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### **Nationality**

**Ethiopian**

### **Education**

**PhD (Economics), School of Economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden, (2006)**

**MA. (Economics), Delhi School of Economics, 1990, India**

**B.A. (Economics), Addis Ababa University, 1984, Ethiopia**

### **Specialization**

**Development Economics, with emphasis on poverty, inequality, rural development, labor markets, and wide range of macroeconomic policies**

### **Work Experience**

March 2018-Present

**Division Manager**, Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department , African Development Bank.

November 2014-March 2018

**Acting Director**, Development Research Department, African Development Bank

July 2011-November 2014

**Division Manager**, Research, Networking and Partnerships Division

April 2009-June 2011

**Principal Research Economist**, African Development Bank.

January 2008-March 2009

**Senior Poverty Economist**, PREM (Rwanda), World Bank.

June 2006-December 2007

**Research Fellow**, Department of economics, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

September 2006-October 2007

**Economic Affairs Officer**, Trade, Finance and Economic Development Division, UNECA.

October 2003-August 2006

**Consultant**, Economic and Social Policy Division, UNECA.

May 1998-December, 2000	<b>Consultant</b> , Economic and Social Policy Division, UNECA.
November 1995-May 1998	<b>Program Advisor, ActionAid-UK.</b>
January 1996-2007	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Economics, Graduate School, Addis Ababa University.
July 1994-November 1995	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Banking and Finance, Addis Ababa Commercial College, Addis Ababa University
November 1991-JUNE 1994	<b>Lecturer</b> , Department of Banking and Finance, Addis Ababa Commercial College, Addis Ababa University.
Sept 1984-June 1988	<b>Assistant Expert</b> for Economic Research and Studies, institute for the study of Ethiopian nationalities

### Short-term Consultancy Assignments

African Economic Research Consortium (AERC), 2006  
 The World Bank-1996, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007  
 Overseas Development Institute, 2005/6  
 UNDP, 2005, 2006  
 UNECA, 1994  
 Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, 1993, 1994

### **Affiliations & Professional Appointments:**

**Research Affiliate: Southern Africa Labor and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), May 2016-Present**

**Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Cape Town, May 2015-Present**

**Non-Resident Research Fellow IZA (Institute for Labor Studies, Berlin, Germany): November 2011-Present**

**Resource Person and Co-Chair African Economic Research Consortium bi-annual research workshop, 2009-Present**

**Visiting Researcher**, Center for the Study of African Economies, **University of Oxford**, and April 15-July 15, 1998.

**Associate Researcher, University of Goteborg, January 2008-Present**

## **Selected Flagship Publications I managed and directed**

The African Economic Outlook (various editions: 2011-2018)

The African Development Report (various editions: 2011-2018)

The African Competitiveness Report (various editions: 2014-2017)

## **Selected International Conferences/Workshops I coordinated**

NBER conference on Transforming African agriculture, February 2019, Boston, USA (in partnerships with Cornell University and North Western University)

Senior African Policy Makers Conference (in partnerships with AERC/WIDER), March 2017, Abidjan Cote d'Ivoire

African Economic Conference, 2011-Present (in partnerships with UNDP, UNECA, various venues)

Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces, 2012-Present (in partnerships with Cornell University)

## **Selected Major Research Projects I coordinated:**

“Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARS)”, collaborative research project with AERC, Cornell University, World Bank and PEP (2012-Present)

“Debt-Investment-Growth: towards new debt-sustainability analysis for Africa”, 2016-Present, with IMF

“Global VAR approach for forecasting and simulation of African economies” (2011-2018)

“Impact Evaluation of Policy Reforms in Africa (2012-Present)”

“Learning to compete: why there is little industrialization in Africa, collaborative project with Brookings Institution and UNWIDER (2011-2015)”

“Aid and Employment in Africa”, (2011-2016), with UNWIDER

“Growth Diagnostics in Africa: case studies (2009-2015)”

“Inflation in East Africa (2012)”

“Reproductive health and poverty in Ethiopia”, AERC Collaborative Project 2007-2008

First Phase AERC Collaborative Research Project on “Poverty, income distribution and labor market issues in Ethiopia”. 1998-2000.

Second Phase AERC Collaborative Research Project on “Poverty, income distribution and labor market issues in Ethiopia. 2002-2007.

