adjacent peoples in the region: Land of Bahr Nagash, Ifat, Adal, Fatagar, Dawaro, Bali, Damot, Gurage, Waj, Gamo, Ganz, Kafa, etc.

The Life and Struggles of Our Mother Walatta Petros - Galawdewos

2015-10-13

The first English translation of the earliest book-length biography of an African woman This is the hardcover scholarly edition of the award-winning English translation of the earliest-known book-length biography of an African woman, and one of the few lives of an African woman written by Africans before the nineteenth century. As such, it provides an exceedingly rare and valuable picture of the experiences and thoughts of Africans, especially women, before the modern era. It is also an extraordinary account of a remarkable life—full of vivid dialogue, heartbreak, and triumph. *The Life and Struggles of Our Mother Walatta Petros (1672)* tells the story of an Ethiopian saint who led a successful nonviolent movement to preserve African Christian beliefs in the face of European protocolonialism. When the Jesuits tried to convert the Ethiopians from their ancient form of Christianity, Walatta Petros (1592–1642), a noblewoman and the wife of one of the emperor's counselors, risked her life by leaving her husband, who supported the conversion effort, and leading the struggle against the Jesuits. After her death, her disciples wrote this book, praising her as a friend of women, a devoted reader, a skilled preacher, and a radical leader. One of the earliest stories of African resistance to European influence, this biography also provides a picture of

domestic life, including Walatta Petros's life-long relationship with a female companion. Richly illustrated with dozens of color illustrations from early manuscripts, this groundbreaking volume provides an authoritative and highly readable translation along with an extensive introduction. Other features include a chronology of Walatta Petros's life, maps, a comprehensive glossary, and detailed notes on textual variants.

**The Routledge Handbook of Global Historical Archaeology** - Charles E. Orser, Jr. 2020-07-26

The Routledge Handbook of Global Historical Archaeology is a multi-authored compendium of articles on specific topics of interest to today's historical archaeologists, offering perspectives on the current state of research and collectively outlining future directions for the field. The broad range of topics covered in this volume allows for specificity within individual chapters, while building to a cumulative overview of the field of historical archaeology as it stands, and where it could go next.

Archaeological research is discussed in the context of current sociological concerns, different approaches and techniques are assessed, and potential advances are posited. This is a comprehensive treatment of the sub-discipline, engaging key contemporary debates, and providing a series of specially-commissioned geographical overviews to complement the more theoretical explorations. This book is designed to offer a starting

point for students who may wish to pursue particular topics in more depth, as well as for non-archaeologists who have an interest in historical archaeology. Archaeologists, historians, preservationists, and all scholars interested in the role historical archaeology plays in illuminating daily life during the past five centuries will find this volume engaging and enlightening.

*World Military History Bibliography* - Barton Hacker 2003-06-01

Preclassical and indigenous nonwestern military institutions and methods of warfare are the chief subjects of this annotated bibliography of work published 1967–1997. Classical antiquity, post-Roman Europe, and the westernized armed forces of the 20th century, although covered, receive less systematic attention. Emphasis is on historical studies of military organization and the relationships between military and other social institutions, rather than wars and battles. Especially rich in references to the periodical literature, the bibliography is divided into eight parts: (1) general and comparative topics; (2) the ancient world; (3) Eurasia since antiquity; (4) sub-Saharan Africa and Oceania; (5) pre-Columbian America; (6) postcontact America; (7) the contemporary nonwestern world; and (8) philosophical, social scientific, natural scientific, and other works not primarily historical.

