58th KUASS (Kyoto University African Studies Seminar)

**Date and Time:** 11 November 2016 (Fri) 15:00-17:00  
**Venue:** #318, Inamori Memorial Foundation Building (3rd floor), Kyoto University

**Title:**  
Coffee in Ethiopia: Origins and local uses of a globalized drink

**Speaker:** Dr. Eloi Ficquet (EHESS-CESOR, Paris)

**Abstract:** Coffee stands out as a one of the major symbols for contemporary Ethiopia’s national culture and economy. The labels of geographic origin from Harar, Bale, Sidamo and others are famous to coffee addicts worldwide. The ritual process of the Ethiopian coffee ceremony is promoted as the typical Ethiopian lifestyle through postcards and staging in restaurants. If these clichés say something about the importance of coffee for Ethiopians today, the history of this commodity requires to be observed beyond the boundaries of its cradle land.