

Student Comments on the Seminar Theoretical Concepts of Inclusive Education

The guest lecture from Professor Belay Hagos Hailu was really interesting because I've learned a lot about the Ethiopian education system and I think it's really stunning how they deal with their challenges.

Dr. Hagos was very passionate, informative, and hopeful about education reform in Ethiopia; I learned a lot from him!

Through the lecture of Belay, it becomes clear to me that Ethiopia is just at the very beginning of Inclusive Education. They have to handle a lot of challenges but the direction is good and they can already make out a "green light" that Inclusive Education can happen. (Laura Sophie Gartmann)

First thanks for your course in Austria. I was surprised about how quick Inclusion is implemented in your country. Furthermore I wish you all the best for your work. (Simon Gregor)

"Ethiopia is drawing a new picture of inclusive education instead of making correction on an already drawn one. (Seyda SUBASI)"

I have learned something about Ethiopia in general (size, inhabitants) and some special things about education in Ethiopia. Professor Belay Hagos Hailu told us about 14 specific Inclusive education strategies. He also told us about the challenges and efforts of these strategies. So...I learned quite much about Ethiopia I did not know so far.

For me, it was very exciting to see, how inclusive education works in Ethiopia and how far developed Ethiopia is in this particular field, although the country itself is categorized as a third world country. I think, for all students, such exchange activities are an enrichment and you get open minded for other countries and other situations in which people live. (Isabella Horvath)

Professor Belay Hagos Hailu showed us in a very nice way an interesting insight into the education system of Ethiopia- thanks a lot! (Janina Gmeiner)

Professor Belay Hagos presented the situation in Ethiopia very good and showed us that the practice of inclusive education is just starting and that it is too early to say that is a good practice, but he said there might be a good practice. (Madeleine Pichler)

The guest lecture from professor Belay Hagos Hailu about Ethiopia was one of those lectures that stay in one's memory. It is amazing how forward-looking Ethiopia is with respect to inclusive education. Furthermore we learnt a lot about different aspects of inclusive education (strategies, practice, challenges and efforts), it was interesting to see the differences and similarities between Austria and Ethiopia. Thank you for those enriching classes! (Katrin Kleinl)

"I think it was really interesting to hear respectively learn something about the efforts and challenges concerning inclusive education in Ethiopia and how they try to implement inclusive education. Furthermore I think the influences and attitudes from society are really important to consider, as Professor Belay Hagos Hailu mentioned, and to raise the awareness about people with disability in the whole society." (Sarah Silmbroth)

The class with Professor Belay Hagos was very interesting and I learned many new things. Most interesting for me were the facts that the University in Ethiopia is so young and that they try so hard to implement the idea of Inclusive Education. But there were also many other informative facts and I like the class with him very much. (Nicole Engelmann)

I would like to thank Belay Hagos Hailu for the possibility to get to know a part of the education system in Ethiopia: It was really interesting for me because I knew very little about Ethiopia before and in my opinion, such projects are not only important because of the information you get, they can also help to reduce prejudices. (Katharina Gredler)