

The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC)

cordially invites you to an informal talk by

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"The workings of contemporary Ethiopian administrative history: what the 20th century imperial archives begin to say"

For many years, the understanding of Ethiopia's contemporary history has been limited to external sources such as diplomatic archives and the accounts of foreign visitors. These sources explain how this state has been able to preserve its sovereignty and reform itself to adapt to global geopolitical threats and developments. However, the workings of power organization and administration have remained largely constrained to official discourse and representation. For this reason, access to and study of internal archives is highly needed. In recent years, the archives of the early twentieth century have gradually become more accessible, opening up several avenues of study to understand the functioning of Ethiopian institutions with respect to their distinctive and independent character.

Thursday, 2 July 2020, 4.00 pm

Virtual zoom meeting