The Horn of Africa Seminar brings together students and scholars interested in examining the region from a multidisciplinary and comparative perspective. By hosting lectures by experienced researchers alongside post-graduates, and by mixing academic and policy research, we hope to come to a shared, factually informed and politically relevant understanding of trends in the region. This term, the seminar will look at a variety of issues, including development and security in Ethiopia, Somali identity in Kenya and the dynamics of state evolution in the Horn of Africa.

Except where otherwise noted(*), the seminar takes place on Tuesdays at 5.00 pm in the Seminar Room, at the African Studies Centre (13 Bevington Road, OX2 6NB).

18* January – Christopher Clapham (Cambridge)
Why is the Horn different? Discussion & book launch for The Horn of Africa: State Formation & Decay
*5pm, Pavilion Room, St Antony’s; Co-hosted with the Thursday African Studies seminar

23 January – Biruk Terrefe (Oxford)
The role of infrastructure in Ethiopia’s developmental trajectory

29* January – Keren Weitzberg (UCL)
Discussion & book launch for We Do Not Have Borders: Greater Somalia and the Predicaments of Belonging in Kenya
*5pm, Seminar Room 2, QEH; Co-hosted with the Monday African History & Politics seminar

6 February – Sandy Wade (Independent)
The security sector and contemporary Ethiopian politics

No prior registration is required to attend the seminar, but masters and doctoral students are encouraged to sign up to the online list of graduates working on the Horn of Africa: http://goo.gl/qtv39E

If you would like to present your own research at a future seminar, please write to the convener: Jason Mosley (jason.mosley@africa.ox.ac.uk)