**The Myth of Continents** - Martin W. Lewis 1997

"Despite the recent surge of interest in geographical concepts and ideas, most social, cultural, and political studies are riddled with unexamined spatial assumptions. The Myth of Continents initiates a much-needed consideration of this state of affairs. Through a wide-ranging analysis of such metageographical constructs as East, West, Europe, and Asia, Lewis and Wigen provide provocative insights into the nature and significance of the ways we usually divide up the world. Moreover, they do so in an engaging and highly readable style. Readers of The Myth of Continents will never again see the world regions in quite the same way."--Alexander B. Murphy, author of The Regional Dynamics of Language Differentiation in Belgium "An exciting, thoughtful, engaging, innovative book that demonstrates the need to reexamine commonly held assumptions about the world's division into continents, East/West, First/Second/Third World, etc. Readers will be drawn to its 'big-think' quality of shattering commonly held assumptions and to its up-to-the-minute contemporary feel."-- Benjamin Orlove, coeditor of State, Capital, and Rural Society: Anthropological Perspectives on Political Economy in Mexico and the Andes "An important and long overdue housecleaning of old geographical concepts, based upon an impressively wide reading of regional literatures."--Edmund Burke III, editor of Struggle and Survival in the Modern Middle East

A Social History of Ethiopia - Richard Pankhurst 1992

A compilation of Ethiopia's social history, devoted to the northern and central highlands, and covering the period from early medieval times to the reign of Emperor Tewodros II.

Historical Dictionary of Ethiopia - David H. Shinn 2013-04-11

Ethiopia is clearly one of the most important countries in Africa. First of all, with about 75 million people, it is the third most populous country in Africa. Second, it is very strategically located, in the Horn of Africa and bordering Eritrea, Sudan, Kenya, and Somalia, with some of whom it has touchy and sometimes worse relations. Yet, its capital – Addis Ababa – is the headquarters of the African Union, the prime meeting place for Africa's leaders. So, if things went poorly in Ethiopia, this would not be good for Africa, and for a long time this was the case, with internal disruption rife, until it was literally suppressed under the strong rule of the recently deceased Meles Zenawi. The Historical Dictionary of Ethiopia, Second Edition covers the history of Ethiopia through a chronology, an introductory essay, appendixes, and an extensive bibliography. The dictionary section has several hundred cross-referenced entries on important personalities, politics, economy, foreign relations, religion, and culture. This book is an excellent access point for students, researchers, and anyone wanting to know more about Ethiopia.

*An African Indian Community in Hyderabad* - Ababu Minda Yimene 2004

**Historical Dictionary of Ethiopia** - Thomas P. Ofcansky 2004-03-29

Ethiopia is one of the world's oldest countries; its Rift Valley may be the location where the ancestors of humankind originated more than four million years ago. With a population of 67 million people today, it is the third most populous country on the African continent after Nigeria and Egypt. It is the source of 86 percent of the water reaching the Aswan Dam in Egypt, most of it carried by the amazing Blue Nile. Ethiopia offers major historical sites such as the pre-Christian palace at Yeha, the stele and tombs of the old Kingdom of Axum, and the rock-carved churches of Lalibela. For anyone interested in Ethiopia, this historical dictionary, through its individual and carefully cross-referenced entries, captures the importance and intrigue of this truly significant African nation. Historical Dictionary of Ethiopia appeals to all levels of readers, providing entries for each of Ethiopia's 85 ethnic groups and covering a broad range of cultural, political, and economic topics. Readers interested in the cultural aspects or who are planning to visit Ethiopia will find a wealth of entries on art, literature, handicrafts, music, dance, bird life, geography, and historic tourist sites. Practitioners in government and non-governmental organizations will find entries on pressing economic, social, and political

issues such as HIV/AIDS, female circumcision, debt, human rights, and the environment. The important historical role of missionaries and the combination of conflict and cooperation between Christians and Muslims in the region are also issues reviewed. And, finally, many of the entries highlight relations between Ethiopia and her neighbors-Eritrea, Somalia, Somaliland, Djibouti, Kenya, and Sudan. In the bibliography, considerable emphasis has been placed on including both new and old materials covering all facets of Ethiopia, organized for easy identification by areas of major interest.

