International Workshop
Medieval Archaeology in Ethiopia

Wednesday 9, March
Aix-en-Provence

Maison Méditerranéenne des Sciences de l’Homme
5 rue du château de l’Horloge
- Salle G. Duby -
Morning Programm

9:00 – Welcoming coffee

9:15-9:30: Pr. Julien Loiseau, Dr. Simon Dorso
*Introduction to the workshop*

9:30 – 10:00:
Pr. Timothy Insoll (Al-Qasimi Chair in African and Islamic Archaeology, Centre for Islamic Archaeology, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter)
*Archaeological Perspectives on Contacts between Cairo and Eastern Ethiopia in the 12th to 15th Centuries*

10:20 : Coffee Break

10:30-11:00
Hannah Parsons-Morgan (al-Qasimi Doctoral Researcher, Centre for Islamic Archaeology, University of Exeter, ERC Becoming Muslim)
*Chinese Ceramic Consumption in the Horn of Africa: Materialities and Modification at Mediaeval Harlaa, Eastern Ethiopia*

11:20-11:50
Dr. Nicholas Tait (Centre for Islamic Archaeology, Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter)
*The Development of Local Ceramics from Harlaa, Eastern Ethiopia, in a Regional Perspective*

12:10-12:30 : Discussion

12:30- 13:30 : Lunch
Afternoon Programme

13:30-14:00
Dr. Hiluf Behre (Mekelle University, Collège de France)
*The palace at Gud Bahri: its Functions from Residence, Metal Workshop to a Place of Worship*

14:20-14:50:
Dr. Simon Dorso (ERC HornEast, IREMAM, Aix-Marseille University)
*The Muslim Cemeteries of South-Eastern Tigray (Ethiopia): Islamic Burials and Funerary Practices at the Hearth of the Christian Kingdom*

15:10: Coffee Break

15:30-16:00:
Dr. Anna Lagaron (ERC HornEast, IREMAM, Aix-Marseille University) & Pr. Julien Loiseau (ERC HornEast, Aix-Marseille University, IREMAM)
*The Muslim Funerary Stelae from Bilet and Arra’s Cemeteries (South-Eastern Tigray, Ethiopia): Epigraphy, Materiality and Significance for the History of Early Islam in Ethiopia*

16:20-16:50:
Dr. Helina S. Woldekiros (Washington University in St. Louis)
*Foodways on Medieval Trade Networks: Provisioning the Afar Salt Caravan route, Northern Ethiopia (1000 CE-1600 CE)*

17:10-17:30: Open discussion and perspectives

Evening: All participants are cordially invited for dinner in Aix-en-Provence