“Institutions and Globalization in Africa: Case of Rural Poverty” funded by Foundation for Advanced International Studies (FASID), Japan Tokyo. 2002-2005

## Research Grants and Scholarships

Reproductive Health and Poverty in Ethiopia, AERC, 2007-2008

SAREC Project on 'Evolution of Poverty in Ethiopia'. 2005-2007. Sweden.

Gothenburg University, Post-Doctoral scholarship: June 2006-December 2007

Gothenburg University Scholarship for PHD in Economics. 2000-2006

AERC Research Project on Poverty, Income Distribution and Labor Market Issues: 1997-2006. Nairobi.

FASID Research Project on 'Poverty in a Globalized World in Africa'. Japan. Tokyo

UNDP Research Project on 'The Impact of Structural Adjustment Programs on Poverty in Ethiopia'. 1996-1998. Addis Ababa.

Ethiopian Higher Education Commission. Research Project on 'Consumption Behavior and Economic Policy in Ethiopia'. October 1991-Sep 1993.

Indian Government Scholarship for Master's degree. 1989-1990.

## Professional Services (selected)

- Senior Scientific Advisor, Global Development Network on "competitiveness and industrial policy in Africa", 2017-2018
- Guest Editor: *World Development*, special issue on Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces. 2016-2017
- Member of the Editorial Board: *Development South Africa*
- Referee to a number of economic journals such as: *European Economic Review*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *World Development*, *Journal of Income Inequality*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of African Economies*, *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, *East African Journal of Social Science Research*, *Journal of Development Research*, and *African Development Review*.
- Associate Editor, *African Development Review*
- Resource person to a Training Workshop on 'Poverty, Public Policy and Growth in Africa'. September 2004. African Development Bank. Tunis.
- **Discussant** to a number of research papers on issues of poverty presented at such workshops as Plenary Session of AERC Bi-Annual Workshop, Can Africa Claim the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?, etc..
- Resource Person for WDI/UN-ECA Joint Training Workshop on "Poverty, Public Policy and Income Distribution", Pretoria, South-Africa, Feb 4-11, 1998.
- Resource Person for WDI/UN-ECA Joint Training Workshop on "Economic Growth, Poverty Reduction, and Social Protection: Theory, Evidence and Social Protection for Sub-Saharan Africa", June 1-11, 1999, Addis Ababa.
- Resource Person for Refresher Course on "General Equilibrium, Economic Growth and Social Policy" Jointly Organized by Department of Economics and Institute for Social Studies, Hague, October 25-Nov 5, 1999, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

## Publications

### Published Articles in Journals

- 1) "Linked-in by FDI: The Role of Firm-Level Relationships for Knowledge Transfers in Africa and Asia", *Journal of Development Studies*, DOI: [10.1080/00220388.2019.1585813](https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2019.1585813) with Carol Newman, John Page, John Rand and Finn Tarp.
- 2) Revisiting cross-country poverty convergence in the developing world with a special focus on Sub-Saharan Africa *World Development*, Volume 117, May 2019, Pages 13-28, with Ysi Ouyang, Erik Thorbecke
- 3) "Fiscal Incidence and Poverty Reduction: Evidence from Tunisia", with Ahmed Moumni, Nizar Jouini and Nora Lustig. Accepted for publication *Review of Income and Wealth*. vol. 64(s1), pages 225-248, October.
- 4) "The processes of structural transformation of African agriculture and rural spaces" *World Development*, Volume 105, May 2018, Pages 283-285 with Christopher B. Barrett, Paul Christian,
- 5) Abebe Shimeles & Tiguene Nabassaga, 2018. "Why Is Inequality High in Africa ?," *Journal of African Economics*, Center for the Study of African Economies (CSAE), vol. 27 (1), pp. 108-126.
- 6) "Structural Transformation of Rural Africa: On the Current State of African Food Systems and Rural Non-Farm Economies", 2017 *Journal of African Economies*, with Christopher B. Barrett, Luc Christiaensen, Megan Sheahan, DOI:<https://doi.org/10.1093/jae/ejx009>
- 7) Abebe Shimeles & Daniel Zerfu Gurara & Firew Woldeyes, 2017. "Taxman's Dilemma: Coercion or Persuasion? Evidence from a Randomized Field Experiment in Ethiopia," *American Economic Review*, American Economic Association, vol. 107(5), pages 420-424, May.
- 8) Audrey Verdier-Chouchane & Abebe Shimeles & Audrey Verdier-Chouchane, 2016. "The Key Role of Education in Reducing Poverty in South Sudan," *African Development Review*, African Development Bank, vol. 28(S2), pages 162-176, October.
- 9) Abebe Shimeles, 2016. "Can higher education reduce inequality in developing countries?," *IZA World of Labor*, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA), pages 273-273, July.
- 10) Sam Jones & John Page & Abebe Shimeles & Finn Tarp , 2015. "Aid, Growth and Employment in Africa," *African Development Review*, African Development Bank, vol. 27(S1), pages 1-4, October.
- 11) Abebe Shimeles & Anthony Simpasa & Adeleke O. Salami, 2015. "Employment Effects of Multilateral Development Bank Support: The Case of the African Development Bank," *African Development Review*, African Development Bank, vol. 27(S1), pages 31-43, October.