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*The Palgrave Handbook of Language Policies in Africa* - Esther Mukewa Lisanza

**Nation Dance** - Patrick Taylor 2001-07-18

In these essays the poetic vitality of the practitioner's voice meets the attentive commitment of the postcolonial scholar in a dance of "nations" across the waters.

**Encyclopaedia Aethiopica** - Siegbert Uhlig 2010

The encyclopedia for the Horn of Africa treats all important terms of the

history of ideas of this central region between Orient and Africa. After its completion the set will comprise five volumes four text and one index volume with altogether approx. 4000 articles. The topics range from basic data over archaeology, ethnology and anthropology, history, the languages and literatures up to the art, religion and culture.

**African Elites in India - Kenneth X. Robbins 2006**

"Sub-Saharan Africans have a longstanding and distinguished presence in India, where they are most commonly known as Habshis or Sidis. Habshi is the Arabic for an Abyssinian or Ethiopian, and Sidi is apparently derived from the Arabic sayyidi, "my lord". In the last decade there has been a veritable explosion of scholarship on Habshis and Sidis in India. This book is a contribution to this growing field, but with a difference. Rather than the groups hitherto studied, its focus is on the elite of Sub-Saharan African-Indian merchants, soldiers, nobles, statesmen, and rulers who attained prominence in various parts of India between the fifteenth and twentieth centuries, and on Africans who served at the courts of Indian monarchs as servants, slaves, eunuchs, or concubines. This book is a series of snapshots, in the form of essays by specialists in history, numismatics, architecture, the art history of South Asia, of colour and black-and-white illustrations." -- Jacket description.

[A Social History of the Deccan, 1300-1761](#) - Richard M. Eaton 2005-11-17

In this fascinating account of one of the least known parts of South Asia, Eaton recounts the history of the Deccan plateau in southern India from the fourteenth century to the rise of European colonialism. He does so, vividly, through the lives of eight Indians who lived at different times during this period, and who each represented something particular about the Deccan. In the first chapter, for example, the author describes the demise of the regional kingdom through the life of a maharaja. In the second, a Sufi sheikh illustrates Muslim piety and state authority. Other characters include a merchant, a general, a slave, a poet, a bandit and a female pawnbroker. Their stories are woven together into a rich narrative tapestry, which illumines the most important social processes of the Deccan across four centuries. This is a much-needed book by the most highly regarded scholar in the field.

*Aethiopica* - 2002

**Orient** - 2006

**The Big Gamble** - Milena Belloni 2019-12-17

A free open access ebook is available upon publication. Learn more at [www.luminosoa.org](http://www.luminosoa.org). Tens of thousands of Eritreans make perilous voyages across Africa and the Mediterranean Sea every year. Why do

they risk their lives to reach European countries where so many more hardships await them? By visiting family homes in Eritrea and living with refugees in camps and urban peripheries across Ethiopia, Sudan, and Italy, Milena Belloni untangles the reasons behind one of the most under-researched refugee populations today. Balancing encounters with refugees and their families, smugglers, and visa officers, *The Big Gamble* contributes to ongoing debates about blurred boundaries between forced and voluntary migration, the complications of transnational marriages, the social matrix of smuggling, and the role of family expectations, emotions, and values in migrants' choices of destinations.

*Prisoners of Prester John* - Cates Baldrige 2014-01-10

During the 16th century, Portugal endeavored to locate the mythical kingdom of Prester John--a Christian nation rumored to be somewhere in the Orient, amidst the pagans and Muslims. This study chronicles Portugal's final attempt, a six-year odyssey in Ethiopia that resulted in a tragicomic collision with a proud but isolated Christian kingdom. After summarizing the Prester John myth and the many efforts it spawned, the work focuses on the Ethiopian mission's chronicler, Father Francisco Alvares, who fell in love with the country and its people, became a friend of its king, hid the Abyssinians' heresies from his superiors, and set in motion events that saved Ethiopia from imminent destruction. Unique in

the annals of Europeans' initial contacts with African peoples, the Portuguese mission is a portrait of hopeful preconceptions buffeted and eventually transformed by encounters with a fascinating, utterly unexpected reality.

