



## **King's Political Science students to conduct research in Ethiopia following Prime Minister's visit**

London, ON. – February 13, 2020 – Political Science students and faculty from King's University College are set to land in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the heels of Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who visited the Ethiopian capital last week to discuss economic transformation and growth, gender equality and women's empowerment, trade, climate change and contemporary challenges to peace and security in Africa. The students will be in Africa from February 13-22, 2020.

The 20 students are studying international organization and global governance from an African perspective as part of the Ethiopia Field Course, POL 3318G, led by Drs. Erin Hannah, and Thomas Tieku, Associate Professors in the Department of Political Science. The students will conduct individual research while meeting with officials and representatives working in various international organizations including the African Union, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, various non-governmental organizations, and national embassies located in Ethiopia.

"This is an opportunity that is unmatched at the undergraduate level anywhere in Canada," says Dr. Hannah. "In addition to taking a seven week in-class course on research design, these students are undertaking original field research in Sub-Saharan Africa on various topics such as sustainable development, security, gender, climate change, trade, finance, poverty reduction, food and hunger."

The group will also visit the ancient city of Axum near the borderlands of Ethiopia and Eritrea and learn first-hand about the intersections of governance, power, security, development, diplomacy and economics. Visiting these borderlands is a rare and new-found opportunity, as diplomatic relations between the neighbouring countries have resumed only recently after decades of conflict.

You can follow the Ethiopia Field School on social media @kingspolisciglobal and #ethiopiafieldschool.

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