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A new book by University of Dayton philosophy professor Messay Kebede dissecting the Ethiopian revolution has been met with great acclaim.

_Ideology and Elite Conflicts: Autopsy of the Ethiopian Revolution_ is the best and most thorough analysis of the causes and implications of the Ethiopian Revolution to date, according to Theodore M. Vestal, professor emeritus of political science at Oklahoma State University and author of _The Lion of Judah in the New World: Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and the Shaping of Americans’ Attitudes toward Africa._

"Messay Kebede has written an enormously important book. He definitively places the Ethiopian revolution as one of the 20th century's 'great revolutions,' on par with the Russian or Chinese in terms of scope of transformation," said Terrence Lyons, co-director of the Center for Global Studies at George Mason University. "Everyone interested in contemporary Ethiopia or comparative revolutions will benefit from this book."

Click on the related link for a complete overview of the book, including the preface.

"There are books, and then there are Books. Messay Kebede has written a Book," said Donald Dunham, a University of California-Davis anthropology professor and editor of _American Ethnologist_. "With sustained analytical brilliance, he demonstrates how understanding Ethiopia contributes to the understanding of the world. _Ideology and Elite Conflicts_ represents a major achievement in combining comparative history with political and cultural analysis, all set within a philosophical frame."

In 2009, Ethiopia's largest newspaper, _Addis Neger_, named Kebede among the 25 most-influential living Ethiopians for his studies and writing on the nation's sociopolitical and cultural issues.

Kebede taught at Addis Ababa University for 15 years before political turmoil landed him in jail for five months. He left the country in 1994 and joined the University of Dayton's philosophy department in 1998.

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