- 12) John Page & Abebe Shimeles 2015. "Aid, Employment and Poverty Reduction in Africa," *African Development Review*, African Development Bank, vol. 27(S1), pages 17-30, October.
- 13) "The making of the middle class in Africa: evidence from DHS data", (2015) *Journal of Development Studies*, volume 51, Issue 2 pages: 178-193
- 14) "Diversification and sophistication as drivers of structural transformation for Africa: the economic complexity index of African countries", (2014) *Journal of African Development*, African Finance and Economic Association, vol 16(2), pages 1-31. With Nadege Desiree Yameogo & Tiune Nabassaga & Mthuli Ncube.
- 15) "Labor market integration in urban Ethiopia: 1994-2004", (2013) vol 61(4): 889-931, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, (with Arne Bigsten and Taye Mengistae)
- 16) "Welfare Analysis Using Data from the International Comparison Program for Africa," , 2011, *African Development Review*, African Development Bank, vol. 23(2), pages 147-160.
- 17) "The persistence of urban poverty in Ethiopia: A tale of two measurements", *Applied Economics Letters*, Volume 18, Number 9, June 2011 , pp. 835-839(5).
- 18) "Growth, income distribution and poverty in Ethiopia: which way for pro-poor growth?" (2009), *Journal of International Development*, vol. 21(7), pages 947-970
- 19) "Poverty transition and persistence in Ethiopia" (2008), (with Arne Bigsten) *World Development*, vol. 36(9), pages 1559-1584, September
- 20) "Can Africa reduce poverty by half in 2015?" (with Arne Bigsten), *Development Policy Review*, 25(2): 147-166, 2007
- 21) "Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Panel Surveys. 2005". *World Development*, vol 31. No 1. pp 87-106. With, Bigsten, Arne, Kebede, B, and Tadesse, M,
- 22) "The State and Path of Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa: Comments" *Journal of African Economies*, supplement, 2000, volume 9.
- 23) "Perceptions of welfare and poverty in Ethiopia: analysis of qualitative responses of urban households" , 1999. *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, volume VIII, no 1 with (M. Tadesse),
- 24) "Welfare and Poverty in Ethiopia: an application of Stochastic Dominance Criterion. 1999". *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, volume VIII, no 1 (With, Bigsten, Arne, and Tadesse)
- 25) "Poverty and Welfare in Ethiopia. 1999. *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, volume VIII, no 1. (With, Bigsten, Arne, Kebede, B, and Tadesse)..
- 26) "Systems of Demand Equations: Theory and Applications", *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, vol ii, 1993, pp 1-50

### *Articles currently under review*

- Information technology and tax fraud in Ethiopia, under review, *World Bank Economic Review* (revise and submit)
- Woldemichael, Andinet; Kidane, Daniel; Shimeles, Abebe “*A Tax on Children? The Effects of Food Price Inflation on Child Health*”, *Journal of Development Economics* (under review)
- Welfare effect and elite capture in agricultural cooperatives intervention: Evidence from Ethiopian villages, *Food Policy*, with Dambala Gelo Edwin Muchapondwa and Johane Dikgang, *Food Policy* (under review)

