

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Aye Alemu (Ph.D.)**  
**Associate Professor of Economics**

## **Academic Background**

- Ph.D., Development Economics, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan, 2010.
  - ✓ PhD thesis: "The Impact of Vertical and Horizontal Export Diversification on Economic Growth: Empirical Evidence from East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa."
  - ✓ My PhD thesis was selected as "outstanding" and I received a special award as a token of appreciation.
- M.A., International Political Economy, University of Tsukuba, Japan, 2007.
- M.Sc., Economics (Development Policy and Planning), University of Wales, UK, 1995.
  - ✓ I graduated with distinction and received a special prize as a token of appreciation.
- B.Sc., Statistics & Mathematics, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia, 1985.

## **Professional Certifications**

- Teaching Effectiveness, AACSB International, August 2015, South Korea.
- Project Management, University of Pretoria & International Service for National Agricultural Research (ISNAR), 2003

## **Qualification**

- Scholarly Academic (classified by AACSB International)

## **Work Experience**

### **A. Academic**

- Associate Professor of Economics, SolBridge International School of Business (April 2017 - Present), Daejeon, South Korea.
- Assistant Professor and Chair of Management Department, SolBridge International School of Business, Daejeon, Korea Republic (August 2011 - Present), Daejeon, South Korea.
- Lecturer in Economics, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Oita-ken, Beppu-shi, Japan (April 2010 - August 2011), Beppu-shi, Japan.

### **B. Non-Academic Positions**

- Project Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, World Bank Funded Project known as Agricultural Research and Training Project (ARTP), March 1999 -March 2005, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- Head, Project Management Department, Endeavor Investment Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (June 1996 - February 1999), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### **C. Consultancy Experience**

- Commissioned by Oita Prefecture Administration (Japan) in 2011 for conducting marketing research and devising a strategy for exporting "pear products" to major Asian countries.

## **Courses Taught**

### **MBA Courses**

- Business Economics (Managerial Economics), Introductory Econometrics, Intermediate Econometrics, International Business, Development Economics, International Trade, Doing Business in China, Project Management

## BBA Courses

- Principle of Macroeconomics, Principle of Microeconomics, Introduction to Economics, Applied Statistics, Asian Management

## Major Awards and Honors

- The best “Teaching Award” at the 65<sup>th</sup> Woosong University Anniversary, South Korea, 2018.
- The best annual “Research Award,” SolBridge International School of Business, South Korea, 2012.
- Member of Honorary Envoys for Korea’s Public Diplomacy conferred by South Korea’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and trade (2013 to date)

## Language Proficiency

- English (Excellent)
- Amharic (Excellent)
- Japanese (Modest)

## Refereed Articles

- Alemu, A. M. (2020). Drivers of Deforestation and the Validity of the Environmental Kuznet Curve: Evidence from African and East Asian Countries. *Journal of Forest Economics* (SSCI), under review.
- Alemu, A. M. (2019). The Nexus between Political Stability, Corruption Control and Tax Level with Illicit Financial Flows: Empirical Evidence from African Countries. *Emerging Markets Finance & Trade* (SSCI), under review.
- Alemu, A. M., & Zhang, W. (2020). Is Sino-Africa bilateral trade more than resource focused? The Rhetoric and the Reality. *African and Asian Studies* (SSCI), 18 (4), 362-394.
- Alemu, A. M. (2019). Socioeconomic and Demographic Factors Influencing Women's Attitude towards Wife Beating in Ethiopia. *JOURNAL OF INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE* (SSCI), 34 (15), 3290-3316.
- Alemu, A. M. (2017). To What Extent Does Access to Improved sanitation Explain the Observed Differences in Infant Mortality in Africa? *African Journal of Primary Health Care & Family Medicine* (PHCFM), 9 (1), 1-9.
- Alemu, A. M., & Cordier, J. (2017). Factors Influencing International Students Satisfaction in Korean Universities. *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT* (SSCI), 57 (2017), 54-64.
- Alemu, A. M., & Lee, J. (2015). Foreign Aid on Economic Growth in Africa: A Comparison of low and Middle-Income Countries. *SOUTH AFRICAN JOURNAL OF ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES* (SSCI), 18 (4), 449-462.
- Alemu, A. M., A., & Lee, J. (2014). Is Currency Depreciation Always Good for Improving Trade Balance? An Empirical Analysis of Selected Asian Economies. *Indian Journal of Finance*, 8 (7), 7-17.
- Alemu, A. M. (2014). Quality of Institutions and FDI Inflow: Evidence from Asian Economies. *Korea Review of International Studies*, 16 (1), 35-47.
- Alemu, A. (2014). The Impact of FDI Inflow on Export Diversification and Structural Change in Africa: Lessons from East Asia. *Journal of Korea Regional Economics* (KCI), 12 (1), 61-84.
- Alemu, A. (2012). Current Scenario of Economic Convergence in Africa:-Empirical Evidence from Disaggregated Panel Data. *Journal of the Korean Association of African Studies* (KCI), 36, 199-239.

