

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Profile

Dr. Daniel R. Mekonnen is the Director of the Eritrean Law Society (ELS). He is also a Consultant with the Brussels-based Europe External Policy Advisors, co-author of a book with international recognition, *The African Garrison State* (2014), and a former Judge of the Central Provincial Court in Eritrea. Formerly, he was a Senior Legal Advisor and Research Professor at the Oslo-based International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI). Between January 2010 and May 2012, Mekonnen has provided expert legal advice to Linklaters LLP, one of the top five law firms in the United Kingdom (so-called “Magic Circle” law firms). His role in this regard was instrumental in securing an international arbitral award of US\$ 85.6 million. In October 2015, he also provided another expert legal advice in relation to a landmark Canadian court case on Corporate Social Responsibility, a partial judgement of which was delivered on 6 October 2016 and reported as *Araya v. Nevsun Resources Ltd.* 2016 BCSC 1856. He has a proven track record in academic publishing with particular emphasis on international human rights law, international humanitarian law and transitional justice. He has taught undergraduate and postgraduate courses at several European institutions of higher education. He has a doctoral degree (LLD) in Public International Law from the University of the Free State.

Educational background

- LLD in Public International Law, University of the Free State, South Africa, 2008
- LLM in Human Rights, University of Stellenbosch, South Africa, 2003
- LLB, University of Asmara, Eritrea, 1998
- Dip Law, University of Asmara, Eritrea, 1995

Academic interests

- Public international law; international criminal law; human rights; transitional justice; peace and conflict studies including nonviolence

Professional background

- March 2017 – Present: Director of the Eritrean Law Society (ELS), Geneva, Switzerland
- November 2015 – October 2017: Guest Writer at the “Writers in Exile Program” of the Swiss-German PEN Centre (DSPZ), Luzern, Switzerland
- Jan 2015 – June 2017: Senior Legal Advisor, International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI), Oslo, Norway
- May 2013 – Dec 2014: Senior Legal Advisor & Research Professor (full time), International Law and Policy Institute (ILPI), Oslo, Norway
- February 2013 – June 2013: Research Fellow, Lawyers in Conflict & Transition, School of Law, Queen’s University Belfast
- February 2012 – January 2013: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow at Felsberg Institute for Education and Academic Research (FIBW), Germany
- November 2010 – January 2012: Bank of Ireland Human Rights Fellow, Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway
- January 2010 – October 2010: Senior Visiting Researcher, International Victimology Institute (INTERVICT), Tilburg University, the Netherlands
- January – December 2009: Post-Doctoral Researcher, Ghent University Human Rights Centre, Belgium
- July 2009: Visiting Lecturer of International Human Rights Law, An-Najah National University, Israel/Palestine
- March – May 2009: Visiting Research Fellow, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Switzerland
- January 2005 – December 2008: Programme Coordinator of the LLM Programme in Reproductive and Sexual Rights, University of the Free State, South Africa
- August 1998 – December 2003: Member of the Eritrean Judiciary (including Judge of the Zoba Maekel Provincial Court, Asmara, Eritrea)
- October 1991 – September 1992: Adult Education Teacher, Eritrean Ministry of Education, Eritrea

Courses taught

- International Human Rights Law, and Transitional Justice, courses taught at the summer academy of the Institute for Peace and Dialogue, Baar/Luzern, Switzerland, August 2016
- International Refugee Law, The African System of Human Rights Protection, and Transitional Justice (three different courses taught at the “Angola Human Rights Training Programme, Bjørknes College Oslo, funded by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented by the International Law and Policy Institute), August 2013
- International Security Law (postgraduate course taught at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway), Spring Term 2011
- International Human Rights Law (undergraduate course taught at the An-Najah National University in West Bank (Israel/Palestine), July 2009
- Public Law in Developing Countries: Law and Institutions in Africa (Guest lecture at the Department of Public Law, University of Ghent), October 2009

Membership in professional associations

- International Criminal Bar (ICB): Member since 2012; Member of the Council of the ICB since February 2017
- International Criminal Law Society (ICLS): Member since 2012
- International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL): Member since 2012
- African Diaspora Network (AND): Board Member since 2014
- African Diaspora Council of Switzerland: Member since 2014
- Eritrean Law Society (ELS): Founding Member and Board Member since 2003
- African Network of Constitutional Lawyers (ANCL): Member since 2009
- Peace and Collaborative Development Network (PCDN): Member since 2010
- African Transitional Justice Research Network (ATJRN): Member since 2008

Editorship/membership in editorial boards

- Jun 2009 – Present: Member of the International Editorial Board of *Africa Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* (ACPR)
- January 2006 – December 2008: Assistant Editor of the *Journal for Juridical Science*, South Africa
- September 2006 – February 2008: Assistant Editor (on consultancy) of the *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, South Africa & UK

Peer-reviewing for referred academic/scientific journals

- *African Conflict & Peacebuilding Review* (Indiana University Press, USA)
- *African Human Rights Law Journal* (University of Pretoria, South Africa)
- *Critical Sociology* (Sage Publishing, USA)
- *Journal of African Law* (Cambridge University Press, UK)
- *Journal for Juridical Science* (University of the Free State, South Africa)
- *Human Rights and International Legal Discourse* (Intersentia, Belgium)
- *International Journal of Public Administration and Policy Research* (Premier Publishers, Open Access)
- *International Journal of Transitional Justice* (Oxford University Press, UK)
- *Interdisciplinary Journal of Human Rights Law* (CASIN, USA)
- *Law, Democracy & Development* (University of the Western Cape, South Africa)
- *Nordic Journal of Human Rights* (University of Oslo, Norway)
- *Peace & Change: A Journal of Peace Research* (Willey Publishing, USA)
- *Peace & Conflict Studies Journal* (Nova Southeastern University)
- *Sociology Study* (David Publishing, USA)
- *Third World Quarterly* (Tailor & Francis, UK)
- *Transitional Justice Review* (University of Western Ontario, Canada)

Community service

- July '16 – Present: Member of the Advisory Council of PEN Eritrea

- Nov '14 – June '16: Member of the Eritrean Joint Task for the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea
- May – June 2015: Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee of the Geneva Mass Rally (the biggest demonstration condemning human rights violations in Eritrea)
- Jan '08 – Present: Founding Member of Citizens for Democratic Rights in Eritrea
- Mar '08 – Present: Member of the Eritrean Diaspora Working Group at Europe External Policy Advisors, Brussels
- Oct '04 – Dec '07: Member of the National Executive Committee of the United Nations Association of South Africa
- Apr '04 – Dec '06: Member of the African Judicial Network, Network Development Committee
- Jan '04 – Oct '04: Founding Member and Chairperson of the Interim Committee of the Eritrean Movement for Democracy and Human Rights (EMDHR)
- Jun - Aug'98: Member of the Eritrean Defence Forces
- Dec'95 - Jun'96: Completion of National Military Training

Publications (including forthcoming contributions)

