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Conference report

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Zum Abschluß der Tagung äußerte sich Dr. Volker Janssen in seinem Vortrag 
*Heerführer, Siegreiche und Stolze* zu den neuesten Entwicklungen in Äthiopien 
und Eritrea aus soziologischer Sicht. 

Thomas Rave/Wolbert Smidt

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**Program (Extract)**

**1st session — The historical diversity of Ethiopian Art**

LAUREL PHILLIPSON: *Autochthonous elements of Aksumite art and material culture*

DAVID W. PHILLIPSON: *An ivory throne from Aksum*

MARTHA HENZE: *Oriental Textiles in Ethiopian Traditions*

HERMANN AMBORN: *The plastic art of the Konso of South Ethiopia*

**2nd session — The reevaluation of the meaning of Ethiopian Art**

STANISŁAW CHOJNACKI: *Recent investigation in an unknown aspect of Ethiopian Painting*

TANIA COSTA TRIBE: *The wall paintings in the Church of Gänäta Maryam, Lasta*

PAUL HENZE: *The monastery of Mertule Maryam, speculations about its architectural history*

CRESSIDA MILLER: *The icon popular usage — an anthropological iconology and appreciation*

JOACHIM PERSOON: *Art as a means of recreating the sacred*

ANAÎS WION: *Culture écrite et iconographie gondarine — l’apport jésuite*

CLAIRe BOSC-TIESSE: *Nowelles questions sur les relations entre les gravures européennes et l’art gondarien*

DEMEKE BERHANE: *Portuguese contribution to the development of Ethiopian Art and Literature (16th–17th centuries)*

AHMED ZEKARIA: *A Portuguese Queen — an Harari Legend*

**3rd session — Portuguese-Ethiopian contacts and its repercussions**

ISABEL BOAVIDA: *The Cross brought to Goa and Portugal by Lebna Dengel’s envoy Mathew*

GIRMA FISSEHA: *Representations of Ahmed Grāñ and the Portuguese under their leader Cristovão da Gama*

HERVE PENNEC: *L’implantation missionnaire catholique dans l’espace éthiopien et la stratégie politico-religieuse du roi Susenyos*
Conferences and Exhibitions

MICHAEL GERVERS: *The Portuguese import of luxury textiles to Ethiopia (16th and 17th centuries)*

MERID WOLDE AREGAY: *Portuguese contribution to Ethiopian architecture (16th and 17th centuries)*

ABDUSSAMAD AHMAD: *The Palaces of Gondar Town (Ethiopia) (1632–1769)*

RICHARD PANKHURST: *Danqaz — Portuguese and Portuguese-Indian architectural connections*

FASIL GIORGHIS: *Portuguese and eastern influences and local innovation in gondarine architecture*

IAN CAMPBELL: *Portuguese influence on the architecture of the lake Tāna region*

LA VERLE BERRY: *Ethiopian and Portuguese monumental stone architecture in Lake Tāna basin*

Stanisław Chojnacki

November 27–28, 1999, at Munich (Germany): The human image in the changes of basic rights

The two-day symposium under the theme *Das Menschenbild im Wandel der Grundrechte* [= “The human image in the changes of basic rights”] was organized by colleagues in the Institut für Rechtsphilosophie und Rechtsinformatik of Ludwig-Maximilian-University in honour of Prof. Dr. h.c. Heinrich Scholler who had turned 70 in August. Participants were colleagues and students of his university as well as scholars of law, history, politics and anthropology from various universities in Germany, Greece, Hungary, Switzerland, Italy, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Mongolia, Taiwan and the United States — in most of which the honorand had worked at one time or another. Around 20 papers were presented on this occasion, a quarter of which were directly related to Ethiopian studies. The contributions will be published in a monograph bearing the same title as the symposium.

Bairu Tafla

January 11–17, 2000, at Asmāra (Eritrea): Against All Odds: African Languages and Literatures into the 21st Century — An International Conference and Festival

The conference, which attracted about 700 participants from all continents, was officially opened with the speeches of a member of the organizing committee, the President of the State of Eritrea, members of the presiding chairs (Ama Ata Aidoo, Mbulelo Mzamane, Nawal El Saadawi, Ngugi wa Thiong’o) as well as distin-