



Friday Research Seminar in Africa Studies

Activism work to overcome health barriers for the Ethiopian LGBTI community

with **Negede Gezahegn Gebremeskel**

Cofounder and former executive director of DANA Social Group
(grassroots LGBTI organization, Ethiopia)

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House 3, room 2028, Engelska Parken
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The Ethiopian Ministry of health has not included LGBTI health issues in any of its curative and preventive programs.

The organisation DANA is engaged in bridging physical and mental health gaps that the queer community faces in the country, advocating visibility and using storytelling to amplify queer voices. It does advocacy work by challenging the structures that discriminate LGBTI people, and reaches out to the community offering counseling and creating a network of open-minded doctors who are willing to take in clients with no discrimination.

In occasion of the Uppsala Pride festival 2018, Negede Gezahegn Gebremeskel comes to present the activities of the organization and reflect on the challenges at the intersection of health, culture and politics for queer people in Ethiopia.

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