Books/manuscripts

1. *The African Garrison State: Human Rights and Political Development in Eritrea* (James Currey: Oxford, 2nd rev. ed. 2017) – co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll (included in the prestigious list of “Outstanding Academic Titles” of 2015, published by the *Choice* magazine of the American Library Association (ALA), the oldest and largest library association in the world)
2. *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans* (Vienna: PEN Austria, 2017) – co-editorship with Tedros Abraham and Abraham T. Zere
3. *The Horn of Africa at the Brink of the 21st Century: Coping with Fragmentation, Isolation and Marginalization in a Globalizing Environment* (FIBW: Felsberg, Germany, 2013) – co-editorship with Mussie Tesfagiorgis
4. *Transitional Justice: Framing a Model for Eritrea* (VDM Publishing: Saarbrucken, 2009, ISBN 978-3639153729, pp. 326 + x); reviewed by Firew K Tiba in the *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 4(2) (2010): 308–311
5. *A Glossary of Human Rights Terms in Tigrinya* (Pretoria: PULP, 2015), co-authorship with Samuel B. Abraha and Adiam W. Woldeyohannes
6. A Tigrinya translation of Gene Sharp's *From Dictatorship to Democracy: A Conceptual Framework for Liberation* (2006) (Albert Einstein Institution: Boston, 2003)
7. *Bideho Antsar Atehasasebana (Challenging Our Perceptions): A Tigrinya Manual on Nonviolent Struggle* (EMDHR: Pretoria, 2006) - co-editor

Chapters in edited volumes

1. “Introduction” in Daniel Mekonnen *et al* (eds.), *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans* (Vienna: PEN Austria, 2017), pp. 12-15

2. "The Eritrean 'Free Press': A Classic Example of Orwellian Newspeak," in Daniel Mekonnen *et al* (eds.), *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans* (Vienna: PEN Austria, 2017), pp. 35-42
3. Translation from Tigrinya (Essay): Solomon Abera, "The Fateful Day," in Daniel Mekonnen *et al* (eds.), *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans* (Vienna: PEN Austria, 2017), pp. 70-76
4. Translation from Tigrinya (Essay): Shishai Shumondi, "Between Savagery and Survival: My Perilous Journey through the Desert and the Sea," in Daniel Mekonnen *et al* (eds.), *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans* (Vienna: PEN Austria, 2017), pp. 107-116
5. Translation from Tigrinya (Poem): Saba Kidane, "A Lamp of Sugar" in Daniel Mekonnen *et al* (eds.), *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans* (Vienna: PEN Austria, 2017), pp. 160-161
6. "Biography of Imprisoned [Eritrean] Journalists and Writers," in Daniel Mekonnen *et al* (eds.), *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans* (Vienna: PEN Austria, 2017), pp. 162-171, co-authorship with Tedros Abraham and Abraham T. Zere
7. "Eritrea" in Diana Vinding and Cæcilie Mikkelsen (eds.), *The Yearbook of the International Work Group for Indigenous Affairs* (Copenhagen: IWGIA, 2017), pp. 480-484, co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll
8. "Prosecuting Sinai Trafficking: An Overview of Options," in Mirjam van Reisen and Munyaradzi Mawere (eds.), *Human Trafficking and Trauma in the Digital Era: The Ongoing Tragedy of the Trade in Refugees from Eritrea* (Langaa RPCIG: Cameroon, 2017), pp. 466-498, co-authorship with Wegi Sereke
9. "Religious Persecution in Eritrea and the Role of the European Union" in Katja Dorothea Buck & Mirjam van Reisen (eds.) *Eritrea: From Liberation to Oppression* (Hamburg: Evangelisches Missionswerk Deutschland - Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany, 2017), pp. 92-97. (co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen)
10. "Introductory Note on the Constitution of Eritrea," in Rüdiger Wolfrum *et al* (eds.), *Constitutions of the Countries of the World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 1-32.
11. "Patterns of Legal Mixing in Eritrea: Examining the Impact of Customary Law, Islamic Law, Colonial Law, Socialist Law and Authoritarian Revolutionary Dogma" in Vernon Palmer *et al* (eds.), *Mixed Legal Systems, East and West* (Ashgate Publishing: Surrey, 2015), pp. 151-166.
12. "Die unbekannte Menschenrechtskrise (The Unknown Human Rights Crisis)," in Katja Dorothea Buck & Mirjam van Reisen (eds.) *Eritrea: Von der Befreiung zur Unterdrückung* (Hamburg: Evangelisches Missionswerk Deutschland - Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany, 2015), pp. 21-26.
13. "Religiöse Verfolgung in Eritrea und die Rolle der EU," in Katja Dorothea Buck and Mirjam van Reisen (eds.) *Eritrea: Von der Befreiung zur Unterdrückung* (Hamburg: Evangelisches Missionswerk Deutschland - Association of Protestant Churches and Missions in Germany, 2015), pp. 73-78 – co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen
14. "EU Development Cooperation: The Contours of Global and National Engagement" in Paul Gready and Wouter Vandenhole (eds.) *Human Rights and Development in the*

- new Millennium: Towards a Theory of Change* (Routledge: New York & London, 2014), pp. 131-148, co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen
15. “Religious Persecution in Eritrea and the Role of the European Union in Tackling the Challenge” in Niamh Reilly & Stacey Scriver Furlong (eds) *Religion, Gender and the Public Sphere* (Routledge: New York & London, 2014), pp. 232-241, (co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen)
 16. “Nuclear Weapon Free Zones: The Political Context” in Gro Nystuen, Stuart Casey-Maslen and Annie Golden Bersagel (eds.), *Nuclear Weapons under International Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), co-authorship with Cecilie Hellestveit, pp. 347-373
 17. “The Horn of Africa between Endless Wars and Compassion Fatigue,” in Daniel R. Mekonnen and Mussie Tesfagiorgis (eds.), *The Horn of Africa at the Brink of the 21st Century: Coping with Fragmentation, Isolation and Marginalization in a Globalizing Environment* (FIBW: Felsberg, Germany, 2013), pp. 1-18
 18. “The Role of Women in Post-Conflict Transformation in the Horn of Africa: A Case Study of Eritrea” in Nicklas Svensson (ed.), *The Role of Women in Promoting Peace and Development: Proceedings of the 10th Annual Conference on the Horn of Africa* (Lund: Lund University Media-Tryck, 2012), pp. 55–73, ISBN 91-7267-344-3 (co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen)
 19. “Transitional Justice Implications for the Use of Child Soldiers in Eritrea” in Ilse Derluyn et al (eds) *Re-Member: Rehabilitation, Reintegration and Reconciliation of Children Affected by War* (Intersensia: Antwerp, 2012), pp. 263–281
 20. “Eritrea: Engineering a Failed State” in Social Watch Annual Report *Sustainable Development: The Right to a Future* (Social Watch: Montevideo, 2011), pp. 108–109, ISSN 0797-9231
 21. “The Causes and Consequences of the 1998–2000 Eritrean-Ethiopian Border Conflict: The Need For a Holistic Approach towards Transitional Justice” in Roba Sharamo and Berouk Mesfin (eds) *Regional Security in the Post-Cold War Horn of Africa* (Institute for Security Studies: Pretoria, 2011), pp. 65–94, ISBN 978-1-920422-40-4 – co-authorship with Paulos Tesfagiorgis
 22. “Waging Nonviolent Struggle under Fear of Repression: The Case of Eritrea” in Elavie Ndura-Ouedraogo et al (eds) *Seeds Bearing Fruit: Pan African Peace Action for the Twenty-First Century* (Africa World Press: Trenton, 2010, ISBN 1-59221-782-6, pp. 403–413) - co-authorship with Yoel Alem
 23. “Eritrea: Held Hostage by Its Government” in Social Watch Annual Report *Time for A New Deal: After the Fall* (Social Watch: Montevideo, 2010), pp. 100–101, ISSN 0797-9231
 24. “Eritrea: An Open-Air Prison Confronts the Global Crisis” in Social Watch Annual Report *Making Finances Work: People First* (Social Watch: Montevideo, 2009), pp. 88–89, ISSN 0797-9231
 25. “Rethinking the Conceptual Framework of Transitional Justice in the Context of Ongoing Conflicts: A Need for Paradigm Shift?” in Stephan Parmentier and Adam Czarnota (eds) *Transitional Justice, Rule of Law and Institutional Design* (Antwerpen: Internsetia, forthcoming 2013)

