

KIBROM TEWELDEBIRHAN

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Villanova Law School	August 2023-
Harvard Law School East Asian Legal Studies Program, Research Fellow	September 2023
Harvard Law School East Asian Legal Studies Program, Visiting Scholars Coordinator	2014-2023
Lecturer on Law, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Law School Asmara, Eritrea	2010-2012
Graduate Assistant, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Law School Asmara, Eritrea	2007-2010
Intern/Teaching Assistant, University of Asmara, Faculty of Law Asmara, Eritrea	2005-2006
Law Clerk, High Court Asmara, Eritrea	2005

EDUCATION

SJD. Harvard Law School , Cambridge, U.S.A. Dissertation: <i>Labor After the Developmental State: Law, State, and Chinese State Enterprises on the Africa Copperbelt</i> Committee members: William Alford, Robert Bates, Duncan Kennedy & Benjamin Sachs	2022
Graduate Student Fellow, advisor to LL.M. students.	2014-2017
LL.M. Harvard Law School , Cambridge, U.S.A.	2013
LL.M. Wuhan University School of Law , Wuhan, China. China Scholarship Council Co-Founder: International Law Discussion Forum	2010

LL.B. University of Asmara Faculty of Law, Asmara, Eritrea. 2006
Outstanding Student of the Faculty of Law
of the 2005/2006 academic year

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Research Assistant, African Union-Cornell Law School Immigration
Law & Advocacy Clinic Project on Human Rights and
African Migrants. May 2022-

Research Assistant, Harvard Law School International
Human Rights Clinic project on Human Rights and Business. 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Citizenship and the politics of rights in Eritrea (co-authored with Luwam Dirar), *in* The
ROUTLEDGE HANDBOOK OF AFRICAN LAW: A HISTORICAL, POLITICAL,
SOCIAL & ECONOMIC CONTEXT OF LAW IN AFRICA (Muna Ndulo & Cosmas
Emeziem eds., 2021)

(Case Review) The Default Rule of the Immunity of International Organizations: Budha
Ismail Jam, et al. Petitioners v. International Finance Corporation, Vol. 18 Chinese Journal
of International Law (2019)

(Book Review) Downfall of an Emperor: Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and the Derg's Creeping
Coup (by Michael Ghebregus Haile) 19 Northeast African Studies (2019)

Outsourcing Accountability: States, International Organizations, and Accountability Deficit
in International Law, 20 Sw. J. Intl L 313, (2014)

The State of Functional Immunity of International Organizations and their officials and why
it should be Streamlined, 10 Chinese Journal of International Law (2001)

The Cultural Boundaries of Empire: The Late Ethiopian Empire, Eritrea, and the Post-War
International Legal Order (work in progress)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Asian Studies, 2019-

Association of African Studies, 2019-2021

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Research Fellow, South African Institute for Policy and Research, Lusaka. 2017

Graduate Student Affiliate. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. 2018-2020

Visiting Researcher, St. Augustine University of Tanzania, Tanzania. 2017

Research Fellow, Harvard Law School East Asian Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School. 2013-2014

SHORT COURSES

International Law Seminar, United Nations Geneva Office, Switzerland. 2012

Summer Academy for Law of the Sea, Hamburg, Germany. 2011

Hague Academy of International Law, the Hague, the Netherlands. 2010

Xiamen Academy of International Law, Xiamen, P.R. China. 2009

Institute of European Studies Academy of International Law, Macau. 2009

FELLOWSHIPS

Orrick Fellowship, Winter Term Travel Grant. Harvard Law School. 2019

Cravath International Summer Travel Grant. Harvard Law School Graduate Program. 2017

Pre-dissertation grant. Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. 2017

Field Research Grant. East Asian Legal Studies Program. Harvard Law School. 2016/2017

Summer Research Fellowship. Harvard Law School. 2013, 2014, and 2015

PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

Harvard Africa Development Conference, (2019)

African International Economic Law Network, Nairobi, 18-20, 2019

Africa-Asia Connections: Bridging Past, Present, and Future, Shanghai, November 16-17, 2017

Empire and Religion: A Non-Western Legal History, Helsinki (Skype) 16 November 2015

Citizenship, Rights and Political Subjectivity in Eritrea, Harvard Law School SJD Association Workshop, Cambridge, MA, May 8-9, 2015

Law, Politics, and Chinese investment in Eritrea, Harvard University, April 2013

Intellectual Property and Development of Science and Technology, Trade and Economy for Developing Countries, Qingdao, P.R. China, 2011

Media Freedom in East Africa, Nairobi, Kenya, May 2011

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Law, Human Rights, Criminal Law, Labor Law, Law and Economic Development, Chinese Law and Legal Thought

LANGUAGES

English, Tigrinya, Amharic (basic), Chinese (basic), and French (basic)