

**Moges Abey and Tilahun Achaw in Vienna – Teaching exchange within the RESPOND-HER project
February 23rd – March 8th 2012**



Moges and Tilahun arrived on Thursday February 23rd. I picked them up at the airport at midnight and showed them their apartment close to our department. On Friday we started preparing the classes we already had planned together during my stay in Addis Ababa. Before Moges and Tilahun came to Austria, the course for the exchange had already started. Students were writing e-mails to Moges in which they asked questions about Ethiopia, poverty and disability. Moges answered to them and the e-mails were discussed in the sessions.

The course with the title: “Pedagogical Approaches to Cultural Diversity and Social Disadvantage - Disability in so-called ‘developing countries’ regarding the aspect of poverty” took place on Monday and Tuesday the whole day. It was very exhausting but we had enough energy to experience two exciting days with loads of discussions about disability and poverty, about Austria and Ethiopia and other interesting topics. We concluded the seminar by participating in a “webinar” (online seminar/presentations) organised by Sophie Mitra which had the title “Disability and poverty: Results from Multidimensional Poverty Studies”. The students as well as the teaching team enjoyed the overall experience and exchange a lot. We are all looking forward to more exchange like this.

Margarita



On Monday, March 5th Moges and Tilahun participated in Tobias' and Michelle's introductory session on the course "Analysis of Biographical Interviews in the Context of Disability Studies". They held two interesting presentations on the methods used in their PhD and Master Theses and shared experiences with the students.

Before leaving Moges and Tilahun were invited to the department's weekly meeting.



Moges and Tilahun enjoying the snow with Tobias...