

Editor's Note

It gives me great pleasure to introduce and welcome readers to this *Special Issue 3.1* 'Religion, Peace and Conflict in Contemporary Africa,' anchored by our guest editors, Meron Zeleke and George Klute. The peer-reviewed papers that make up this issue were drawn from the international conference "*Religion, Peace and Conflict in Contemporary Africa*" (sponsored under the Volkswagen Stiftung Founding Initiative: Knowledge for Tomorrow Cooperative Research Project) held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in May 2016.

I am delighted that the project research findings shared by the contributors and the robust conversation that took place during this event, to which I was invited as keynote speaker, could be further documented and disseminated. As this is the first Special Issue since the inauguration of the AASR E-Journal, permit me to congratulate both the guest editors and contributors for blazing the trail in this regard. May I also use this medium to encourage colleagues to consider submitting very informing batch of essays, such as these ones for consideration. This forum will continue to create the needed space and opportunity for disseminating African and African diaspora-centred research findings.

My profound thanks once more to our guest editors and authors for enriching and further nuancing the discourse on religion, peace and conflict in contemporary Africa with their research and findings.

I hope that our avid readers will find these rich essays rewarding.

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