26. "Freedom of Belief in Eritrea" in Hans Aage Gravaas et al (eds.) *Freedom of Belief and Christian Mission* (Oxford: Regnum Books International, 2015), pp. 259–269, co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll
27. "Management of Ethnic Diversity in Eritrea: Towards A Forward Looking Model of Accommodation," Tove H. Malloy *et al* (eds.), *Alternative Approaches to Ethno-Cultural Diversity Management: Theorizing New Paradigms of Non-Territorial Autonomy* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2017/18), co-authorship with Wegi Sereke
28. "The Breakdown of Rule of Law in Eritrea and the Lessons for Africa," in Charles Fombad and Lukman Abdulrauf (eds.) *The Rule of Law in Sub-Saharan Africa: Promises, Progress, Pitfalls and Prospects* (PULP: Pretoria, forthcoming 2017/18), co-authorship with Wegi Sereke
29. "AU Military Headquarters," in Dieter Fleck (ed.), *The Handbook of the Law of Visiting Forces* (Oxford University Press, 2nd rev edn., 2017, forthcoming)
30. "Business and Investment Laws in Eritrea" in *IBFD Collection Country Surveys* (International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation: The Netherlands, 2017, forthcoming)

Peer-reviewed journal articles and commissioned contributions

1. Translation from Tigrinya (Fiction): Abraham T. Zere, "The Flagellates," *Dissent*, Fall/October 2017, <https://www.dissentmagazine.org/article/flagellates-abraham-t-zere-eritrea-satire-short-story>
2. "The Valletta Summit and the Eritrean Refugee Crisis," *Horn of Africa Bulletin* 28(5) (2016), pp. 28-33.
3. "Eritrea at the Centre of the International Migration Crisis," *International Affairs Forum*, (2016) (1)1, pp. 70-75.
4. "The Tension between Militarisation of Maritime Borders and the Human Rights of Migrants at Sea," *The Broken Rifle*, Issue No. 103, August 2015.
5. "The Troubled Relationship of State and Religion in Eritrea," *African Human Rights Law Journal* 14 (2014), pp. 244-265, co-authorship with Selam Kidane
6. "Contested Versions of Collective Memory in Post-Independence Eritrea" *African Conflict and Peacebuilding Review* (2013) 3(2): 151-170
7. Book Review of *Biopolitics, Militarism and Development: Eritrea in the Twenty-First Century*, edited by David O’Kane and Tricia Redeker Hepner, New York & Oxford, Berghahn Books, 2009, *Review of African Political Economy* (2013) 40(137): 488–490
8. "The Role of Women in Post-Conflict Transformation in the Horn of Africa: A Case Study of Eritrea" *African Journal of Business & Economic Research* (2013) 8(1): 83–108 (co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen)
9. "The EU Lisbon Treaty and EU Development Cooperation: Considerations for a Revised EU Strategy on Development Cooperation in Eritrea" *Law and Politics in Africa, Asia and Latin America / Verfassung und Recht in Übersee* 45(3) (2012): 324–344 (co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen)
10. "Favourable Awards to Trans-Boundary Indigenous Peoples," *Australian Indigenous Law Review* 2012 16(1): 60-76, co-authorship with Simon M. Weldehaimanot

11. “Exploring New Spaces for Women in Transitional Justice in Eritrea and Zimbabwe,” *International Quarterly Journal Temperanter II* – 1/2 – 2011: 75–90, co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen
12. “Indigenous Legal Tradition as A Supplement to African Transitional Justice Initiatives” *African Journal on Conflict Resolution* (2010) 10(3): 101–123
13. “Mandatory Premarital HIV-Testing as a Challenge to Human Rights: A Case Study of Eritrea” *Interdisciplinary Journal of Human Rights Law* (2010/2011) 5(1): 1–23
14. “The Nebulous Lawmaking Process in Eritrea” *Journal of African Law* 2009 53(2): 171–193, co- authorship with Simon M. Weldehaimanot
15. “Prosecuting the Main Perpetrators of International Crimes in Eritrea: Possibilities under International Law” *Journal for Juridical Science* 2008 33(2): 76–108, co-authorship with Loot Pretorius
16. “The Abolition of Female Circumcision in Eritrea: Inadequacies of New Legislation” *African Human Rights Law Journal* 2007 7(2): 389–411
17. “The Reply of the Eritrean Government to ACHPR’s Landmark Ruling on Eritrea: A Critical Appraisal” *Journal for Juridical Science* 2006 31(2): 26–56
18. “Transitional Constitutionalism: Comparing the Eritrean and South African Experiences” under review with the *Pan African Yearbook of Law*, co-authorship with Simon Weldehaimanot
19. “The Case for Crimes Against Humanity in Eritrea: Assessing the Reports of the Two UN Fact Finding Missions,” forthcoming with the *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies*

Consultancy and expert legal advice

1. October 2017: Independent Expert Report written to the UK-based Albany Solicitors, in relation to an appeal by a certain asylum seeker (submitted to the UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunal)
2. September 2017: Major contribution to “The 2% Tax for Eritreans in the Diaspora: Facts, Figures and Experiences in Seven European,” DSP-groep Amsterdam and Tilburg University, a research commissioned by the Dutch Government
3. June 2017: Expert Opinion Clarifying Some Questions Relating to Asylum Claims by Eritreans, written for the Swiss Refugee Council
4. June 2017: Independent Expert Report written to the UK-based Duncan Lewis Solicitors, in relation to an appeal by a certain asylum seeker (submitted to the UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunal)
5. June 2017: Evaluation of the Project “Developing and Strengthening the Capacities of Radio Erena: An Independent Eritrean Radio,” co-authorship with Christoph Spurk and Jan Lublinski (for Reporters and Without Borders)
6. May 2017: Independent Expert Report written to the UK-based Albany Solicitors, in relation to an appeal by a certain asylum seeker (submitted to the UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunal)
7. April 2017: “The Eritrean Diaspora Income Tax: A Legal Appraisal,” expert report written for the EEPA-DSP Group project on the collection of the Eritrean Diaspora Income Tax (EDIT) by Eritrean diplomatic missions around the world

