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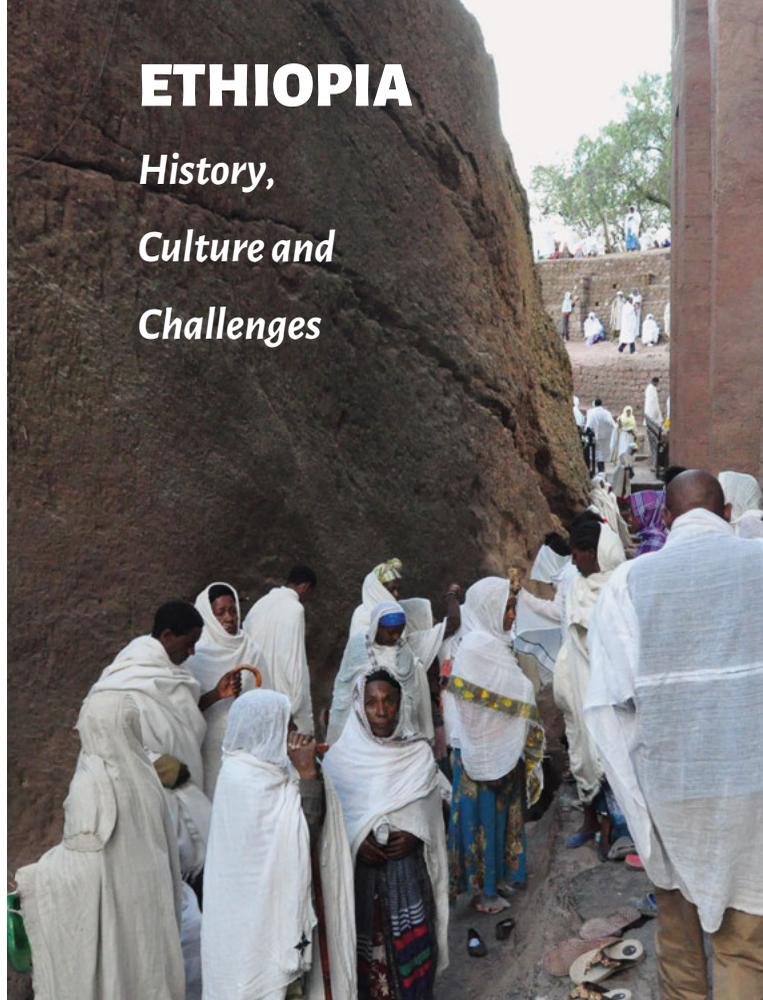
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# **ETHIOPIA**

## ***History, Culture and Challenges***



***A compendium comprising 100 articles structured into ten chapters, with photos, maps, a glossary and an index***

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Excerpt from page 261:

**“Modern economy of Ethiopia**

**Background and trends.** With a population of about 100 million (2016), a large geographic area with fertile soils and good rainfall in many areas, Ethiopia is potentially one of the richest countries in Africa. Historically, the economy has depended largely on subsistence agriculture that has remained a major source of employment and a contributor to the national economy. Until recently (around 2010), agriculture accounted for over 50% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), – the value of all goods and services in an economy – employed over 85% of the labour force and accounted for 80% of export earnings.

Despite its many riches, Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in Africa with 36.8% of the population being below the poverty line of \$1.25 a day in 2011. It also ranks 173 out of 186 countries based on the 2015 United Nations Development Programme’s Human Development Index. During the previous decades, the Ethiopian economy has experienced repeated setbacks because of droughts that contributed to the loss of millions of lives, an unstable political climate, and a high rate of poverty. In the last few years, despite some positive trends in the growth of the economy, the country is still struggling to extract itself from this dismal economic condition. To have a better insight into this seemingly paradoxical economic condition (rich in resources, yet poor in economic development), it is imperative that we examine economic trends under the different regimes in the last several decades.

In 1941 following the end of the Italian occupation, Hayla Sellase’s government sought to modernize the country’s economy by improving and expanding the infrastructure left behind by the Italians; rebuilding small-scale industries; expanding commercial farms; and restructuring the bureaucratic system. The main focus was to create a modern economy based on agro-industrial development. ...”

**Glossary of selected names and terms**

(Excerpt - Terms marked with \*)

abun\*: *abun*: አቡን: alternative form of Abuna (*Abunä*) ‘Our Father’, honorific for the metropolitan bishop of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church.

Addis Ababa: *Addis Abäba*: አዲስ አበባ, often also written as Addis Abeba.

Adwa: ሳዊታ: ዐድዋ

Afawarqi: ላቲንግታ: አፋወርቂ

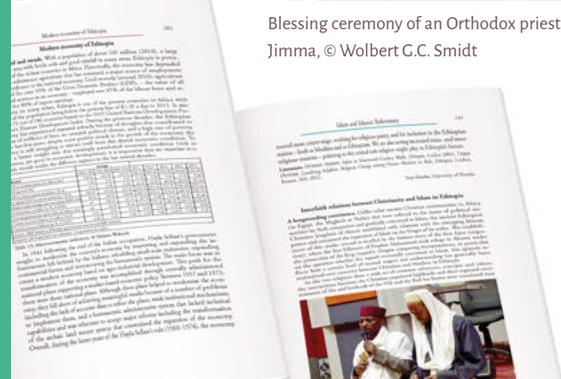
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**“Interfaith relations between Christianity and Islam in Ethiopia**

**A longstanding coexistence.** Unlike other ancient Christian communities in Africa (in Egypt, the Maghreb or Nubia) that were reduced to the status of political minorities by Arab conquerors and gradually converted to Islam, the ancient Ethiopian Christian kingdom of Aksum established early relations with the emerging Islamic power and contained the expansion of Islam on the fringes of its realm. The establishment of this *modus vivendi* is recalled by the famous story of the first hijra (migration), when the first followers of Prophet Muhammad took refuge in Aksum under the protection of the king (najashi). Despite competing interpretations, in particular on the question whether the najashi eventually converted to Islam, this episode reflects how a certain level of mutual respect and understanding has generally been maintained over centuries between Christians and Muslims in Ethiopia. ...”



Blessing ceremony of an Orthodox priest and a Muslim shaykh, Jimma, © Wolbert G.C. Smidt



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