

Bio- Dr Mulatu Alemayehu Moges, an associate professor of Journalism and Media

Mulatu Alemayehu Moges (Ph.D.) is an Associate Professor of Journalism and Communication at the University of Agder, Kristiansand, Norway. He is a respected scholar and media expert with over twenty years of academic, professional, and consultancy experience across Africa and Europe. His work concentrates on journalism in conflict and transition, media ethics, press freedom, and the role of communication in democracy and peacebuilding. Dr Moges earned his PhD in Media and Communication from the University of Oslo in 2017, where his dissertation examined Ethiopian conflict reporting and the Ethiopian media. He also holds a Master's degree in Journalism and Communication (2007) and a Bachelor's degree in Foreign Language and Literature (2003) from Addis Ababa University.

Before joining the University of Agder, he served as an Associate Professor at OsloMet University (2023–2025) and Assistant Professor at Addis Ababa University (2018–2023), where he also coordinated the PhD program and led numerous research and training initiatives.

His research has been published widely in international journals such as *Journalism Practice*, *Information, Communication & Society*, *Cogent Arts & Humanities*, and *Journal of Discourse and Society*. Recent works explore digital media discourses, online hate speech, and journalistic ethics amid Ethiopia's political crises. Notable publications include *Social Media Discourses Amidst Ethnopolitical Extremism and Conflict: The Case of Ethiopia* (2025), *Hashtags, Hatetags and Social Media Campaigns in Ethiopia's Tigray Conflict* (2025), and *Freedom of the Press and Journalism Practices in Times of Uncertainty* (2024).

A dedicated educator and project leader, Dr. Moges has coordinated the NORPART Partnership Program (2016–2023) between Addis Ababa University and NLA University in Norway, advancing academic cooperation and curriculum reform. He has been the main partner for the project - Decoding Digital Media in African Conflict at OsloMet University, supported by the Norwegian Research Council. His excellence has been recognized through multiple awards and fellowships, notably the Best Research Award (2024) from the International Academic Awards (USA), the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship (SYLFF) Leadership Initiative (2019), and the Norwegian State Educational Fund Scholarship (2013–2017), and currently, he is a SAFE fellow from 2025–2027, funded by the European Union with a project that examines journalism in times of political instability,

Beyond academia, Dr. Moges is a respected trainer and consultant who has facilitated over a hundred professional workshops for journalists, editors, and media executives. He has worked with institutions such as UNESCO, UNDP, NDI, ICFJ, UN Women, Fojo Media Institute, USAID, and other local and international organisations, building journalistic capacity in investigative reporting, media management, gender-sensitive reporting, and election coverage. His contributions have had a lasting impact on media professionalism and democratic dialogue in Ethiopia.

Dr. Moges is also an active member of several international research networks. He is part of the Journalism Safety Research Network (JSRN) at the Centre for Freedom of the Media (CFOM), UK, and a former member of the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the Institute of Police and Law in Oslo. He has delivered keynote and invited lectures at international conferences organized by UNESCO, Fojo Media Institute, and the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) in Rwanda, Canada, Chile, and

the United Kingdom. His 2025 keynote address in Kigali on *African Media in War and Conflict Reporting* exemplifies his leadership in the field.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Moges worked extensively as a journalist, editor, and media executive, including as Senior Editor at the Ethiopian Radio and Television Agency (ERTA) and as Executive Director of the Ethiopian National Media Support (ENMS). He also served as Senior Communication Expert for the Ethiopian Reconciliation Commission and Monitoring Expert for the Danish Refugee Council's Mixed Migration Monitoring Mechanism Initiative (4MI).