8. March 2017: Independent Expert Report written to the UK-based Albany Solicitors, in relation to an appeal by a certain asylum seeker (submitted to the UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunal)
9. February 2017: Independent Expert Report written to the UK-based Albany Solicitors, in relation to an appeal by a certain asylum seeker (submitted to the UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunal)
10. January 2017: Independent Expert Report written to the UK-based Albany Solicitors, in relation to an appeal by a certain asylum seeker (submitted to the UK Immigration and Asylum Tribunal)
11. December 2016: Solicited Comment to a report addressed to the Canadian government prepared by the Canadian Refugee Council (pro bono)
12. July 2016: Expert Opinion Clarifying Some Questions Pertaining to the Eritrean Identity of a Certain Asylum Seeker in Germany, written for the Swiss Refugee Council
13. June 2016: Expert Opinion Clarifying Some Questions Pertaining to the Fate of Returned (Failed) Asylum Seekers to Eritrea, written for the Zurich-based law firm, *advokatur kanonengasse* (pro bono)
14. March 2016 – Present: involved in a multi-year consultancy on “EU-Africa Response to Human Trafficking,” led by the Brussels-based Europe External Policy Advisors (EEPA)
15. October 2015: Independent Expert Opinion Written for the Vancouver based law firm Camp Fiorante Matthews Mogergerman, in a relation to a series of legal questions that have arisen in the case *Araya et al v Nevsun Resources Ltd.* (Supreme Court of British Columbia, Vancouver, Registry No. S148932).
16. October 2015: Solicited Comment to a report on Access to Justice for Children in Eritrea (prepared by Child Rights International Network)
17. April 2015: Peer-Review of Eritrea for Transparency International–UK Country Defence Index
18. April 2015: “Expert Opinion Clarifying Some Questions Emanating from a Certain Asylum Application in Switzerland,” written for the Swiss Refugee Council
19. March 2015: “Background Note on the Right to Adequate Housing in Eritrea,” briefing paper prepared on a pro bono basis [name of client redacted on account of requirement of confidentiality]
20. December 2014: “Background Note on Relevant Eritrean Laws Pertinent for Women’s Rights,” briefing paper prepared on a pro bono basis [name of client redacted on account of requirement of confidentiality]
21. November 2014 – February 2016: Hundreds of Written Testimonies delivered to the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea (as part of a voluntary task force established by the Eritrean Law Society and other stakeholders)
22. June 2014: “Civil Society Alternative Report to the CEDAW Committee: A Response to Eritrea’s State Party Reports,” Geneva, June 2014 (first ever alternative report on Eritrea)
23. January 2014: “Third Scenario Tracking Report on Eritrea,” (confidential report commissioned by a certain Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Europe), co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll, Abdulkader Saleh and Goitom Gebreleul

24. December 2013: “Continued Mass Exodus and Increased Levels of State Fragility in Eritrea,” Third Analytical Report (confidential report commissioned by a certain Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Europe), co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll, Abdulkader Saleh and Goitom Gebreleul
25. November 2013: “Constitutional Order and Rule of in Ethiopia,” consultancy work prepared for the African Network of Constitutional Laws (funded by the AU) – co-authorship with Adem K. Abebe
26. November 2013: “Alternative (Shadow) Report on the State of Child Rights in Eritrea,” submitted to the African Union Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child,” Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (first ever alternative report on Eritrea)
27. September 2013: “Second Scenario Tracking Report on Eritrea,” (confidential report commissioned by a certain Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Europe), co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll, Abdulkader Saleh and Goitom Gebreleul
28. August 2013: “Eritrean Armed Forces and Their Role in a Possible Transition,” Second Analytical Report (confidential report commissioned by a certain Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Europe), co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll, Abdulkader Saleh and Goitom Gebreleul
29. July 2013: “Expert Legal Opinion on the Validity of a Certain Eritrean ‘Marriage,’” Independent Report as a Joint Single Expert of Messrs Alaga & Co Solicitors, and Wedlake Bell LLP, submitted to the Croydon County Court (UK)
30. May 2013: “Eritrea: Twenty Years of Independence: Domestic, Diaspora and International Dynamics,” First Analytical Report (confidential report commissioned by a certain Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Europe), co-authorship with Kjetil Tronvoll, Abdulkader Saleh and Goitom Gebreleul
31. March 2013: “The Legitimacy of the Government and the de facto State of Emergency in Eritrea” briefing paper prepared on a pro bono basis [name of client redacted on account of requirement of confidentiality]
32. December 2012 – March 2013: Provided consultancy work as Country Expert for Eritrea in the Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) research project (a collaborative project of the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg, and the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame)
33. January 2013: Peer-reviewed a report on African Integrity Indicators, part of a research project about anti-corruption mechanisms and governance in over 50 African countries conducted by the Global Integrity (in collaboration with the Mo Ibrahim Foundation)
34. March 2012: “Explanatory Note to Norton Rose in Relation to a Certain Legal Opinion Prepared for Linklaters LLP,” (expert legal advice prepared for Linklaters LLP, London)
35. September 2011: “The Legal Status of the Housing and Commerce Bank of Eritrea” (expert legal advice prepared for Linklaters LLP, London)
36. August 2011: Expert opinion prepared for an asylum applicant assisted by the Law Office of Michael Andegeorgis, USA
37. August 2011: “The Legal Status of the Eritrean National Mining Corporation” (expert legal advice prepared for Linklaters LLP, London)
38. July 2011: “The Legal Status of the Bank of Eritrea and the Commercial Bank of Eritrea” (expert legal advice prepared for Linklaters LLP, London)

39. July 2011: “The Legal Status of the Eritrean Development and Investment Bank and the Eritrean Airlines” (expert legal advice prepared for Linklaters LLP, London)
40. July 2011: Expert opinion prepared for two asylum applicants assisted by the African Refugee Development Centre in Israeli (pro bono)
41. May 2010: “The Draft Council Decision on the Establishment of the European External Action Service and its Compliance with the Lisbon Treaty” (legal opinion written for European Solidarity Towards Equal Participation of People (Eurostep))
42. March 2010: “The Legal Status of the Petroleum Corporation of Eritrea” (expert legal advice prepared for Linklaters LLP, London)
43. June 2010: “Advancing a Gender-Sensitive Approach in the Zimbabwean Transitional Justice Agenda” (a policy paper prepared for Europe External Policy Advisors)
44. December 2009: “Constitutional Regulation of Group Participation, Public Hearing, Public Budgeting and Participation in the Jury System” (a research paper prepared for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance)
45. December 2009: “Transitional Justice and Constitutions” (a research paper prepared for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance)
46. February 2009: “A Review of National Laws and Jurisprudence Related to Sexuality and Sexual Health in Eritrea” (a report compiled for a WHO Project on Sexual Health and Human Rights: Legal and Jurisprudential Research)
47. March 2008: “Trends and Perspectives on the Eritrean Human Rights and Refugee Crisis” (a policy paper prepared for Europe External Policy Advisors)
48. June 2005: “Freedom of Expression in Eritrea” (a research paper prepared for CREDO and Open Society Justice Initiative Audit on Freedom of Expression)

Other academic and non-academic contributions

1. “The Eritrean ‘Free Press’: A Classic Example of Orwellian Newspeak,” Opinion Piece for PEN Eritrea, 16 July 2015, <http://www.peneritrea.com/blog/the-eritrean-free-press-a-classic-example-of-orwellian-newspeak>.
2. Daniel R. Mekonnen and Meron Estefanos, “From Sawa to the Sinai Desert: The Eritrean Tragedy of Human Trafficking,” SSRN Working Paper Series, 30 November 2011, available at <http://ssrn.com/abstract=2055303>.
3. Acknowledged research contribution in Rebecca J Cook & Charles G Ngwena (eds) *Health and Human Rights* (International Library of Medicine, Ethics and Law/ Ashgate, 2007).
4. Translation to Tigrinya (Essay): Jack DuVall, “Civic Power and the People’s Rights: Nonviolent Action for a New World,” <http://agnt.org/snv/resources/CivicPower.pdf>, August 2006
5. Op-ed articles, poems and lyrics in Amharic, English and Tigrinya in print and electronic mediums, as well as in broadcast media - a separate list available on request.
6. Conducted intensive fieldwork of 2 weeks in Ethiopia, including in a major refugee screening centre in Endaba Gunda, northern Ethiopia, 27 March to 12 April 2017

