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PROFILE

Girmachew Alemu Aneme is Senior Legal Advisor and Research Professor at the ILPI. He received his Ph.D. and M.A. in law and human rights from the University of Oslo and his Bachelor of Laws from the Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia. Girmachew has been named Fulbright Humphrey Fellow for 2012/13 at the University of Minnesota Law School. He was also a visiting scholar at the Refugee Studies Centre of the University of Oxford in the summer of 2003. Girmachew has served as a lecturer and Assistant Professor teaching at the undergraduate and graduate programs at the School of Law of Addis Ababa University for twelve years. From 2010 up to 2012, Girmachew has served as the head of the Centre for Human Rights at Addis Ababa University where he worked with various international and local organisations including the American Bar Association, the USAID, Save the Children Norway, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Australia Aid, the DFID and the Austria Development Agency. Girmachew has conducted research and published on the African Union, Transitional Justice, Human Rights, and Legal Pluralism. Girmachew has joined the ILPI as Senior Legal Advisor and Research Professor as of December 2013. Girmachew is a native of Addis Abba, Ethiopia and speaks Amharic and English.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Senior Legal Advisor and Research Professor, International Law and Policy Institute, Oslo, Norway	Dec 2013 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident Representative of ILPI in Ethiopia Responsible for leading research projects and providing legal advise to ILPI 	
Fullbright Humphrey Fellow, University of Minnesota Law School	Aug 2012 – Jul 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researched on Access to Justice; FDI in large-scale agricultural lands; and the African Union's right of intervention. Attended training seminars on conflict resolution, management and law 	
Associate Professor of Law, Addis Ababa University Law School	March 2015 – Present
Assistant Professor of Law, Addis Ababa University Law School	Feb 2009 – Feb 2015
Lecturer in Law, Addis Ababa University Law School	Sep 2001 – Dec 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taught the following courses at the graduate and undergraduate programs at the School of Law; Centre for Human Rights; and the Institute of Peace and Security Studies: human rights law; African Union law; international law; research methodology; legal reasoning; human rights and security; and law 	

of international organizations.

- Supervised several graduate and undergraduate theses on peace and security studies, human rights, constitutional law, African Union law and international law.

Head, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Addis Ababa University, College of Law and Governance Studies

Nov 2010
– Jul 2012

- Managed the M.A. program of the Centre.
- Developed the Centre's research policy.
- Established research collaboration with governmental, non-governmental and international institutions and solicited funds to expand research.
- Administered and solicited funds for the Center's Legal Aid Project focused on the indigent, the largest such project in Ethiopia spreading to three regional towns.
- Launched the first ever Ethiopian Journal of Human Rights as an interdisciplinary and bi-annual publication.
- Led the annual training of human rights experts from East Africa in collaboration with the University of Graz, Austria.

Head, Research and Publication Unit, Addis Ababa University Law School

Jan 2009
– Dec 2010

- Coordinated the publication of the thematic and annual research series of the School of Law focused on Business Law, Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law.
- Served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Ethiopian Law (established in 1965).

Research Fellow, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo

Jan 2004
– Dec 2008

- Researched the African Union's right of intervention against genocide; and the Red Terror Trials in Ethiopia.
- Lectured at the graduate program of the Centre on legal pluralism, African and Inter-American regional systems of human rights, and the right to self-determination.

Trainer of Trainers on Mediation, Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law

Jun 2002
– Jul 2012

- Trained several professionals locally and internationally. These include:
 - The training of judges and prosecutors of the Ethiopian justice system sponsored by the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation in Oslo (2002) (co-trainer).
 - The training of leaders of trade unions by the Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (2003) (trainer).
 - The training of human rights experts on Mediation skills sponsored by the Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (2010) (trainer).
- The training of members of civil society organisations and higher education institutions in East Africa (2011) sponsored by the Austria Aid (trainer).