### **Books**

- 1) “Building Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture in Africa” (2017), with A. Chouchane and A. Boly, **Palgrave-MacMillan Publishers**
- 2) “Inclusive growth in Africa: policies, practice and lessons learnt” (2016), **Routledge African Studies**, editors: Kayizzi-Mugerwa, Abebe Shimeles, Angela Lusigi and Ahmed Moumami
- 3) “Growth Diagnostics in West Africa”, ed (2016), with Daniel Zerfu Gurara, **African Development Bank, Abidjan**,
- 4) “Manufacturing Transformation: Comparative Studies of Industrial Development in Africa and Emerging Asia”, (2016) with Carol Newman, John Page, John Rand, Måns Söderbom and Finn Tarp. **Oxford University Press**
- 5) “Made in Africa: Bringing industry to Africa” (2015), **Brookings Publications**, with Carol Newman, John Page, John Rand, Måns Söderbom and Finn Tarp.
- 6) Steve Kayizzi-Mugerwa, Abebe Shimeles, Nadege Yameogo, 2014, “Urbanization and socio economic development in Africa: challenges and opportunities, **Routledge Publishers**,
- 7) Dilip Ratha & Sanket Mohapatra & Caglar Ozden & Sonia Plaza & William Shaw & Abebe Shimeles, 2011. "Leveraging Migration for Africa : Remittances, Skills, and Investments," World Bank Publications, **The World Bank**, number 2300
- 8) Poverty, Income Distribution and Labor Market Issues in Ethiopia (**eds**, with Bigsten, A and Kebede, B.). 2005 (January). **Scandinavian Institute of African Studies**. Uppsala. Sweden.

### **Chapters in Books**

- 1) “**Growth, poverty and distribution in Ethiopia**”, 2019, in “The Oxford Handbook of the Ethiopian Economy”, editors Fantu Cheru, Christopher Cramer and Arkebe Oqbay, Oxford University Press

- 2) "**Fiscal Incidence and Poverty Reduction: Evidence from Tunisia**," with "Ahmed Moummi & Nizar Jouini & Nora Lustig, in Lustig, Nora, editor. 2018. *Commitment to Equity Handbook. Estimating the Impact of Fiscal Policy on Inequality and Poverty* (Brookings Institution Press and CEQ Institute, Tulane University). Advance online version available at <http://www.commitmenttoequity.org/publications/handbook.php>
- 3) "**Poverty and wealth in Africa: shifting fortunes and new perspectives**" (2015) in "Handbook of African Economies" editors Justin Li and C. Monga, Oxford University Press.
- 4) Ncube, Mthuli, Shimeles, Abebe and Chouchane, Audrey, 2013 "**South Africa's Quest for Inclusive Development, in "Africa's quest for inclusive development"** editors Bruce Currie-Alder and Ravi Kanbur, Oxford University Press
- 5) "**Migration patterns, trends and determinants in Africa**" in "Leveraging Migration for Africa's Development", World Bank, 2011
- 6) "**Finance and Poverty in Ethiopia: a household level analysis**", (2008), with (Geda, A and Zerfu, D), in "*Financial Development, Institutions, Growth and Poverty Reduction*", (eds. B. Guha-Khasnobis and G. Mavrotas), Palgrave, MacMillan
- 7) "Openness, trade liberalization, inequality and poverty in Africa", (2007) (with Geda, A.), in "*Flat World, Big Gaps*", (ed Jomo, K.S), Zed Books.
- 8) "Poverty dynamics in Ethiopia: state dependence and transitory shocks" (2006), in Nizamul Islam, "*Essays on Labour Supply and Poverty: A Micro-econometric Application*", Economic Studies, no 153, Department of Economics, School of Business, Economics and Law, Gothenburg University.
- 9) "The Dynamics of Poverty in Ethiopia", (2006) .*Perspectives on Human Well-being* (ed Mark McGillivray and Matthew Clark). United Nations University Press. (with Arne Bigsten).
- 10) "Prospect for a 'Pro-Poor' Growth Strategy in Africa", (2006) in '*Perspectives on Human Well-being*' (ed Mark McGillivray). United Nations University Press. (with Arne Bigsten).
- 11) "Theory and methods of poverty analysis", (2005), with (A. Bigsten, B. Kebede and M. Taddesse), in "*Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia*", (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Sweden
- 12) "Rural and Urban Poverty Profiles", (2005), with (A. Bigsten, B. Kebede and M. Taddesse), in "*Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia*", (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Sweden
- 13) "Changes in welfare and poverty: an application of stochastic dominance criterion", (2005), with (M. Taddesse), in "*Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia*", (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Sweden
- 14) "Perceptions of welfare and poverty in Ethiopia: analysis of qualitative responses of urban households" (2005), with (M. Taddesse), in "*Poverty, income distribution and labor markets in Ethiopia*", (eds, A. Bigsten, A. Shimeles, and B. Kebede), Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Sweden
- 15) "Growth, Distribution and Pro-Poor Growth: An Overview", (2004) (with Bigsten, A and Jorgen, L.) in "M. Krakowski (ed.). *Attacking Poverty: What makes growth pro-poor?*" HHWA Studies, vol 75, Hamburg.