Papers/speeches presented at workshops and conferences

1. Training given to Eritrean diaspora community members, “Democracy Cake,” a discussion based board exercise to broaden understanding democracy, Luzern, 27 November 2017
2. Statement (on behalf of the coordinating committee) read at the Geneva Demonstration in support of the unprecedented civilian protest of 31 October 2017 in Asmara, 10 November 2017
3. “My Personal Experience as an African Working Nomad in the Context of a Growing Anti-Refugee Sentiment in Europe,” Skype Guest Lecture given to the undergraduate class of Professor Tricia R. Hepner on Refugees, Displaced People, and Human Rights: Theories and Concepts, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, 3 November 2017
4. “International and National Asylum Laws, with particular focus on the asylum protection system in Switzerland,” speech given at UNHCR’s Telling the Real Story (TRS) project of awareness raising campaign, Geneva, 28 October 2017
5. “The Plight of Eritrean Refugees in Europe and the Situation of Human Rights in Eritrea,” speech given at an event organized by the European Grassroots Antiracist Movement (EGAM), the Third Chamber of the Italian Parliament, 27 October 2017
6. “Understanding EU Asylum Regime,” speech given at the conference on “Eritrea and the On-Going Refugee Crisis in Europe,” 19 October 2017, Brussels, Belgium
7. Speech given at the book launch of *Uncensored Voices: Essays, Poems, and Art Works by Exiled Eritreans*, PEN Austria, Vienna, 11 October 2017
8. Speech given to a gathering of Eritrean diaspora grassroots activists in Kaiserslautern, Germany, 14 July 2017
9. Lecture given on the situation of human rights in Eritrea to teachers of ECAP vocational school in Luzern, Switzerland, 30 June 2017
10. Moderated a panel discussion at a side event during the 35th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva (theme: exploring the contours of universal jurisdiction to pursue accountability for the situation of crimes against humanity in Eritrea), 14 June 2017
11. Speech given at a panel discussion on “Freedom of Expression in the Horn of Africa” in biennial ICORN Network Meeting and PEN International WiPC Conference, 31 May – 2 June 2017, Lillehammer, Norway
12. Speech given at a gathering of Eritrean diaspora community in Switzerland on the occasion of Eritrean National Independent Day, 21 May 2017, Lausanne
13. Co-chaired 5 sessions at the annual ICC Moot Court Competition in The Hague Campus of Leiden University, 18-19 May 2017
14. Lecture given to students of the IDM Vocational Training Centre (Berufsbildungszentrum), Interlaken and Spiez campuses (central Switzerland) on the challenges of integration in a new environment, 20 March 2017
15. Moderated a panel discussion at a side event during the 34th Session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva (on the situation of human rights in Eritrea), 13 March 2017
16. Speech given at a launch of a new book on human trafficking, on an overview of options for persecuting the crimes of human rights, Leiden University, 10 March 2017
17. Speech given on the occasion of the launch of Association of Eritrean Women in Switzerland, 4 March 2017, Geneva

18. “Deconstructing the Myth of a ‘Promising’ Political Change in Eritrea,” speech given at a panel discussion organized by Amnesty International, 24 November 2016, Basel, Switzerland
19. Guest lectured (via Skype) to a class of under graduate students at the Amsterdam University on the UN human rights system with specific focus on on-going investigation of human rights violations in Eritrea by the UN, 16 November 2016
20. Panel discussant at “Blackbox Eritrea,” event highlighting the situation of human rights in Eritrea, Zurich, 15-16 October 2016 (read an open letter addressed to the Swiss Department of Justice and Police, calling for favorable asylum policy for Eritrean refugees)
21. Speech given at a mass rally calling for a fair asylum policy and practice in Switzerland (organized by Solidarité sans frontières (sof) or Solidarity without Borders, Lausanne, 1 October 2016
22. Panel discussant at the 2nd Conference of the African Diaspora Council of Switzerland, “Participation of migrants in development processes: Opportunities and challenges,” Bern, 3 September 2016
23. Lecture given to a workshop of Eritrean pro-democracy activists in Frankfurt, Germany (via Skype), on the relationship between conflict resolution, national reconciliation and the legacy of “collective trauma” in Eritrea, 9 July 2016
24. Speech given at a side event co-organized by international rights groups and Eritrean diaspora activists, during the 32nd Session of the Human Rights Council (welcoming the second COI report and calling for accountability for the situation of crimes against humanity in Eritrea), 24 June 2016
25. Oral Statement Given at the UN Human Rights Council, during an Interactive Dialogue with the COI on Eritrea, 21 June 2016
26. “Legal Battles in Eritrean Transnational Communities,” paper presented at the conference on “Eritrea at Silver Jubilee,” 19-20 May 2016, Ecumenical Centre Geneva
27. “Authoritarian Resilience in Eritrea: The Dual Role of Nationalism,” paper presented at the conference on “Eritrea at Silver Jubilee,” 19-20 May 2016, Ecumenical Centre Geneva
28. Poetry Reading in Tigrinya at the Literature House of Central Switzerland, Stans, 13 May 2016
29. Poetry Reading in Tigrinya at the 38th (annual) Literature Days of Solothurn, Switzerland, 7 May 2016
30. Speech on Migration and Integration (in English) and Poetry Reading at the “Living Library” event of the Literature House of Basel, Switzerland, 23 April 2016
31. “The Situation of Human Rights in Eritrea and the Plight of Eritrean Refugees in Europe,” Speech Given at the University of Lausanne, in a workshop organised by, <http://www.desobeissons.ch/>, 17 March 2016
32. Oral Statement Given at the UN Human Rights Council, during an Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Eritrea, 14 March 2016
33. Speech given on the situation of human rights in Eritrea with particular focus on the persecution of writers and freedom of expression, “Literary Sofa” at the Book Market of Kornschtütte, part of the annual Literature Festival of Luzern 13 March 2016

34. "Activism in Exile: Reflections of an Eritrean Human Rights Defender," lecture given at Alpenquai Secondary School (Kantonsschule Alpenquai) Luzern, Switzerland, 11 March 2016
35. Speech presented at the 8th Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, 22-23 February 2016
36. "The Role of Civil Society in Complementing the Mandate of COIs: The Perspective of an Eritrean Activist," Speech Given at Informal Consultation of Universal Rights Group on commissions of inquiry, 24 February 2016
37. Contributor in the "Dialogue of Eritrean Opposition Parties and Civil Society Organizations in Exile" organised by FIBW, Frankfurt, 13-14 November, 2015
38. "The Experience of an Eritrean International Working Nomad in the Context of Europe's Stringent Border Control Systems," speech given at the Workshop on "Thinking without Borders," organized by the Swiss Network of Young Migration Scholars, 13 November 2015, Bern, Switzerland.
39. "Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa: Elusive Dreams or Realistic Ends," paper presented at the conference on "Regional Security: Towards a Broader Perspective," 26-29 October 2015, Mekelle University, Ethiopia.
40. "Activist Lawyers in Social Movements: Eritrea as a Case Study of Transnational Cause Lawyering," lecture given at the Second Conference in Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights (DDHR): "Bridging the Collaborative Gap," September 25-27, 2015, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville
41. "The Case for Crimes Against Humanity in Eritrea: The COIE Report, Diaspora Activism and the Way Forward," lecture presented in ten different seminars throughout the United States (Washington DC, Minneapolis MN, Charlotte NC, Cary NC, Seattle WN, Denver CO, Boston MA, San Jose CA, Oakland CA and Las Vegas NV), 4 - 23 September 2015
42. Speech given at the annual festival of the Eritrean Peoples Democratic Party (EPDP), Frankfurt, Germany, on the topic of "the politics of identity" and capitalizing on the momentum of the First Geneva Mass Rally, 1 August 2015
43. Speech given at a European regional congress of the Eritrean Solidarity Movement for National Salvation (ESMNS), St. Galen, Switzerland, on capitalizing on the momentum of the First Geneva Mass Rally, 11 July 2015
44. Speech given at a side event co-organized by international rights groups and Eritrean diaspora activists, during the 29th Session of the Human Rights Council (welcoming the first COI report and calling for a definitive finding on crimes against humanity), 24 June 2015
45. "Balancing the Tension between Security and Human Rights in the EU's Southern Maritime Borders," paper presented at the workshop on "Justifying the European Border Regime and Holding It To Account: Ideational Versus Material Dimensions?," European University Viadrina (Frankfurt Oder), 26-27 March 2015.
46. Oral Statement given at the 60th CEDAW Session, Geneva, 23 February 2015 (based on a civil society alternative report on Eritrea)
47. 30 October 2014: Speech given on "The Role of the Youth in Promoting Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa," at a work on African Youth Day, Webster University Geneva

