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Forum for Ethiopian Scholars & Professionals (FESP)

First Call for Papers

September 4-25, 2021 Virtual Conference

April 4, 2021

The Board of the Forum for Ethiopian Scholars and Professionals (FESP), formerly “Vision Ethiopia; ራዕይ ለኢትዮጵያ EIN 81-0729204” is pleased to announce that its 10th conference will be held on four consecutive Saturdays, between September 4 and 25, 2021. The Board takes this opportunity to inform our partners and the public that it has completed an organizational reform program that included the amendment of its bylaws and rebranding that aimed at serving better Ethiopian scholars and professionals and, the broader society.

The 10th conference aims to create an independent platform for sharing research-driven and reliable works to the public along the theme of “culture, diplomacy, economics, geopolitics, governance & national unity”, a theme that is similar to the three-days long successful conference which was held in June 2019 at Bahir Dar University, in collaboration with the Ethiopian Ministry of Culture and Tourism and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

As Ethiopia goes through a mix of reforms, the armed conflicts in various parts of the country along with the global pandemic have brought the loss of lives, human displacements, immense human sufferings, and the destructions of properties, and heritage, natural and religious sites. The changing geopolitical dynamics and the interests of external powers have further complicated the problems of the country. The theme and sub-themes of the conference, therefore, are left wide enough to provide space for several crosscutting disciplines in the humanities, political and legal, health and allied sciences, the natural as well as the physical sciences providing opportunities for blending coherent and sustainable response to the challenges faced by the country.

Papers and panel proposals must be cross-disciplinary, research driven, and demonstrate policy relevance and clarity of thought. The work should be fresh and aim at benefitting all Ethiopians and the Greater Horn of African region. New and established scholars as well as professionals in public and business sectors are encouraged to play the role of a public intellectual and, apply critical and lateral perspectives in examining the challenges and opportunities facing Ethiopia. Papers and panel proposals will go through a normal review process. Completed papers not exceeding 3000 words in length along with an abstract and a conclusion should reach forumforethiopianscholars.profe@gmail.com on or before **July 31, 2021**.