



Institute of Ethiopian Studies

Call for Papers (CfP)

2nd Annual Research Workshop on

Women Peace and Security Agenda: Building Peace through Women's Participation and Leadership

Organized by: The African Women Peace and Security Institute (AWPSI)
Institute of Ethiopian Studies (IES), Addis Ababa University (AAU)

Venue: TBA, Addis Ababa

Background

Despite the increased attention to Women Peace and Security Agenda (WPS), research on this topic in Ethiopia remains fragmented. There is a need for a consistent platform where researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and women peacebuilders can identify research gaps, generate knowledge, share findings, and develop actionable policy recommendations. With this rationale, AWPSI organizes a series of annual WPS-focused research workshops. This call is made to solicit papers for the 2nd annual workshop.

Objectives of the Workshop

- To bring together research works focusing on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in Ethiopia.
- To disseminate those research works through workshop, published paper proceedings, and policy briefs so as to strengthen knowledge exchange, policy actions, and advocacy on women peace and security agenda in Ethiopia
- To strengthen collaboration among academic institutions, policymakers, and civil society actors working on WPS.

Workshop Themes

The Workshop welcomes empirical, conceptual, theoretical and policy-oriented papers addressing (but not limited to) the following themes:

- WPS and elections
- WPS and the media
- WPS, social cohesion and inclusive peace building mechanisms in Ethiopia
- WPS and peace education
- WPS and youth engagement in peacebuilding
- Customary conflict resolution mechanisms and WPS
- Women's participation and leadership in peace processes and governance.
- WPS agenda, policy, and implementation gaps
- Armed conflicted actors and women's agency

- Methodological and ethical challenges of researching WPS Agenda

Participation

The workshop invites participation from:

- Researchers and academics from universities and research institutions.
- Civic society and community-based organizations.
- Government institutions and development partners.
- Independent researchers, think tanks, and policy practitioners.

Submission Guidelines

- **Abstracts:** 300–400 words, clearly stating research objectives, methodology, and key findings or arguments.
- **Full papers:** at least 6,000 words (for participants whose abstracts are selected).
- **Language:** English or Amharic.
- **Font style:** Times New Roman, 12pt, 1.5 spacing.
- **Formatting style for final papers:** APA Style Guide (<https://apastyle.apa.org/>). However, the names of Ethiopian authors in Amharic should be written without abbreviation and comma, with the first name followed by the father’s name and, where applicable, the grandfather’s name.
- **Inquiry & submission emails:** firehiwot.sintayehu@aau.edu.et and tirsitbeyene87@gmail.com copied to maynge1@yahoo.com

Important Dates

Activity	Date
Abstract submission deadline	June 30, 2026
Notification of acceptance of abstracts	July 4, 2026
Full paper submission deadline	July 25, 2026
Review & notification of acceptance of papers	July 29, 2026
Workshop date	August 6, 2026
Publication of proceedings	December 2026

AWPSI will cover travel and accommodation costs for those participants travelling to Addis Ababa from all over the country, pay a modest honoraria for selected papers, and for oral presentations.