48. 23 October 2014: Panelist on a panel discussion on the launch of a book, *Nuclear Weapons under International Law*, Graduate Institute, Geneva
49. 5 October 2014: “The Eritrean Human Rights Crisis and the Fight to End Impunity,” speech given at a seminar with Eritrean activists in Toronto, Canada
50. 1 October 2014: Contributor in the colloquium on “Governance and Its Future in Eritrea,” Aga Khan Foundation, Ottawa, Canada (organized by the University of Ottawa)
51. May 2014: “The Horn of Africa between Endless Wars and Compassion Fatigue,” paper presented at the Scientific Symposium on “Still at War: From Poison Gas to Drones,” Centre for Cultural and General Studies (ZAK), Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), 16-18 May 2014 (commemorating the beginning of WWI)
52. April 2014: “Nonviolence and the Fight against the Eritrean Tyranny,” a Tigrinya paper presented in a public seminar in Oslo, 13 April 2014
53. April 2014: “Human Rights in Eritrea,” speech made at the Literature House of Oslo, an open seminar and roundtable on Eritrea, 8 April 2014
54. February 2014: “Eritrea: Background Information, History and Current Political Situation,” lecture given at the Municipality of Oslo, Agency for Social Welfare
55. 3 November 2013: Oral Statement given at a session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, Addis Ababa (based on a civil society shadow report on Eritrea)
56. “Presentation of the First Analytical Report on Eritrea,” UK’s Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), London, 3 June 2013 (with Kjetil Tronvoll)
57. “The Troubled Relationship of State and Religion in Eritrea,” paper presented at the “Conference on Law and Religion in Africa,” University of Ghana, Faculty of Law, 14–15 January 2013 (co-authorship with Selam Kidane)
58. “Blue Berets in Vain: A Critical Appraisal of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Eritrea and Ethiopia,” paper presented at the European Science Foundation Conference, “In Search of Peace: Dialogues between Theories and Practice,” 20–24 October 2012, Norrköping, Sweden
59. “Drivers of Fragility and the Perils of State Failure in Eritrea,” paper presented at the 2nd Istanbul Conference on “Human Security: Threats, Risks, Crisis,” 18–19 October 2012, Kadir Has University, Istanbul, Turkey
60. “Blue Berets in Vain: A Critical Appraisal of the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Eritrea and Ethiopia,” Poster and Paper Presentation at the Anneliese Maier Research Award, Awards Ceremony and Colloquium, University of Heidelberg, 12–15 September 2012, and Network Meeting of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, 28–30 November 2012, Karlsruhe, Germany (respectively)
61. “The African Union and the European Union as Comparable Models of Transnational Constitutionalism,” paper presented at the 8th Iberian Conference of African Studies -- ICAS8/CIEA8, 14–16 June 2012, Madrid, Spain.
62. 14–15 May 2012: “Patterns of Legal Mixing in Eritrea: Examining the Impact of Customary Law, Islamic Law, Colonial Law, Socialist Law and Authoritarian Revolutionary Dogma,” paper presented at the international conference on “Mixed Legal Systems, East and West: Newest Trends and Developments,” Parliament of Malta, Valletta, Malta

63. 01–02 May 2012: “Background/Discussion Paper on Eritrea,” paper presented at the Eastern Africa Consultation on National Security and the Right to Freedom of Expression Principles,” Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
64. 15–16 April 2012: “The Challenges and Prospects of Transitional Justice in Iraq,” paper presented at the First International Conference of the University of Kirkuk, College of Law, “From Violence to Nonviolence: Analysis, Dialogue and Societal Participation in Kirkuk,” Kirkuk, Iraq
65. 10–13 January 2012: “Contested Terrains of Collective and Public Memory in Post-Independence Eritrea,” paper presented at the SIT Symposium on “Conflict, Memory and Reconciliation: Bridging the Past, Present and Future,” Kigali, Rwanda
66. 1 November 2011: “Two Decades of Bleakness: The Broken Promises of Human Rights and Democratisation in Eritrea,” Scholars at Risk (SAR) Speaker Series, Trinity College Dublin
67. 23–25 September 2011: “The Role of Women in Post-Conflict Transformation in the Horn of Africa: A Case Study of Eritrea,” paper presented at the 10th Annual International Horn of Africa Conference, Lund, Sweden, co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen
68. 12 September 2011: “UN Security Council Resolution 1907: Any Relevance to International Criminal Law?” Irish Centre for Human Rights, Lunchtime Seminar
69. 15–25 June 2011: “Pre- and Post-Migration Patterns of Victimisation among Eritrean Refugees in the Netherlands,” paper presented at the Fourth European Conference on African Studies (ECAS4), Nordic African Institute, Uppsala, Sweden
70. June 2011: “Religious Persecution in Eritrea and the Role of the European Union in Tackling the Challenge,” paper presented at the European Science Foundation–Linköping University Conference (ESF-LiU Conference), 21–25 June 2011, Linköping, Sweden, co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen
71. March 2011: “Eritrea-Ethiopia: The Algiers Peace Agreement and its Aftermath,” paper presented at the Conference of the Africa Working Group (AWG), 1–3 March 2011, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, co-authorship with Paulos Tesfagriorgis
72. February 2011: “Exploring New Spaces for Women in Transitional Justice in Eritrea and Zimbabwe,” paper presented at the 2nd International Symposium of the International Research Centre for Intercultural Studies: ‘Diversity, Gender and Discrimination in Spaces’, 16–18 February 2011, Brussels, co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen
73. February 2011: “Transitional Constitutionalism: Comparing the Eritrean and the South African Experiences,” paper presented at the annual conference of the African Network of Constitutional Lawyers, Rabat, Morocco, 2–5 February 2011, co-authorship with Simon M Weldehaimanot
74. December 2010: Gave Expert Testimony at the London Tribunal of the International Chamber of Commerce, London
75. November 2010: “Acknowledging International Social Responsibility: The Need for a Revised EU Strategy on Development Cooperation in Eritrea,” paper presented at the European Parliament hearing on “Eritrea: Refugees, Child Soldiers and European Policy,” 29 November 2010, co-authorship with Mirjam van Reisen
76. 16 April 2010: “The Need for a Holistic Approach of Transitional Justice to Deal with the Causes and Consequences of the 1998-2000 Eritrea-Ethiopia Border Conflict” –

