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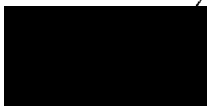
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FINAL REPORT

During my two-month visiting fellowship at the University of Palermo, I had the privilege of engaging in sustained exchange with Prof. Luca Puddu, Prof. Edoardo Baldaro, and their PhD students, whose work on the Horn of Africa and the Sahel opened up productive conversations around comparative regional dynamics and shared analytical frameworks. Together with Prof. Terje Østebø, who was a visiting professor at the University of Messina, I co-delivered two joint lectures, one in Palermo on the politics and religious dimensions of urban redevelopment in Addis Ababa, and one in Messina on the geopolitics of the Horn of Africa. Both were well attended and generated rich discussion among students and faculty. These engagements not only deepened our collaborative ties with colleagues in Messina and Palermo, but resulted in several avenues for joint projects.

The fellowship also proved exceptionally productive in research terms. The bulk of my time was devoted to finalizing my book manuscript, *Infrastructural Statecraft: Politics, Development & Conflict in Ethiopia* forthcoming with Oxford University Press, integrating reviewer feedback, revising key sections, and completing the administrative dimensions of the publication process. Alongside this, I worked on the introduction to a special issue on intermediary cities and the state in Africa for the *Canadian Journal of African Studies*, due out later this year. I also made significant progress on two further projects: preparatory work for summer fieldwork, including literature development and the mobilization of research collaborators; and, most consequentially, the initiation of data analysis for a new project on the logistics of sovereignty, work that has laid the groundwork for my research agenda for the year ahead. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been invited to Palermo and look forward to continuing our exchange.

Palermo, 16th June 2026


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