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Journal of Amhara (JA) Celebrates Successful Inaugural Conference with the Release of its Landmark First Issue.

The Journal of Amhara (JA) successfully convened its Inaugural Publications Conference, marking the official release of *Volume 1, Number 1 (April 2026)*. This milestone establishes JA as a peer-reviewed platform dedicated to advancing rigorous scholarship on the history, culture, politics, and leadership of the Amhara people within the broader context of human civilization.

The conference brought together scholars, professionals, and community leaders in a focused and substantive exchange of ideas. The program opened with an overview of the Journal's vision and direction, followed by a formal presentation of the inaugural issue's content. Participants engaged in an interactive Q&A session and heard keynote remarks from distinguished scholars on the importance of research-driven dialogue. Discussions were evidence-based and aligned with JA's commitment to academic rigor and intellectual independence.

Inaugural Issue Highlights

The first issue reflects a deliberate effort to set a strong academic foundation through diverse and methodologically grounded contributions:

- **Economic Analysis:** Professor Getachew Begashaw examines the economic consequences of political marginalization in the Amhara region of Ethiopia using regression-based analysis.
- **Historical Inquiry:** Dr. Habtamu Tegegne provided a critical re-examination of the cultural genocide of the Gafat people, whose history and identity are deeply intertwined with and constitute an integral part of the Amhara.
- **Human Rights Documentation:** A vital study by Professor Begashaw analyzed the weaponization of sexual violence against Amhara women in conflict zones.
- **Theoretical Perspectives:** Independent researcher Sewnet M. Yinesu applied the "Theory of the Selective Age" to internal borders and state violence in Ethiopia.
- **Literature Review:** A seminal book review by Thomas A. Taye evaluated recent research on the historical boundaries of Wälqayet and Humära.

Looking ahead, JA aims to establish a consistent publication cycle and regular scientific convenings, while investing in research capacity development under its guiding vision, "*Amhara Scholarship for a Shared Human Future.*" As an Open Access publication, the *Journal of Amhara* ensures that all research is freely available to the public, fostering global understanding and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Call for Support

To sustain and expand this effort, and promote the participation of young Scholars, JA invites:

- Scholars to contribute original research and participate in peer review
- Partners to provide technical and material support for digital and research infrastructure
- Supporters to contribute financially to maintain high-quality, independent publication and conference activities.

The Journal of Amhara acknowledges all contributors, partners, and participants whose efforts made this inaugural launch possible.

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