Consultancy on Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law

Jun 2002
– Jul 2012

- Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (consulted on the preparation of the National Human Rights Strategy for Ethiopia) (2011-2012).
- Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (consulted on Human Rights

- Reporting; and Training in Human Rights to National Stakeholders) (2010).
- International Development Law Organisation (IDLO) (consulted on Mediation and Human Rights Disputes) (2010).
- Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) (consulted on the Ethiopian constitutional framework; and on training of judges at federal and state courts) (2002).
- Confederation of Ethiopian Trade Unions (consulted on Labour Rights) (2002-2004).

EDUCATION

University of Minnesota, School of Law	Aug 2012 – Jun 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hubert Humphrey Fulbright Fellowship 	
University of Oslo, School of Law	Jan 2004 – Dec 2008
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ph.D. Law and Human Rights 	
University of Oslo, School of Law	Aug 2000 – Sep 2001
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Master of Arts, Theory and Practice of Human Rights, First Class Honours 	
Addis Ababa University, School of Law	Sep 1992 – Jun 1997
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bachelor of Laws 	

LANGUAGES

- **Amharic** – Native (mother tongue)
- **English** – Fluent

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Aneme, GA, 2015, 'Legal and Judicial Plurality and the Incorporation of Traditional Dispute Resolution Mechanisms within the State Justice System', in Matthias Kotter et al (eds) Non-State Justice Institutions and the Law, Palgrave Macmillan Publishers.
- Aneme, GA, 2015, 'The Judicial and Constitutional review of the decisions of Courts of Sharia: A comment based on Kedija Bashir et al. vs. Aysha Ahmed et al.', Journal of Ethiopian Law, volume 26 (2), Addis Ababa University Press.
- Aneme, GA, 2013, Ethiopian Human Rights Handbook, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Addis Ababa University (Co-author with Birmeta, Y, & Tadesse, W).
- Aneme, GA 2013, 'The Institutionalization of Cosmopolitan Justice: The Case of the African Union's Right of Intervention', Minnesota Journal of International Law, Vol. 23.
- Aneme, GA 2012, Handbook on the Rights of the Child in Ethiopia, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Addis Ababa University (Co-author with Birmeta, Y).
- Aneme, GA 2012, 'Essays on Environmental Rights', Ethiopian Human Rights Law Series, Vol. 4, Addis Ababa University Press (Editor).
- Aneme, GA 2012, 'The Policy and Legislative Framework of Environmental Rights in Ethiopia', in

Essays on Environmental Rights, Ethiopian Human Rights Law Series, volume 4, Addis Ababa University Press, July 2012.

- Aneme, GA 2011, A Study of the African Union's Right of Intervention against Genocide, Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes, Wolf Legal Publishers, The Netherlands.
- Aneme, GA 2009, 'The Anatomy of Special Prosecutor v. Colonel Mengistu Hailemariam (1994-2008)', International Journal of Ethiopian Studies, Vol. IV, No. 1&2, Tsehai Publishers, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.
- Aneme, GA 2009, The Ethiopian Red Terror Trials: Transitional Justice Challenged, James Currey, United Kingdom, (Co-editor with Kjetil Tronvoll and Charles Schaefer).
- Aneme, GA 2009, 'Beyond the Red Terror Trials: Analysing Guarantees of Non-Repetition' in Kjetil Tronvoll et. al. (eds) The Ethiopian Red Terror Trials: Transitional Justice Challenged, James Currey, United Kingdom.
- Aneme, GA 2008 'The African Standby Force: Major issues under Mission Scenario Six' Political Perspectives, University of Manchester, volume 2 (1).
- Aneme, GA & Yeshanew, SA 2008, 'The Constitutional Protection of Human Rights in Ethiopia: Challenges and Prospects', Ethiopian Human Rights Law Series, volume 2, Addis Ababa University Press.
- Aneme, GA 2006, 'Apology and Trials: The Case of the Red Terror Trials in Ethiopia, African Human Rights Law Journal, volume 6.