

Summary

Eyerusalem Siba is a Research Fellow at the Africa Growth Initiative (AGI) of Global Economy & Development program at the Brookings Institution. Before joining the Brookings Institution, Eyerusalem was a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Economics, University of Gothenburg in Sweden since October 2011. Currently her research focuses on private sector development, industrial policy, infrastructure development and institutions in Africa. Her ongoing projects include the role of enterprise agglomeration, urbanization; infrastructure, and trade in industrial development; tenure security and its implications for rural income diversification and food security; women-owned businesses in Africa. Eyerusalem has published her research in *Journal of Development Economics*, *World Development*, *Journal of Development Studies*, and *Journal of African Economies*. Previously she has participated in international projects funded by UNU-WIDER, The Brookings Institution's Learning-to-Compete program, International Growth Center (IGC) and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA).

Education

1. University of Gothenburg , Gothenburg, Sweden (**Ph.D. Economics** 2006 – 2011)
2. Department of Economics, University of California Berkeley, USA, (**Visiting Scholar** 2008/2009 academic year)
3. University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden, (**M.Sc. Economics**, with distinction 2005 – 2006)
4. Addis Ababa University Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (**B.A. Economics**, with distinction 1999 – 2004)

Experience

1. Research Fellow at the Brookings Institution (Nov, 2015-December, 2016)
2. Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at University of Gothenburg, Sweden (October, 2011-September, 2015)
3. Visiting Researcher, University of Copenhagen, Development Economics Research Group, Copenhagen, Denmark. (2011/2012 academic year)
4. Affiliated Researcher, Ethiopian Development Research Institute Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (since 2004)
5. Intern, Ethiopian Economic Policy Research Institute Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (July- Sep., 2003)

Project leadership Experience

1. **Ending Rural Hunger project of the Brookings Institution (Jan 2016-Dec, 2017)**
 - Conducted pilot case study (working paper: Investments to End Rural Hunger: The Case of Ethiopia)
 - Prepared TORs for recruiting consultants; Searched for qualified consultants with in Network; Interviewed, hired, and trained consultants and presented key findings of pilot study for consultants understanding; Prepared template report, questionnaire and other relevant materials for consultant's use ; Provide feedback to consultants' reports

- Field work Mission (2017)
- 2. **Learning to Compete:** UNU-WIDER and The Brookings institute (participating researcher, Completed)
- 3. **Infrastructure and Enterprise performance:** International Growth Centre, LSE (participating researcher, Completed)
- 4. **Female Non-Farm Entrepreneurs and Rural Diversification:** A Case Study of Ethiopia" SIDA/SAREC (participating researcher, Completed)

Publications

- a. Siba, Eyerusalem (2016), [Learning to export and learning by Exporting: The case of Ethiopian manufacturing](#), *Journal of African Economies*, 1-23 (with Mulu Gebreyesus)
- b. Siba, Eyerusalem (2015), [Road Infrastructure and Enterprise Development in Ethiopia](#), *Journal of Development Studies*, 51 (11): 1541-1558. (with Admasu Shiferaw, Måns Söderbom and Getnet Alemu).
- c. Siba, Eyerusalem (2015), [Enterprise agglomeration and firm performance in sub-Saharan Africa](#). **Handbook on Trade and Development**. Chapter 9, pp. 169–178. (with Måns Söderbom)
- d. Siba, Eyerusalem (2015), [Returns to physical capital in Ethiopia: Comparative analysis of formal and informal firms](#), *World Development*, 68:215-229.
- e. Siba, Eyerusalem (2013), [Ethnic Cleansing or Resource Struggle in Darfur? An empirical analysis](#), *Journal of Development Economics*.103:299–312 (with Ola Olsson).

Working papers

- a. Siba Eyerusalem (2017) Investments to End Rural Hunger: The Case of Ethiopia
- b. Siba, Eyerusalem (2016), Tenure Security and Off-farm Employment in Ethiopia (with Mintewab Bezabih and Andrea Mannberg)
- c. Siba, Eyerusalem (2012), [“Enterprise Agglomeration, Output Prices, and Physical Productivity: Firm-Level Evidence from Ethiopia.”](#) UNU-WIDER Working Paper: 2012/85. United Nations University, World Institute for Development Economics Research. (with Arne Bigsten, Mulu Gebreyesus and Måns Söderbom)
- d. Siba, Eyerusalem (2012), [“Road Networks and Enterprise Performance in Ethiopia: Evidence from the Road Sector Development Program.”](#) International Growth Center, Working Paper: 12/0696 (with Admasu Shiferaw, Måns Söderbom and Getnet Alemu)
- e. Siba, Eyerusalem (2008), [Determinants of Institutional Quality in Sub-Saharan Africa.](#), *Scandinavian Working Papers Series in Economics No. 310*.