- co-authorship with Paulos Tesfagiorgis (paper presented at the Experts Roundtable on Regional Security in the Post-Cold War Horn of Africa, Nairobi, 14–15 April 2010)
77. 5 April 2010: “Mandatory HIV-Testing as a Challenge to Women’s Health in Eritrea” (paper presented at the symposium on “The Ethics of State Involvement in Women’s Health,” University of Southern California, 5 April 2010)
 78. 10 November 2009: “Importing a Transitional Justice Agenda into the Eritrean Human Rights Debate,” paper presented at the International Conference on Joining up EU and US Policy towards Eritrea and the Horn of Africa for the Promotion of Democracy and Human Rights, Brussels, 9–10 November 2009
 79. 22 October 2009: “Transitional Justice Implications on the Use of Child Soldiers in Eritrea,” paper presented at the international interdisciplinary conference on Rehabilitation and Reintegration of War-Affected Children (RRWAC), Royal Academy of Science and the Arts, Brussels, 23–24 October 2009
 80. 9 August 2009: “Nonviolence and the Fight against the Eritrean Tyranny” (a Tigrinya paper presented at the joint annual festival of EDP and EPP, Frankfurt, 7–9 August 2009)
 81. June 2009: “Eritrea: Between Hunger and Oppression” in Social Watch *Who Pays? The Global Crisis and What Needs to be Done*, a compilation of peoples’ voices on the latest global financial crisis, presented at the UN Conference on the Financial and Economic Crisis (24–26 June 2009, New York)
 82. 26–28 June 2009: “Revisiting the Conceptual Framework of Transitional Justice in the Context of Ongoing Conflicts: A Need for a Paradigm Shift?” (paper presented at the International Conference on “Taking Stock of Transitional Justice,” Oxford Transitional Justice Research, Oxford University)
 83. 5–6 June 2009: “Revisiting the Conceptual Framework of Transitional Justice in the Context of Ongoing Conflicts: A Need for a Paradigm Shift?” (paper presented at the International Conference on “Transitional Justice and the Rule of Law: Institutional Design and the Changing Normative Structure of Post-Authoritarian Societies,” Royal Academy of Science and the Arts, Brussels)
 84. 24 May 2009: “The Relevance of Transitional Justice for Eritrea” (paper presented at the 18th Anniversary of Eritrea’s Independence, London)
 85. 14 May 2009: “Eritrea as a Forthcoming Model of Transitional Justice” (Lunchtime Seminar, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law, Lausanne, Switzerland)
 86. 18 April 2009: “The History of EMDHR and its Contribution in the Eritrean Human Rights Cause” (paper presented at a meeting of the Eritrean Diaspora Community in Zurich, Switzerland)
 87. 1 July 2008: “Parliamentary Briefing Paper on Eritrea and its Relations with the EU” (paper presented at the European Parliament, Brussels)
 88. June 2006: “Waging Nonviolent Struggle under Fear and Repression: General Lessons and the Case of Eritrea” (paper presented at the Sixth CIVICUS World Assembly, co-presented with ICNC and CANVAS, Glasgow)
 89. September 2005: “Position Paper on the Attainment of the MDG’s in Mexico” (co-presentation at the ARMUN Conference, University of Stellenbosch)

90. August 2005: “Report of the Workshop on Curriculum Development on LLM in Human Rights Specialising in Reproductive and Sexual Rights” (University of the Free State, Faculty of Law, Unit for Reproductive and Sexual Rights)
91. January 2005: “The Theoretical Foundations of Intervention in Darfur” (paper presented at the 2005 Student Conference on Intervention in Darfur, Wilfred Laurier University, Canada)
92. October 2004: “A Commentary on the Reply of the Eritrean Government to ACHPR’s Landmark Ruling on Eritrea” (paper presented at the Workshop on Constitutionalism, Regional Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa, University of Pretoria)
93. October 2004: “The Plight of Eritrean Students in South Africa” (paper co-presented at the Workshop on Constitutionalism, Regional Peace and Security in the Horn of Africa, University of Pretoria)
94. February 1992: *Hadish Hiwet Bhadish Menfes*, a short Tigrinya story (presented to the Fourth National Competition of Eritrean Literature, Asmara, Eritrea)

Active participation in workshops & conferences (without presentation of papers or speeches)

1. 24 - 25 November 2014: Preparatory Meeting on Methodology and Scope for a Study of Modes of Liability under Customary International Criminal Law, Chateau de Lucens, Switzerland, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
2. July 2011: Social Watch Global Assembly, Manila, Philippines
3. May 2011: Fourth UN Conference on the Least Developed Nations (LDCs), Istanbul, Turkey
4. January 2011: Preparatory Global Civil Society Consultative Meeting on the Fourth UN Conference on LDCs, UN Headquarters, New York, USA
5. 10–12 December 2010: Horn of Africa Peace Conference, Atlanta
6. October 2009: Social Watch Global Assembly, Accra, Ghana
7. 10–11 Dec 2007: International Workshop on Legislative Drafting in Africa (Organized by Africa i-Parliaments Action Plan, UNDESA and University of the Pretoria)
8. 17 August 2007: Conference on Trafficking in Human Beings in South Africa (University of the Free State, Unit for Children’s Rights)
9. 1–2 Dec 2006: Beyond Juba: Building Consensus on a Sustainable Peace Process for Uganda (Refugee Law Project, Human Rights and Peace Centre and Faculty of Law at Makerere University)
10. 3-5 Dec 2006: Transitional Justice and Displacement in the Great Lakes Region (African Transitional Justice Research Network and Refugee Law Project at Makerere University)
11. August 2005: Curriculum Development on LLM in Human Rights Specialising in Reproductive and Sexual Health Rights, University of the Free State (LLM in Reproductive and Sexual Rights Programme)
12. January 2005: Student Conference on Intervention in Darfur, Wilfred Laurier University, Canada (Wilfred Laurier University)
13. March 1999: The Role of the Police in Crime Prevention (Eritrean Police)

14. October 1998: Eritrean Customary Laws and Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanisms (Eritrean Ministry of Justice)

Interviews/speeches/appearances on popular media and online forums

1. Interview with SBS Radio Australia Tigrinya Program on the Geneva Demonstration of 10 November 2017 (in support of the unprecedented civilian protest of 31 October 2017 in Asmara)
2. Interview with the English service of Radio France International on the occasion of the “International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists,” 2 November 2017
3. 19 October 2017: Interview with Deutsche Welle Amharic Service on the objectives of the Brussels Conference “Eritrea and the On-Going Refugee Crisis in Europe”
4. 7 September 2017: Interview with Radio Erena on the situation of Eritrean diaspora grassroots movements in Switzerland
5. 7 September 2017: Interview with Radio Assena on the latest judgment of the Swiss Federal Administrative Court on the asylum appeal of an Eritrean
6. 30 August 2017: Interview with the Swiss National TV (German) Rundschau Program on the controversial role of Swiss companies in refining raw gold originating from Eritrea
7. 5 May 2017: Interview with TRT World, The Newsmakers, on latest manifestations of drought and famine in Eritrea
8. 11 November 2016: Interview with Zofinger Tagblatt on the situation of human rights in Eritrea
9. 25 October 2016: Interview (by email) with Temesghen Debessay of Reuters Foundation on the oral update/interactive dialogue of the COI and the Special Rapporteur at the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly and the New York Demonstration of 27 October 2016
10. 23 October 2016: Interview with Tempo-Afric TV of Minnesota on the oral update (interactive dialogue) of the COI and the Special Rapporteur at the 71st Session of the UN General Assembly and the New York Demonstration of 27 October 2016
11. 12 September 2016: Interview with Radio Rabe of Bern, on the situation of human rights in Eritrea and the DSPZ (Swiss-German Pen Centre) fellowship
12. 31 August 2016: Panel discussant at the Open Studio of African Mirror TV and Trauma Healing and Creative Arts Coalition (THAC), on “Challenges of integration in Switzerland”
13. 20 August 2016: Interview with zentralplus (online magazine of Luzern), on the situation of human rights in Eritrea and the DSPZ (Swiss-German Pen Centre) fellowship
14. 7 August 2016: Interview with Neue Zürcher Zeitung (NZZ)
15. 14 July 2016: Interview with Tempo-Afric TV of Minnesota, on the 2nd report of the COI on Eritrea and the resolution on Eritrea of the UN Human Rights Council of 1 July 2016
16. 11 July 2016: Live Facebook Interview with former Eritrean TV Journalist, Temesghen Debesai (from UK) on the 2nd report of the COI on Eritrea and the resolution on Eritrea of the UN Human Rights Council of 1 July 2016

