

Call for Chapters

The Horn of Africa: Security, Instability, COVID-19, and Multiple Layers of Migration

Abstract

Since 2018, the Horn of Africa is undergoing significant changes and transformations with implications for broader eastern and northern Africa regions. Revolutionary changes in the Sudan, internal political turbulences in Somalia, and new political trajectories in Ethiopia – including the ongoing conflict that includes the Eritrean forces as well. These issues or factors constitute a very fragile constellation which may and already have an impact on migration forces and decision making. Political instability, combined with socio-economic factors such as limited economic resources and economic opportunities (attributed to inflation, lack of resources, unemployment, and so on), and mixed with and complicated by environmental issues contribute to migration waves which have an obvious impact on all (the origin and transit) countries involved. Particularly, the last two years have brought new dynamics to the development-stability-migration nexus, and reconfigured migrants' aspirations and decision-making as well as widened the range of factors contributing to migration flows in, around, and beyond the Horn of Africa.

'The Horn of Africa: Security, Instability, COVID-19, and Multiple Layers of Migration' is an upcoming volume that seeks to put together contributions in the form of chapters that would interrogate migration issues from several different – though interlinked – perspectives, focused on migration and security, migration and climate change, and migration and the COVID-19 pandemic. Migration and security issues are primarily the security issues and political (in)stability which creates space for migration particularly to neighboring or nearest safe countries. Second, climate change and environmental degradation are usually causes of rural-urban migration and one of the elements of international migration. And particularly the Horn of Africa is one of the most vulnerable parts of the world in this sense. Last but not least, the covid pandemic has reshaped the migration flows in combination with a number of global and national restrictions, regulations, laws, and policies. All these factors create a complex set of variables which have influenced migration pressures and had an impact on migration flows, affecting all countries under our investigation (Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Kenya) and beyond.

The editors are inviting scholars, researchers, and practitioners from all disciplines to contribute to the upcoming volume. To participate, send an abstract (of 500 words maximum) on one of the issues mentioned above (migration and security, migration and climate change, migration and the COVID-19 pandemic).

Send your abstract to any of the three emails provided below by latest 30th April 2022.

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