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## EDUCATION

PhD: Economics, University of Sussex, United Kingdom, 2016

MSc: Economics, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, 2008

BA: Economics, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 2005

TITLE OF DOCTORAL THESIS: *Three Essays on the Impact of Institutions and Policies on Socio-Economic Outcomes*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022 – Present Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences and Humanities, Northeastern University (United States)

2019 – 2021 Lead researcher and center coordinator, Policy Studies Institute (Ethiopia)

2017 – 2018 Research Fellow, Ethiopian Development Research Institute (Ethiopia)

2008 – 2011 Research Associate, Ethiopian Development Research Institute (Ethiopia)

## RESEARCH FIELDS

Labor economics, industrial policy and structural transformation, political economy, economic growth and sustainability, human capital

## SELECTED WORK IN PROGRESS (Field Experiment-based)

- “Formalized Employee Search and Labor Demand” (with [Lukas Hensel](#) and [Marc Witte](#)) (older versions is available as an IZA Discussion paper <https://docs.iza.org/dp14839.pdf>)
- Vacancy Information and Applicant Selection (with [Lukas Hensel](#), [Marc Witte](#), and [Maria Balgova](#)) <https://www.socialsciceregistry.org/trials/9993>
- Demand for Feedback and Job Search (with [Lukas Hensel](#), [Ingo Isphording](#), [Jonas Radbruch](#), and [Marc Witte](#)) <https://www.socialsciceregistry.org/trials/9698>
  - Abstract: In a world of incomplete information, individuals make decisions based on beliefs about their own ability. One important determinant in the formation of beliefs about one’s ability is comparisons to others. This study’s aims are twofold: i) understanding the individual determinants of the demand for relative feedback as well as ii) understanding the effects of receiving individual feedback about one’s own performance on job search.
- Experimental Evidence on the Impact of Work Permits on Refugees and Host Communities in Ethiopia ([Gharad Bryan](#), [Christian Meyer](#), and [Sarah Winton](#))
  - Funded by IGC and J-PAL/IPA's Displaced Livelihoods Initiative (DLI)

## PUBLICATIONS

- McKay, A., & Tekleselassie, T. G. (2018). Tall paper walls: The political economy of visas and cross-border travel. *The World Economy*, 41(11), 2914-2933. <https://doi.org/10.1111/twec.12686>
- Reilly, B., & Tekleselassie, T. G. (2018). The role of the United States Visa Waiver Program on cross-border travel. *Applied Economics Letters*, 25(1), 61-65. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2017.1293782>
- Ethiopia Productivity Report 2020 with Mulu Gebreeyesus and Kidanemariam Hailu (The Policy Studies Institute (Ethiopia) and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (Japan) [https://psi.org.et/ETproductivityreport\\_20200212.pdf](https://psi.org.et/ETproductivityreport_20200212.pdf)
- Macroeconomic Outlook, Structural Change and Policy Options in Ethiopia: Achievements, Aspirations, and Prospects in State of the Ethiopian Economy 2020/21, Ethiopian Economic Association ISBN 978-99944-54-81-5 [https://eea-et.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/SEE-Book-2020\\_2021.pdf](https://eea-et.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/SEE-Book-2020_2021.pdf)
- Ethiopia Case Study (with John Page, Nzinga Brousard, Tadele Ferede, and Hansa Reda) in Hino, H., & Ranis, G. (Eds.), *Youth and Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa: Working But Poor* (pp. 163-231). Routledge (2014) <https://www.routledge.com/Youth-and-Employment-in-Sub-Saharan-Africa-Working-but-Poor/Hino-Ranis/p/book/9780367868260>

- The chapter on Ethiopia is available at <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9780203798935-6/ethiopia-nzinga-broussard-john-page-tsegay-gebrekidan-tekleselassie-tadele-ferede-hansa-teklay-reda>

## WORKING PAPERS

- “The potential of industries without smokestacks to address unemployment” *Brookings AGI Working Paper 41* (2021), (African Growth Institute at the Brookings) <https://www.brookings.edu/research/the-potential-of-industries-without-smokestacks-to-address-unemployment-an-ethiopia-case-study/>
- “Formalized Employee Search and Labor Demand” IZA Discussion Paper, 14839 (2021) (with Lukas Hensel (Peking university) and Marc Witte (Institute of Labor Economics, IZA) <https://docs.iza.org/dp14839.pdf>
- “The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Household Welfare in Ethiopia: Evidence from a Microsimulation Exercise”, PEP Working Paper, 2023-03, Partnership for Economic Policy (with Araar, A.; Hiluf Abay, M. and Abay, K) available at <https://portal.pep-net.org/document/download/38128>
- “The State, Determinants, and Consequences of Skills Mismatch in the Ethiopian Labour Market” EDRI Working Paper, 021/2018 (with Berhe Mekonnen) <https://psi.gov.et/index.php/working-papers?download=54:the-state-determinants-and-consequences-of-skills-mismatch-in-the-ethiopian-labour-market>
- “Youth Unemployment: Ethiopia Country Study” (with Nzinga Broussard), IGC Working Paper, 12/0592, August, 2012 available at <https://www.theigc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Broussar-Tekleselassie-2012-Working-Paper1.pdf>