## Working Papers

1. Ouyang, Yusi & Shimeles, Abebe & Thorbecke, Erik, 2018. "Do Developing Countries Enjoy Faster Poverty Reduction in Their Initial Poverty Impacts Decline on Time? A Dynamic Panel Analysis," IZA Discussion Papers 11389, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)
2. Ouyang, Yusi & Shimeles, Abebe & Thorbecke, Erik, 2018. "Revisiting Cross-Country Poverty Convergence in the Developing World with a Focus on Sub-Saharan Africa," IZA Discussion Papers 11388, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) .
3. Woldemichael, Andinet; Kidane, Daniel; Shimeles, Abebe "A Tax on Children? The Effects of Food Price Inflation on Child Health", African Development Bank, 2017
4. Barrett, Christopher B. & Christiaensen, Luc & Sheahan, Megan Britney & Shimeles, Abebe, 2017. "On the structural transformation of rural Africa," Policy Research Working Paper Series 7938, The World Bank
5. Shimeles Abebe & Tiguéné Nabassaga, 2017. "Working Paper 246 - Why is inequality high in Africa?," Working Paper Series 2355, African Development Bank.
6. Woldemichael, Andinet & Gurara, Daniel Zerfu & Shimeles, Abebe, 2016. "Community-Based Health Insurance and Out-of-Pocket Healthcare Spending in Africa: Evidence from Rwanda," IZA Discussion Papers 9922, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA)
7. Merima Ali & Abdulaziz B. Shifa & Abebe Shimeles & Firew Woldeyes, 2015. "Building fiscal capacity in developing countries: Evidence on the role of information technology," CMI Working Papers 12, CMI (Chr. Michelsen Institute), Bergen, Norway
8. Shimeles Abebe & Adeleke Oluwole Salami & Anthony M. Simpasa, 2015. "Working Paper 221 - Employment Effects of Multilateral Development Bank Projects: The Case of the African Development Bank," [Working Paper Series](#) 2160, African Development Bank.
9. Shimeles Abebe & Andinet Woldemichael, 2015. "Working Paper 225 - Measuring the Impact of Micro-Health Insurance on Healthcare Utilization: A Bayesian Potential Outcomes Approach," [Working Paper Series](#) 2166, African Development Bank.
10. Fatma MABROUK & Jacob ODUOR & Abebe SHIMELES, 2015. "[Remittances and Youth Labor Market Participation in Africa](#)," [Cahiers du GREThA](#) 2015-32, Groupe de Recherche en Economie Théorique et Appliquée.
11. Shimeles, Abebe & Gurara, Daniel Zerfu & Birhanu Tessema, Dawit, 2015. "[Market Distortions and Political Rent: The Case of Fertilizer Price Divergence in Africa](#)," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 8998, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
12. Shimeles, Abebe, 2014. "Growth and Poverty in Africa: Shifting Fortunes and New Perspectives," [IZA Discussion Papers](#) 8751, Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).
13. John Page & Abebe Shimeles, 2014, "Aid, employment and poverty reduction in Africa", World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
14. Abebe, Shimeles & Andinet Delelegn, 2013. "**Working Paper 182 - Rising Food Prices and Household Welfare in Ethiopia: Evidence from Micro Data**," Working Paper Series 980, African Development Bank.
15. Ncube, M and Shimeles, A. "**The making of middle class in Africa: evidence from DHS data**", IZA Discussion Papers 7352, Institute for the study of Labour (IZA)

