



**Sabine Mohamed:**

***„You can't wear **black** !“: The semiotics  
of the t-shirt at a religious feast in urban Ethiopia***

You're cordially invited to a public talk by PhD candidate Sabine Mohamed (MPI Göttingen/IfE Heidelberg). Mohamed will present insights from her recent ethnographic fieldwork in Addis Ababa in Dr. Lukas Ley's seminar „Introduction to Urban Anthropology.“

**Institute for Anthropology, Room 160**

**10 – 11.30 am; Saturday July 29, 2017**

Sabine Mohamed is a Max-Planck fellow in the Department of Socio-Cultural Diversity and pursues a PhD degree in Anthropology at Heidelberg University. Her current research project examines the inscriptions of difference within a state project to create a pluralist vision of the nation in the aftermath of a violent political transition in Ethiopia. Mohamed is interested in the quotidian processes, rituals and performativity of ethnic diversity and how these may forge a collective identity and national unity in efforts to consolidate a political transition. Through ethnographic fieldwork, her research scrutinizes the figure of the other, Eritrean, familiar stranger, and investigates sites of infrastructural renewal in the inner city of Addis Ababa. It thus asks how both of these mechanisms are being translated into a pluralist nation-state project.

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