

October 23 - 24 - Legacies of the Italian Occupation in Ethiopia

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Centro Primo Levi New York, NYU Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò, NYU Department of History, NYU Creative Studies Program present two days of study dedicated to the Italian occupation in Ethiopia. For further information visit: www.primolevicenter.org

All sessions will be held at NYU, Casa Italiana Zerilli Marimò, 24 West 12th Street, admission is free

THE JEWS OF ETHIOPIA UNDER FASCIST RULE

October 23 | 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Emanuela Trevisan Semi (University of Venice, Cà Foscari)
Taamrat Emmanuel Between Colonized and Colonizer

Brook Abdu (Capucin Franciscan Research and Retreat Center, Addis Ababa)
Taamrat Emmanuel in Post-Italian Ethiopia (1941-1948)

This day focuses on the figure of Taamrat Emmanuel (1888 - 1963) a member of the Beta Israel Community in Ethiopia who, as a young man, was sent to study in France by the Polish Zionist and Orientalist Jacques Faitlovitch. He continued his education at the Collegio Rabbिनico Italiano in Florence and went on to become a leader of Ethiopian Jewry as well as an Ethiopian leader during the dramatic years of the Italian occupation, World War II and the subsequent return to sovereign Ethiopia and the establishment of the State of Israel.

Emanuela Trevisan and Brook Abdu will explore Taamrat Emmanuel's work and life through the documents he left in European and Ethiopian languages, concerning the occupation period and its aftermath.

LEGACIES OF THE ITALIAN OCCUPATION IN ETHIOPIA

October 24, 2014 | 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Organized by Ruth Ben-Ghiat (NYU) and Maaza Mengiste (NYU).

Scholars, writers and public figures will examine the legacies of the Italian occupation of Ethiopia as experienced by Ethiopians. Visual and storytelling cultures have been main vehicles of postcolonial expression. Three panels will look at how performance, historical fiction, and film incorporated the narratives of this difficult period and its legacies through several generations.

Maaza Mengiste (NYU and Princeton University), Ruth Ben Ghiat (NYU), Heran Sereke-Brhan (Independent Researcher), Bewketu Seyoum (Writer, Performer) Zerihun Birehanu (Addis Ababa University), Dagmawi Woubshet (Cornell University), Abiyi Ford (Addis Ababa University), Shiferaw Bekele (Addis Ababa University).