- Alemu, A. (2012). The Effect of R&D on Export Competitiveness of High Tech Products: Empirical Evidence from Panel Data of East Asian Economies. *Science Technology and Innovation Policy Review*, 3 (1), 46-62.
- Alemu, A. M. (2012). The Effect of Corruption on FDI Inflow in Asian Economies. *Seoul Journal of Economics (KCI)*, 25 (4), 387-412.
- Alemu, A. M. (2012). Factors Influencing Consumers' Financial Transactions in Islamic Banks Compared with Conventional Banks: Empirical Evidence from Selected Middle-East Countries with a Dual Banking System (SSCI). *African and Asian Studies*, 11 (4), 444-465.
- Alemu, A., & Kim, T. (2012). Evaluating the Effects of Disaggregated Economic Freedom on Capital Formation: Empirical Evidence from Asian Economies. *Journal of Korea Regional Economics (KCI)*, 10 (3), 3-32.
- Alemu, A. M Mengistu, A., & Adhikary, B. (2011). Does Good Governance Matter for FDI Inflow?-Empirical Evidence from Asian Economies (SSCI). *Asia-Pacific Business Review*, 17 (3), 281-297.
- Alemu, A. M., & Khan, H. (2011). State Fragility and FDI Inflow in Africa. *International Research Journal of Finance and Economics* (64), 147-160.
- Alemu, A. M., & Adhikary, B. (2008). Factors Influencing Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in South and Southeast Asian Economies. *The Journal of World Investment and Trade*, 9 (5), 427-437.
- Alemu, A. M. (2008). Do physical and Human Capital Matter for Export Diversification: - Comparative Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa and East Asia (SSCI). *African and Asian Studies*, 8 (1-2), 1-45.
- Alemu, A. M. (2008). Determinants of Vertical & Horizontal Export Diversification:- Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa and East Asia. *Ethiopian Journal of Economics*, 17 (2), 1-56.
- Alemu, A. M. (2007). The Roles of Human Capital and Infrastructure on FDI Inflow: Empirical Evidence from Sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of African Policy Studies*, 13 (2 &3), 25-53.
- Alemu, A. M. (2007). The Effects of Land Tenure Security and Transfer Rights on Crop Choice Decisions of Rural Households: Evidence from the Amhara Region of Ethiopia. *Journal of International Political Economy* (19), 21-34.

## Chapters, Cases, Readings, Supplements

### Chapters

- Alemu, A. M. (2018). The Impacts of Foreign Aid on Economic growth in Africa: Does Its Effects vary from Low to Middle-Income Countries. In Routledge (Ed.), *Marketing Management in Africa*. Routledge.
- Alemu, A. M. (2015). The Nexus between Governance Infrastructure and the Ease of Doing Business in Africa. *Comparative Case Studies on Entrepreneurship in Developed and Developing Countries* (pp. 110-131). 702 E. Chocolate Avenue, Hershey PA, USA 17033: IGI Global.

### Presentations at International Conferences

- Alemu, M. Aye (2021, November). *The Impacts of Foreign Aid on Economic Growth in Africa: Does its Effect Vary from Low to Middle-Income Countries?* Paper Presented at the 2021 Hanyang University IEAS Online Conference, South Korea
- Alemu, A. M Mengistu, A. (2019, June). *The nexus between political stability, corruption control and tax level with illicit financial flows: Empirical Evidence from African countries*. International Conference on business, Economics and Management in the Age of Intelligence (ICBEM2019), June 3-5, 2019, Taipei, Taiwan, Taipei, Taiwan.