Blogs posted (2015-2016)

1. Foresight Africa (2017) viewpoint: [Supporting secondary cities](#)
2. [Unlocking Urban potentials in Africa \(October 14th, 2016 before UN HABITAT III\)](#)
3. [Can rapid urbanization in Africa reduce poverty? Causes, opportunities, and policy recommendations](#) (September 7th, 2016, quoted by the economist online blog1 and oct 4th)
4. [Enabling female entrepreneurs and beyond](#)-July 25th, 2016
5. [The case for gender-sensitive policies in sub-Saharan Africa](#)-March 7th, 2016

6. [Foresight Africa 2016: Industrialization, job creation, and structural transformation](#)-Jan 20, 2016
7. [Considering land tenure security for structural transformation of African agriculture](#)-December 30, 2015
8. [Africa Industrialization Day through the micro lens](#)-November 20, 2015

View point Contributions

1. [Supporting secondary cities](#) (Foresight Africa, 2017 featured in [chapter 4: BOLSTERING URBANIZATION EFFORTS: Africa's approach to the New Urban Agenda](#))
2. [Priorities for Sustainable Industrial Development in Africa](#). Featured in [Foresight Africa, 2016 Chapter 2: Sustaining Domestic Growth: Structural Transformation Depends on Jobs, Industry, and SMEs](#) (Foresight, 2016)

Public Appearance

1. AERC (2017): Senior Policy Seminar “[Industrialization in Africa](#)”, March 13-14, 2017, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire
2. UN (2017), Expert meeting on “The New Urban Agenda, demographic dividend and investment in Youth”, 24-27th March, 2017, Dakar, Senegal
3. OECD expert meeting on AEO, 2017 “[Entrepreneurship and Industrialization in Africa](#)” (October, 10th-11th, 2016, OECD headquarters, Paris)
4. [Overcoming barriers: Sustainable development, productive cities, and structural transformation in Africa](#) (27th September, 2016, AEO, 2016 DC launch, BI)
5. [Sustaining African Women's Entrepreneurship Program \(AWEP\) chapters and the role of gender in AGOA: The “Advancing Women's Entrepreneurship in Africa”](#) (Meridian International Center, 22nd September, 2016)
6. [Young African Leadership Initiative \(YALI\)](#) with Howard University on July 21st 2016, Washington DC “[A conversation with the Young African Leaders Initiative's Mandela Washington Fellows](#)”
7. [Africa Policy Dialogue \(APD\) on the Hill: Africa Policy Dialogue on the Hill: Congressional Briefing on “The future of African jobs and what it means for the US”](#), with Congressional African Staff Association (CASA) **on June 27th, 2016** –
8. [Brookings Cafeteria podcast on May 20th, 2016 \(broadcasted on 29th July\)](#)
9. [Foresight Africa: “Top priorities for Africa”](#). AGI, BI, January 20th, 2016
10. Presented at [Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces \(STAARS\)](#) conference in Addis, December 4-5, 2015

In person Briefings

1. [DAS Fledstein-the links between industrialization, democracy and size of middle class in Africa \(with John Page\)](#)
2. [Meeting with Eisenhower Fellow Lesego Sennelo and the CEO of AWCA Investment Holdings](#), in South Africa. Featuring the best private/public fiscal practices that build entrepreneurship, innovative mentoring and business network supports for women entrepreneurs, and the use of technology to unlock business efficiencies.

Teaching Experiences

- Basic Econometrics (Advanced Undergraduate level) University of Gothenburg
Lecturer and teaching assistant in lab applications 2012 – 2015
- Development Economics (Advanced Undergraduate level) University of Gothenburg
Participating Lecturer 2010 – 2013
- Advanced Development Economics (Masters level) University of Gothenburg
Teaching Assistant in lab applications 2011 – 2012
- Advanced Microeconomics, Ph.D. Course University of Gothenburg
Teaching Assistant Fall 2010
- Development Econometrics, Ph.D. Course University of Gothenburg lectures on Spatial
Econometrics and GIS applications Spring 2011
- Spatial Econometrics, Ph.D. Course University of Copenhagen, main lecturer Fall 2012
- Economics General Seminar University of Gothenburg, participating organizer Fall 2013
- Supervision University of Gothenburg, BA and MA thesis students Spring 2015

Trainings: Media Trainings; Blogging Best Practices; Social Media for policy outreach; Teaching and Learning in Higher Education; Stata programming & GIS for economists

Skills

- **Statistical Soft wares:** Advanced: STATA, Arc-GIS; MS Word, MS Excel, MS Power-Point, LATEX
- **Language:** English (Advanced); Amharic (Native); Swedish (Intermediate)

Professional Memberships

- Ethiopian Economics Association and Ethiopian Development Studies Association
- African Studies Association
- Association of Swedish Development Economists
- Global Development Network

References

1. Abebe Shimeles (a.shimeles@afdb.org, **former colleague**), Acting Director of the Development Research Department of **the African Development Bank**
2. Amadou Sy (Asy@imf.org, former supervisor at The Brookings Institution), Senior Policy Advisor at the International Monetary Fund and **Nonresident Senior Fellow - Global Economy and Development, Africa Growth Initiative** of the **Brookings Institution**.
3. John Page Jr. (jpage@brookings.edu, PhD Opponent) Professor, The Brookings Institution.
4. Måns Söderbom, (Mans.soderbom@economics.gu.se, Thesis Supervisor) Professor, Department of Economics, School of Economics at University of Gothenburg,
5. Ola Olsson, (Ola.Olsson@Economics.gu.se, Thesis Supervisor) Professor, Department of Economics, School of Economics at University of Gothenburg