16. Ncube, Mthuli, Shimeles, Abebe and Chouchane, Audrey, 2012 “**South Africa’s Quest for Inclusive Development**, AfDB Working Paper Series 150
17. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010, “**Migration patterns, trends and determinants in Africa**”, AfDB Working Paper Series 119
18. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010, “ **Financing Goal 1 of MDGs in Africa: some results from cross-country analysis**”, AfDB Working Paper Series 121
19. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010, “**Global welfare analysis for Africa: application using data from the International Comparison Program**” AfDB Working Paper Series 122.
20. Shimeles, Abebe, 2010. "**Community based health insurance schemes in Africa: The case of Rwanda,**" Working Papers in Economics 463, Göteborg University, Department of Economics
21. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2008. "**The persistence of urban poverty in Ethiopia: A tale of two measurements,**" Working Papers in Economics 283, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.
22. Islam, Nizamul & Shimeles, Abebe, 2007. "**Poverty dynamics in Ethiopia: state dependence,**" Working Papers in Economics 260, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.
23. Bigsten, Arne & Mengistae, Taye & Shimeles, Abebe, 2007. "**Mobility and earnings in Ethiopia's urban labour markets, 1994-2004,**" Policy Research Working Paper Series 4168, The World Bank.
24. Geda, Alemayehu & Shimeles, Abebe & Zerfu, Daniel, 2006. "**Finance and Poverty in Ethiopia: A Household Level Analysis,**" Working Papers RP2006/51, World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
25. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2005. "**Can Africa Reduce Poverty by Half by 2015? The Case for a Pro-Poor Growth Strategy,**" Working Papers in Economics 177, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.
26. Geda, Alemayehu & Shimeles, Abebe, 2005. "**Taxes and Tax Reform in Ethiopia, 1990-2003,**" Working Papers RP2005/65, World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
27. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2004. "**Dynamics of Poverty in Ethiopia,**" Working Papers UNU-WIDER Research Paper , World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
28. Bigsten, Arne & Shimeles, Abebe, 2004. "**Prospects for 'Pro-Poor' Growth in Africa,**" Working Papers UNU-WIDER Research Paper , World Institute for Development Economic Research (UNU-WIDER).
29. Bigsten, Arne & Kebede, Bereket & Shimeles, Abebe & Tadesse , Mekonnen, 2002. "**Growth and Poverty Reduction in Ethiopia: Evidence from Household Panel Surveys,**" Working Papers in Economics 65, Göteborg University, Department of Economics.

## Published Research Reports, Policy Briefs and Conference Papers

1. **“Labor market flexibility and jobs in selected African countries”**, 2018, Policy Research Report, African Development Bank.
2. **“The state and dynamics of debt in Africa”** Policy Research Report, 2018, African Development Bank
3. **“Competitiveness and Industrialization in Africa: what have we learned?”**, 2017, Policy Research Report, African Development Bank
4. **“What is “Middle” about the Middle Class?”**, paper presented at “Africa Middle Classes Beyond the Buzz”, organized by IFRI (*French Institute of International Relations*) and OCP Policy Centre, Paris, February, 2018
5. **“On the Link between Tax Compliance and Good Governance in Selected African Countries”**, paper presented at the AERC-Plenary Session, December 2017, Arusha, Tanzania, with Amadou Boly and Maty Konte
6. **“Development Research and Policy Making in Africa: some reflections”**, paper presented at EADI NORDIC Conference, Bergen, Norway, August 2017
7. **“Understanding the patterns and causes of migration in Africa: some facts”**, Foresight Africa, Brookings Institution
8. **“Structural Transformation of Rural Africa: On the Current State of African Food Systems and Rural Non-Farm Economies”**, 2015, paper presented at the AERC bi-annual Plenary session with Christopher B. Barrett, Luc Christiaensen, Megan Sheahan
9. **“Why is inequality high in Africa?”**, paper presented at the African Economic Conference 2015, Kinshasa, DRC
10. **“Inclusive growth index for Africa: methods and applications”**, 2013, AfDB (with Mthuli Ncube and Stephen Younger)
11. **“Leveraging migration for Africa: remittances, skills and Diaspora resources”**, World Bank/ADB publications. 2011
12. **“Africans abroad: migration trends, patterns and determinants”** *Economic Brief*, Volume 1, Issue 6, 2010, African Development Bank
13. **“Diaspora bonds, securitization of remittances and African development”**, *Economic Brief*, Volume 1, Issue 8, 2010, African Development Bank
14. **“Community based health insurance scheme in Rwanda: is it working?”** processed, African Development Bank.
15. **“An African Demand System? Welfare Comparison using the International Comparison Program data set”**, 2010, Research Report, African Development Bank