*The Writers Directory* - 2013

*Masculine Migrations* - Daniel Coleman 1998-01-01

Examines the representation of masculinities in the work of some of Canada's most exciting writers, including Michael Ondaatje, and Rohinton Mistry, to show how cross-cultural migration disrupts assumed codes for masculine behaviour and practice.

*Spuren der Begegnung* - Anke Fischer-Kattner 2015-05-20

Vor der Epoche des (hoch-)imperialistischen Zugriffs auf Afrika war eine Reise in das Binnenland des Kontinents für Europäer ein risikoreiches Unterfangen. Dennoch nahmen gebildete Reisende seit der Mitte des 18. Jahrhunderts die Unsicherheiten eines Vorstoßes in Nordost-, West- oder Südafrika auf sich, um der interessierten gelehrten Öffentlichkeit in ihrer Heimat darüber berichten zu können. Sie publizierten umfassende Reisenarrationen, die zur Erweiterung des Wissens auf unterschiedlichsten Feldern beitragen sollten. Dabei bildete die individuelle Reiseerfahrung mit ihren spezifischen Verunsicherungen einen »roten Faden«, an den



vielfältige Erkenntnisse angeknüpft wurden. Anke Fischer-Kattner geht den Spuren nach, die präkoloniale Reisende in der Verarbeitung ihrer Erlebnisse zu Wissen schaffenden Publikationen hinterließen. Dabei zeigt sich schon in den veröffentlichten Texten, dass die reisenden Europäer ihre Erfahrungen nicht allein kontrollierten. Sozio-kulturelle Prägungen und Vorgängerpublikationen gaben den Reisenden Themen vor, die sie in ihren Darstellungen individuell variierten. Insbesondere drei ausführlich präsentierte Fallbeispiele von Reisen ins äthiopische Hochland machen dabei jedoch deutlich, dass auch die »Anderen« in der Narration nicht nur Projektionsfläche waren. Afrikanerinnen und Afrikaner erscheinen hier als Charaktere mit eigener Handlungsmacht. Archivalisch erhaltene Aufzeichnungen der Reisen bieten ergänzende Einblicke in die konkreten Prozesse, in denen die Reisenden Erfahrungen zu Wissen verarbeiteten. Über theoretisch reflektierte Lesarten der erhaltenen Spuren von Selbst-Ver(un)sicherung gelangen schließlich Annäherungen an die Leerstelle der vergangenen Begegnung mit Fremden.

**Sex, Sexuality, and the Meaning of AIDS in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** - Rachel Lucas 2001

Focuses on the views and conduct of young Ethiopians regarding premarital social and sexual relationships, mate selection, and how traditional expectations and desires are reconciled and negotiated with

contemporary expectations and desires. Explores perception of HIV risk within the broader context of social relationships and within the framework of lives in Addis Ababa.

**Slavery & South Asian History** - Indrani Chatterjee 2006

Original essays explore the reality of slavery in the South Asian past

*African Theatre* - Martin Banham 2002

The contributions to this volume in the African Theatre series make clear that the role of women in the theatre across the continent has changed as control is mainly held by literate elites and women's traditional standing has been lost to men.

**The Nile** - Gebre Tsadik Degefu 2003

The study focuses in particular on the Nile Basin, which has 10 riparian states sharing the waters of the Nile. As water scarcity and population is the #1 problem of the 21st century, a fair and equitable distribution of the available waters among the riparian states is a must. The book is divided into 4 parts: Diplomatic, History, Legal Analysis and developmental analysis.