## SELECTED CONTRIBUTION FOR POLICY AND STRATEGIES

- **Sector Skills strategy for the Garment Sector in Ethiopia** (2022), with Giurm Abebe and Jibiril Haji. International Labour Organization, ISBN 9789220380031 , [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/---sro-addis\\_ababa/documents/publication/wcms\\_863437.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/---sro-addis_ababa/documents/publication/wcms_863437.pdf)
- **STED Strategic Skills Recommendations for the Agro-Processing Industry in Ethiopia** (2022), with Giurm Abebe and Jibiril Haji. International Labour Organization, ISBN 9789220380048, [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/---sro-addis\\_ababa/documents/publication/wcms\\_863435.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/---sro-addis_ababa/documents/publication/wcms_863435.pdf)

## OTHER WORKS AND REPORTS

- The state as an enabler of private sector development in Ethiopia The cases of tax and financial sector policy (2022). International Growth Center (IGC), Final report ETH-2155, London (with Biniam Bedasso and Habtamu Legas, available at <https://www.theigc.org/sites/default/files/2023-10/Bedasso%20et%20al%20Final%20report%20September%202022.pdf>)
- A Rapid Skills Assessment of Ethiopia's Tourism Sector during the COVID-19 Pandemic, International Labour Organization (2021) ISBN: ISBN 9789220379981 [https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/---sro-addis\\_ababa/documents/publication/wcms\\_863418.pdf](https://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---africa/---ro-abidjan/---sro-addis_ababa/documents/publication/wcms_863418.pdf)
- TVET system assessment in Somali and Tigray regional states, Ethiopia, with a focus on inclusiveness, International Labour Organization (2021) ISBN: 9789220349519 (print) 9789220349526 (web pdf) <https://data2.unhcr.org/en/documents/download/88869>
- The Impact of Emergency Food Aid on Children's Schooling and Work Decisions (with Nzinga Brousard and Robert Poppe) <https://ideas.repec.org/p/ags/aaea16/235219.html>
- "Determinants of Productivity in the Manufacturing Sector in Ethiopia: The Case of Textile and Garment Industries" With Tigabu Degu, Kidanemariam Hailu, Girm Abebe, Gebrehiwot Ageba; <https://thedocs.worldbank.org/en/doc/710091527997196820-0010022018/original/D1TextileGarmentProductivityTekleselassieetalABCA2018Final.pdf>

## BLOG POSTS

- "Ethiopia's Youth and their Labour Market Prospects" <https://www.theigc.org/blog/ethiopias-youth-and-their-labour-market-prospects/>
- "Enhance Agricultural Productivity for Youth Employment in Sub-Saharan Africa (2016)" <http://includeplatform.net/enhance-agricultural-productivity-youth-employment-sub-saharan-africa/>

## MEDIA APPEARANCE

- Ethiopian Broadcasting Corporation (ETV, FM Radio), Addis TV, Addis Fortune Newspaper, Deutsche Welle (DW) Amharic program
- Newspaper commentaries (Selected - English)
  - o <https://addisfortune.news/manufacturing-construction-feel-covid-19s-heat/>
  - o <https://addisfortune.news/leather-industry-desperate-to-save-own-skin/>
  - o <https://addisfortune.news/fdi-flow-grapples-with-political-instability-covid-19/>
  - o <https://addisfortune.news/hawassa-industrial-park-gears-up-to-export-masks-bio-suits/>

## **JOURNALS REFEREEING**

Selected journals served as a referee: Review of Development Economics, African Development Review, Journal of Happiness Studies, Journal of Human Capital

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

- American Economic Association, Ethiopian Economic Association

## **INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

- 2023: The 2023 Boston Symposium on Economics, Panelist on the Impact of Emerging Technologies on Developing Economies.
- 2022 UNCTAD South-South Integration - Sharing of Policy Experiences, panelist on Digital Transformation, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2020 (February): Overseas Development Institute (ODI), panelist on “supporting budget reallocation using spending reviews”, London, United Kingdom
- 2019: The 2019 Conferences on African Development, CSAE, (University of Oxford), UK
- 2018: The 2018 Conferences on African Development, CSAE, (University of Oxford), UK
- 2018: Annual Bank Conference on Africa: Examining the Challenges and Opportunities of Firms' Productivity in Africa, (Stanford University); Stanford, CA
- 2015: The 17th Annual Conference: European Trade Study Group (ETSG); Paris, France.
- 2015: The 49th Eastern Economic Association Meetings; New York, USA.
- 2015 : February. International Trade & Finance Association, Sarasota, Florida, USA
- 2013: International Growth Centre (IGC) Growth Week 2013; London, United Kingdom

## **TEACHING**

I place equal importance on my teaching and research. I have received outstanding evaluations from my students for my teaching. The courses I have recently taught or currently teaching:

- Development Economics (undergraduate students): Spring 2024 (Northeastern University, Boston)
- Applied Development (graduate students): Spring 2024 (Northeastern University, Boston)
- Macroeconomics Theory (undergraduate course): Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2023 (Northeastern University, Boston)
- Principles of Macroeconomics (undergraduate students): Fall 2023 (Northeastern University, Boston)
- Microeconomics Theory (undergraduate course): Spring 2022 (Northeastern University, Boston)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2023: IPA and J-PAL's Displaced Livelihoods Initiative (with Gharad Bryan, Sarah Winton, Christian Meyer) **\$74,828**.
- 2021/22: IGC (with Lukas Hensel and Marc Witte) **£62,783**
- 2019: PEDL (with Lukas Hensel and Marc Witte) **£20,000**
- 2018: IGC (with Lukas Hensel and Marc Witte): **£49,823**
- 2017- 2022: Completed several projects for the ILO, World Bank, Ethiopian Government agencies including the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Industry.