16. **“Health and schooling in Ethiopia: evidence from large welfare monitoring surveys”**, (2009), paper presented at the African Economic Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
17. “Global economic crisis, long-term growth and policy implications for Africa”, *Development Research Brief*, no 5, July (2009) (with Leonce Ndikumana), African Development Bank
18. “Computations of development financing gaps: some conceptual and empirical issues” *Development Policy Brief*, no 6, September 2009, African Development Bank
19. “How do Africa’s poor fare during a global economic slowdown and food price crisis?”, *Development Policy Brief*, no 1, May, 2009, African Development Bank.
20. **“Community based health insurance scheme in Rwanda: is it working?”** (2009), paper presented at the Conference on Development Economics, Stockholm University and Goteborg University, Sweden.
21. **“Transitory Shocks and household welfare in Ethiopia: empirical investigation of poverty traps”**, (2008), World Bank Research Report, January, (with A. Bigsten), Washington DC
22. **“Inflation and the poor in Ethiopia: a demand systems approach”**, (2007), World Bank Research Report, December, Washington DC
23. **“Africa’s progress and prospect in implementing the Monterrey Consensus”**, (2008) UNECA, Trade, Economic Development and Finance Department
24. **“Trends in Returns to Schooling in Ethiopia”**, (2006), World Bank Research Report (with A. Bigsten and T. Mengistae), Washington DC
25. **“Finance and poverty in Ethiopia: a household level analysis”** (2006), WIDER Research Paper 2006/51, Helsinki, (with A. Geda and D. Zerfu)
26. **“Towards comprehensive growth strategies for Africa”** (2006), Background paper for “African Plenary on Growth Strategies” held in Cairo, May, (with Arne Bigsten)
27. **“The macroeconomic implications of financing MDGs in Ethiopia”** (2005), (with Alemayehu Geda), paper prepared for UNDP
28. **“A Synthesis of Research on Income Inequality in Africa”**. (2005) Paper prepared for Department for International Development. London. UK
29. **“The Dynamics of Consumption in Ethiopia”** (2005). Mimeo. Department of Economics. University of Gothenburg.
30. **“Poverty, Income Distribution and Growth in Ethiopia: 1994-2000”**. (2005). Mimeo. Department of Economics. University of Gothenburg. (with Arne Bigsten).
31. **“Can Africa Cut Poverty by Half in 2015?”**, (2005), Background Paper for ECA-OECD Report on “Mutual Development Review Report”. UNECA-OECD. Forthcoming.

32. **“Taxes and tax reform in Ethiopia: 1994-2003”**, (2005), WIDER Research Report 2005/65, WIDER, Helsinki.
33. **“Trade Reform and Poverty in Africa”**, (2004). Background paper for “African Economic Report”. UNECA. 2004
34. **“The Dynamics of Poverty in Ethiopia”** (2004). WIDER Research Paper 2004/39, Helsinki, (with Arne Bigsten).
35. **“Prospect for a ‘Pro-Poor’ Growth Strategy in Africa** “(with Arne Bigsten). (2004). WIDER Research Paper 2004/42, Helsinki,
36. **“Millennium Development Goals: Challenges and Prospects for Ethiopia”** (2003). Report prepared for the Millennium Development Goals Task Force. Addis Ababa. (With Alemayehu Geda)
37. **“Consumption Variability, Risk and Poverty in Ethiopia”** (2003). Paper Presented at a WIDER workshop on Risk, Insurance and Poverty in Ethiopia. Addis Ababa.
38. **“Poverty Efficient Aid Allocation in Africa: A revisit”**. (2003). Mimeo. UNECA.
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## **Computing Skills/Short term Training**

- Comfortable with statistical software such as : SAS, STATA, E-views, SPSS and Matlab
- Comfortable with the preparation, organization and management of large data sets such as household budget surveys, census data, etc.
- Participated in advanced training courses in poverty analysis, General Equilibrium Methods, micro-simulations organized by AERC, July 1997
- Participated in advanced training course on poverty mapping organized by AERC, September 2000.
- Participated in Executive Training on Evaluating Social Programs, Cape Town, January 2011, the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab.

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