**How this Happened: Demystifying the Nile** - Dereje Befekadu Tessema

2023-02-07

Ethiopians had to wait over a thousand years to be able to use their waters for their own development. Ethiopian emperors and leaders have

tried to build a dam on the Nile River as part of their development efforts. Unfortunately, due to varying reasons and circumstances, including external pressure from countries near and far, geo- and hydro-political balance shifts, and internal conflicts, they were not successful in realizing their wishes. Instead of giving up, though, each leader contributed to different extents, by laying the foundation for and addressing challenges faced in making this dream a reality. The masterplan for the dam designed in 1964 has been the seed in waiting ever since, waiting for the right opportunity to arise for construction to start. Following the decade long negotiation and an agreement on the equitable use of the Nile waters by most Nile riparian countries, and the subsequent Cooperative Framework Agreement, the Ethiopian government started the construction of the GERD in 2011. The waiting had finally ended ... It was time for the seed to grow. Twelve years later, the construction program is almost done. The reservoir already holds billions of cubic meters of water, and the country has produced power from the first two turbines as part of the early power generation milestone. The seed has sprouted, and the tree is on track to be the tallest in Africa. In this six-part book, Dereje Befekadu Tessema discusses events that started thousands of years ago, culminating in the construction of the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD). He also shares a recount of his trip from the sources to the mouth of the Nile

River.

William O. and Jayne Bowerman Hall Ethiopian Collection - Norma Comrada 2000

*Encyclopaedia Aethiopica: D-Ha* - Siegbert Uhlig 2003

**The Archaeology of Ancient Eritrea** - Peter Ridgway Schmidt 2008

This is a collection of essays exploring the contradicting paradigms of oppression and liberation in Ethiopia.

*Education for Children with Disabilities in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia* - Margarita Schiemer 2017-08-02

This book is open access under a CC BY 4.0 license. This book presents insights into the lived realities of children with disabilities in primary schools in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. It examines specific cultural and societal characteristics of Ethiopia that influence the education of children with disabilities. The book presents findings drawn from interviews with, and participant observation of the schoolchildren, family members, teachers and other “experts”, and places these findings in a cultural-historical context. The multidimensional approach taken allows for, on the one hand, the provision of a historical grounding of the book, explaining the main historical junctures and their implications for education, and the discussion

of the role of culture and society as barriers and facilitators of education. On the other hand, it gives the book a more personal angle, allowing the reader to gain insight into what it means to feel like a family, develop a sense of belonging, and trying to move toward educational equity.

**The Arts of Africa: 1992 (With Omissions from 1986 through 1991) - 1997**

**From Falashas to Ethiopian Jews - Daniel Summerfield 2017-09-25**

In the light of the Israeli government's plan to halt Ethiopian immigration, this book provides original research into the transformation of the Falashas to Ethiopian Jews during the twentieth century which made them eligible for immigration into Israel, adding a new dimension to the question of 'Who is a Jew', namely the case of the 'manufactured Jew'.

The Making of Modern Ethiopia - Teshale Tibebe 1995

A sociocultural reconstruction of modern Ethiopia's social history, that will have far reaching repercussions in Ethiopianist discourse.

*African Foreign Policies* - Paul-Henri Bischoff 2020-03-26

This book explores, at a time when several powers have become serious players on the continent, aspects of African agency, past and present, by African writers on foreign policy, representative of geography, language and state size. In the past, African foreign policy has largely been considered within the context of reactions to the international or global “external factor”. This groundbreaking book, however, looks at how foreign policy has been crafted and used in response not just to external, but also, mainly, domestic imperatives or (theoretical) signifiers. As such, it narrates individual and changing foreign policy orientations over time—and as far back as independence—with mainly African-based scholars who present their own constructs of what is a useful theoretical narrative regarding foreign policy on the continent—how theory is adapted to local circumstance or substituted for continentally based ontologies. The book therefore contends that the African experience carries valuable import for expanding general understandings of foreign policy in general. This book will be of key interest to scholars and students of Foreign Policy Analysis, Foreign Policy Studies, African International Relations/Politics/Studies, Diplomacy and more broadly to International Relations.