

20th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies - Mekelle University, Ethiopia

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“Regional and Global Ethiopia –Interconnections and Identities”

1-5 October 2018

NINTH CIRCULAR FOR ICES20 – Program updates, bus service (shuttles), registration/check-in, book display, lunches/dinners

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Dear Participants,

This is the ninth circular from the Organizing Committee of the 20th International Conference of Ethiopian Studies (ICES20) to take place in Mekelle University in October 2018. This circular contains information on program updates (opening ceremony/session room assignment), bus service (shuttles) to the conference venue, registration/check-in, book display, and sponsored dinners.

1. Program Updates (Opening Ceremony/Session room assignment)

The opening ceremony will take place at **Mitiku Haile Hall, Mekelle University Endayesus (Main/Arid) Campus from 4:00pm in the afternoon**. All other programs will take place in the Endayesus campus with following room assignments. Please refer the campus map at the web page (<http://www.ices20-mu.org/venue.html>) and the conference program (<http://www.ices20-mu.org/program.php>) for more details. The print version of the conference program can be downloaded from “conference materials” section (<http://www.ices20-mu.org/material.html>)

- **Common events** (opening/closing ceremony, keynotes, memorial forum)
- **Book launches/exhibition openings:** Mitiku Haile hall /IPHC building
- **Panel rooms:** Room01-14: IPHC building (exact location to be announce at site); Room15: Management Hall, Room16: Agriculture Hall
- **Book display:** IPHC building ground floor

All the session rooms will be equipped with a projector, extension cable, and a desktop computer (with Microsoft PowerPoint). If you need some specific software for your presentations, please bring your own laptop. We also advise panel organizers, as a measure of security, to bring their own reserve laptop ready for presentations. We remind panel organizers that they decide on the order of paper presentations and communicate with paper presenters. In addition, they can assign chairs for different sessions when panels are long. Collection of PowerPoint presentations is also to be done within each panel.

2. Bus Service (shuttles) from the Airport/Town

There will be free bus service (shuttles) with the following schedule. Alternatively, from airport to town, you could also take airport taxi (200 birr from airport to town) or line taxi (4 birr from the road **outside** the airport to town) or hotel’s transportation service (in case of high-grade hotels). From town to the conference venue, you could also take *bajaj* (around 50 birr for the locals) or line taxi (3 birr from town, ask a MU staff for directions). **If you are taking *bajaj* from town, please be sure to say “Arid” campus, as there are several MU campuses in town.**

- From town to conference venue (for pick-up spots, please refer to <http://www.ices20-mu.org/travel.html?20180928>)
 - ✧ Sun. 30 Sep. 3:15pm (the shuttle will come sometime between 3:15pm – 3:45pm)
 - ✧ Mon. 1 Oct. – Fri 5 Oct.: 8:15am (the shuttle will come sometime between 8:15am – 8:45am)
 - ✧ (Lunchtime service: to be announced on the website and at the conference.)
- From conference venue to the town:
 - ✧ 15min after the final sessions finish (sometime between 6:45pm –7:30pm, depends on the day)

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- From airport to town (Sunday): As the service is not yet confirmed, we will post updates on the website.

3. Registration/Check-in to ICE20

Registration (signing-in) desks will be open at following times and places. You will receive conference materials including the program booklet and the book of abstract at the time of registration/check-in. If you have not paid the registration fee yet, please do so **by cash (Ethiopian birr only)** at the time of registration. The Ethiopian birr amount for 100USD (foreigners) will be 2,760 birr, and for 40USD (foreigners in Ethiopian universities) will be 1,100 birr (The rate is at 1 USD = 27.5889 (as of 28 Sep.), with rounding of the amount less than 10 birr).

We kindly ask following people to provide some form of IDs:

- (1) Everybody whose registration fee is NOT 100USD:
 - (a) Foreigners in Ethiopian universities (provide some form of ID/document related to the university)
 - (b) Ethiopians
 - (c) Students in Ethiopian universities (provide student ID from respective universities)
- (2) Those who have already paid the registration fee. (We kindly ask those who already paid the registration fee to bring their receipts.)

Registration/Check-in Places and Times:

- **Mitiku Haile Hall**
Sun. 3pm - 6:30pm (opening ceremony: 4pm - 5:30pm)
Mon. 9:30am - 11:30am (until people leave)
- **Management Hall ground floor** (to the left from the entrance)
Mon: 2:30pm - 5:00pm
Tue - Fri: 10am - 11:30am (around coffee break time);
Tue-Thu: 3:30pm - 5:00pm

4. Note to those who would like to do book display

The book display will be held at the ground from of IPHC building. As previously stated, we will prepare the tables and chairs, but you will be responsible for managing the materials (we will not have a staff to manage and sell your books). However, you will be able to store the books overnight during the conference.

5. Lunches/Dinners

The conference organizer offers some dinners during the conference. After the opening ceremony on Sunday, there will be a reception at Geza Gebreselassie hosted by the organizer. Other dinners will be announced during the conference. The lunches will be self-funded. There will be bus services to the city at the lunch time.

We look forward seeing you at Mekelle very soon!

Best Regards,

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