The Horn of Africa Seminar brings together students and scholars interested in examining the region from a multidisciplinary and comparative perspective. This term, the seminar will look at a variety of issues, including Israel's involvement in Sudan's early civil war, Islamist violence in Kenya and patterns of state formation and decay across the Horn of Africa. 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.

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 6LH).

April 25 – Yotam Gidron (Oxford)
“A people, united in struggle... is reborn”: Anya-Nya propaganda and Israel’s involvement in Sudan’s first civil war, 1969-1971

May 2-3* – Is High Modernism Returning? A Symposium on Political Ideology and Practice
All-day event, registration required – please contact Barnaby Dye (barnaby.dye@politics.ox.ac.uk)
*Co-hosted with the Oxford Central Africa Forum (OCAF)

Film Screening – “Ghana’s Electric Dreams: Waiting for Light”
Screening of parts of a documentary film directed by R. Lane Clark; co-produced by Stephan F. Miescher and France Winddance Twine. Followed by a discussion with Stephan F. Miescher as part of the symposium
St. Antony’s College, Buttery, Hilda Besse Building, 6pm on May 2

May 9 – Ngala Chome (Durham)
Religious ideas and cultures of violence: the case of Kenya's violent Islamists

May 30 – Panel discussion: State Formation & Decay in the Horn of Africa
Sarah Vaughan (Edinburgh); Michael Walls (UCL); Christopher Clapham (Cambridge)
Discussion & launch for Christopher Clapham’s new book: The Horn of Africa: State Formation and Decay

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/qtv30F

If you would like to present your own research at a future seminar, please write to the convener:
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