17. 8 July 2016: Interview with SBS Radio Australia on the 2nd report of the COI on Eritrea and the resolution on Eritrea of the UN Human Rights Council of 1 July 2016
18. 24 June 2016: Interview with Radio France International on the second report of the COI on Eritrea and the Second Geneva Mass Rally
19. 23 June 2016: Interviewed by Al-Jazeera, “Diaspora Eritreans Protest Regime Human Rights Abuses,” on the Second Geneva Mass Rally
20. 9 June 2016: Interview with SBS Radio Australia on the second report of the COI on Eritrea
21. 9 June 2016: Interview with Radio Erena on the second report of the COI on Eritrea
22. 8 June 2016: Interview with Radio France International on the second report of the COI on Eritrea
23. 7 June 2016: Interview with Deutsche Welle on the second report of the COI on Eritrea
24. 31 May 2016: Interview with Deutsche Welle on the occasion of Eritrea’s 25th year of independence
25. 24 May 2016: Interview with BBC on the occasion of Eritrea’s 25th year of independence
26. 16 March 2016: Interview with SRF (Swiss-German Radio) on the situation of human rights in Eritrea and the DSPZ fellowship
27. 9 March 2016: Interview with SRF (Swiss-German Radio) on the situation of human rights in Eritrea and the recent visit of Swiss parliamentarians to Eritrea
28. 29 February 2016: Interview with RSI (Swiss-Italian Radio) on the Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy
29. 25 February and 3 March 2016: Interview with Radio Erena on the second phase of COI activities
30. 23 February 2016: Interview with *Tribute de Genève* on the Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy and the recent visit of Swiss parliamentarians to Eritrea
31. 21 January 2016: Interview with the Swiss daily *Die Wochenende* on the DSPZ fellowship
32. 28 December 2015: Interview with the Swiss daily *Neu Luzerner Zeitung* on the DSPZ fellowship
33. 3 December 2015: Interview with Radio France International on the issue of indefinite military conscription in Eritrea
34. 8 November 2015: Interview with Russia Today (RT) on the issue of EU-Eritrean development cooperation
35. 17 September 2015: Interview with Boston’s NPR News (WBUR 90.9 FM) on the COIE Report and Eritrea’s refugee crisis
36. 17 September 2015: Interview with Tempo Afric TV of Minnesota on the U.S. Tour of September 2015 and investigations by the COI
37. 31 August 2015: Interview with Swiss Radio and Television (German version) on the collection of the controversial diaspora income tax from Switzerland by the Eritrean Embassy
38. 18 August 2015: Interview with The Guardian on death threats received from the Eritrean Government
39. 27 June 2015: Interview with Radio Erena on the release of the COIE report

40. 20 June 2015: Interview with Radio Assena on the release of the COIE report and preparations for the Geneva Mass Rally of 26 June 2015
41. 11, 15, 18 June 2015: Interview with Radio Medrek & Radio Erena on the release of the COIE report and preparations for the Geneva Mass Rally of 26 June 2015
42. 11 June 2015: Interview with SBS Radio of Australia on the release of the COIE report
43. 10 June 2015: Interview with UN's Integrated Regional Information Networks (IRIN) on the release of the COIE report
44. 9 June 2015: Interview with Radio France International on the release of the COIE report
45. 9 June 2015: Interview with UK's International Business Times on the release of the COIE report
46. 9 June 2015: Interview with Voice of America on the release of the COIE report
47. 8 June 2015: Interview with Al Jazeera on the release of the COIE report and possible options of accountability under international criminal law
48. 21 May 2015: Interview with Swiss Radio and Television (French version) on the occasion of review of Eritrea before the UN Committee on the Rights of Children
49. 24 March 2015: Interview with Radio Medrek (Forum for National Dialogue), on the oral (interim) report of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea
50. 19 March 2015: Interview with The Guardian on the oral update of the COIE to the Human Rights Council
51. 26 February 2015, Interview with Radio Medrek (Forum for National Dialogue), on the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea, and Eritrea's review before CEDAW Committee
52. 26 January 2015: Interview with Eritrean Community Radio, Melbourne, Australia, on the UN Commission of Inquiry on Human Rights in Eritrea
53. 14 December 2014: "Latest Developments in the Work of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Eritrea," Simer Paltalk Room
54. 1 November 2014: Interview with Radio Erena on "The Role of the UN Commission of Inquiry in Ending Impunity in Eritrea"
55. 27 October 2014: Interview with the Swiss daily, *Tages-Anzeiger* (Daily Reporter), on the issue of newly arriving Eritrean asylum seekers in Switzerland
56. 25 October 2014: "A Partial Assessment of the Eritrean Human Rights Crisis in Light of the Establishment of the UN Commission of Inquiry on Eritrea," Simer Paltalk Room
57. Interview with in *The African Griot*, Issue 6, October 2014, available at <http://www.boydellandbrewer.com/content/docs/The%20African%20Garrison%20State.pdf>.
58. 27 June 2014: Interview with British daily, *The Guardian*, on the issue of newly arriving Eritrean asylum seekers in Norway
59. 21 June 2014: Interview with the Norwegian daily, *Klassekampen* (Class Struggle), on the issue of newly arriving Eritrean asylum seekers in Norway
60. 16 December 2012: Panel discussion at the Amharic Service of *Deutsche Welle* (Voice of Germany) on grassroots peace initiatives between Eritrea and Ethiopia (Panellists: Professor, Ato Abebe Gelagay, Ato Berhane Ghebrenigus and Dr. Daniel R. Mekonnen)
61. 26 & 28 December 2011: Interview with Radio Erena (on UNSC Resolution 2023)

62. 16 December 2011: Speech on “The Role of UN Sanctions in Ending the PFDJ/ Eritrean Dictatorship,” Eritrean Youth for Change ‘Simer’ Paltalk Room
63. 6–7 October 2011: Interview with the Voice of America, Tigrinya Programme (Responding to the interview of President Isaias Afwerki)
64. 2 October 2011: Panel discussion at Amharic Service of *Deutsche Welle* (Voice of Germany) on the tenth anniversary of September 2001 in Eritrea (the crackdown on reformers, journalists and others)
65. 19, 23 October 2010: Interview with Voice of Meselna Delina and Radio Erena (on EU-Sweden obligations to protect the rights of Dawit Isaak)
66. 10 May 2010: Interview with Radio Erena (on UNSC Resolution 1907)
67. 25 February 2010: Interview with Voice of Meselna Delina (on UNSC Resolution 1907)
68. 28 December 2009: Interview with Radio Erena (on National Reconciliation in Eritrea)
69. 8 October 2008: Interview with the Voice of America, Tigrinya Programme (on the Kenyan and Zimbabwean Power-Sharing Experiences)
70. 25 July 2009: Speech on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights (Eritrean Room for a Strong and United Opposition, Paltalk)
71. 21 July 2008: Interview with the Voice of Meselna Delina (on the Indictment of Sudanese President by the ICC Prosecutor)
72. 11 June 2008: Interview with the Voice of America, Tigrinya Programme (on the Nomination of Senator Barack Obama for the 2008 Presidential Election)
73. 27 February 2008: Interview with the Voice of America, Tigrinya Programme (on the War on Terrorism)
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