

NetSci Speaker Series Talk

# Emergent Network Organizing in Rural Ethiopian Communities

Friday, October 20 at noon to 1 pm ET

Communities facing social and environmental disruptions mobilize and utilize various forms of mutual support practices. This talk will center on findings from a project examining networks of social support and trust among diverse demographic groups in rural communities within the Somali region of Ethiopia. In addition to discussing findings regarding local network practices with a specific focus on intersectional groups, I will outline a systems theory approach for examining emergent networks and share insights on the processes of collecting network data in a field setting.

 Zoom Registration and Link: <https://tinyurl.com/netsci-sl>



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