- Alemu, A. M Mengistu, A. (2018, December). *The Effect of Illicit Financial Flows from African Countries*. 11th Annual International Business Conference: Agriculture, Health, Energy, and Engineering, Dearborn, Detroit, Michigan.
- Mengistu, A. (2017, July). *Analyzing the Effects of Foreign Direct Investment vs Foreign Aid on Economic Growth in Africa*. 9th Annual International Conference on Business, Agriculture, Health, Energy & Engineering, Chicago, United States of America.
- Mengistu, A. (2017, June). *The Impacts of Foreign Aid on Economic Growth in Africa: Does its Effect Vary from Low to Middle-Income Countries?* Korea Association of International Development and Cooperation (KAIDAC), Seoul, Republic of Korea.
- Mengistu, A. (2016, December). *The Impacts of Ethnic, Linguistic and Religious Fractionalization on State Fragility in Africa*. 9th Annual International Conference on Business, Agriculture, Health, Energy & Engineering, Los Angeles, California.
- Mengistu, A. (2016, June). *The Impacts of Natural Resources Abundance on Export Diversification and Structural Change in African Economies*. The 8th Annual International Conference on Global business, Engineering, Energy, Agriculture, and Health, New York, New York.
- Mengistu, A. (2015, September). *Trade Relationships between Latin America and Asia: Status, Challenges and Opportunities*. 50th Asamblea Anual de CLADEA 2015, Vina del Mar, Chile.
- Mengistu, A. (2015, March). *State Fragility and FDI Inflow in Africa*. Center for the Study of African Economies at the University of Oxford, UK, Oxford, United Kingdom.
- Mengistu, A. & Lee, J. (2014). *Examining the Effects of Currency Depreciation on Trade Balance in Selected Asian Economies*. 6th Annual International Business Conference, Dearborn, Michigan.
- Mengistu, A. (2014, December). *Improved Sanitation and Infant Mortality in Africa: Empirical Evidence from Macro-level Data*. Seventh Annual conference on Business, Health and Engineering, December 27-28, 2014, Las Vegas, USA, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Mengistu, A. (2014, February). *The Role of Government-Business Relations in Korea and Its Implications for Korean MNCs: Lesson for India*. International Conference on Sustainable Global Business Models, Chennai, India.
- Mengistu, A. (2013, December). *The Nexus between Governance Infrastructure and the Ease of Doing Business in Africa*. 6th Annual International Business Conference, Dearborn, Detroit, Michigan.
- Alemu, A. M. (2013, July). *The Nexus between Technological Infrastructure and export Competitiveness of High-tech Products in East Asian Economies*. 5th Annual International Conference on Global Business, Dearborn, Detroit, Michigan.
- Mengistu, A. & Zhang, W. (2013, April). *Is China-Africa Bilateral Trade More Than Resource Focused? Empirical Evidence Using Gravity Model Approach*. 38th Annual Meeting of the New York African Studies Association (NYASA), Binghamton University, New York, Binghamton, New York.
- Mengistu, A. (2013, January). *The Effect of Corruption on FDI Inflow: Empirical Evidence from Asian Economies*. 2013 Global Conference on Business and Finance, Las Vegas, United States of America.
- Mengistu, A. (2012, December). *The Impacts of FDI on Vertical and Horizontal Export Diversification in Africa: Lessons from East Asian Economies*. 2012 Annual Conference of the Korean Association of African Studies, Seoul, Korea.
- Mengistu, A. (2012, July). *Factors Influencing Consumers' Financial Transactions in Islamic Versus Conventional Banking: Empirical Evidence from Selected Middle-East Countries with a Dual Banking System*. the 2012 Global Conference on SME, entrepreneurship & Service Innovation, Queensland, Australia.

- Mengistu, A. (2012, June). *The Effect of Corruption on FDI Inflow in Asian Economies*. International conference organized by the Korean Association for Public Administration ( KAPA ), Seoul, Korea.
- Mengistu, A. (2011, December). *Quality of Institutions and FDI Inflow in Asia*. Annual World Conference and Expo on Business, Finance and Marketing, Chennai, India.
- Mengistu, A. (2011, January). *Determinants of Consumers Preferences of Islamic Banking Services:-Evidence From Selected Middle Eastern Countries*. International Conference on, Tokyo, Japan.
- Mengistu, A. (2010, March). *Empirical Analysis of the Determinants of Consumers Preferences for Islamic Banking*. International Symposium on Islamic Finance in South-East Asia, Beppu, Japan.
- Mengistu, A. (2009, December). *Does Good Governance Matter for FDI Inflow?: Empirical Evidence from Asian Economies*. 2009 AP Conference on, Beppu, Japan.
- Mengistu, A. (2009, December). *Factors Attributing to Consumer's Choice for Islamic Bank in Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates (UAE)*. Symposium on Values and Attitudes in Islamic Finance and Banking, Wakayama, Japan.
- Mengistu, A. (2009, August). *The Impacts of Vertical and Horizontal Export Diversification on Growth: An Empirical Study on Cases from East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa*. International Convention of Asia Scholars 6 (ICAS 6), Daejeon, Korea.
- Mengistu, A. (2009, March). *The Roles of Human capital and Physical Infrastructure on FDI Inflow: Empirical Evidence from East Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa*. Centre for the Studies of African Economies (CSAE), Oxford, United Kingdom.
- Mengistu, A. (2008, July). *The Impacts of Export Diversification on Growth: Comparative Analysis of Sub-Saharan Africa and East Asia's Divergent Performance*. International Conference on International Trade and Environment under the WTO, Fukuoka, Japan.