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Summary

Tigist Grieve, PhD, is a Senior Research Associate and ESRC-GCRF Fellow based in Graduate School of Education. She studied International Development and gained her Masters and PhD degrees from the University of Bath, UK. Her research interest encompasses inequalities and questions of social reproduction – including, poverty, educational disadvantage of communities with a focus on gender and rurality. She is avid advocate of undertaking research with transformative purpose.

Tigist's work is anchored on the often-marginalised voices of rural children, parents and teachers with the aim of making their voices part of the development debate. Beyond her direct dissemination of her research findings to academic community in various institutions in UK and Ethiopia as a guest lecturer and Teaching Fellow, her postdoctoral fellowship is also focused on disseminating her research findings back to the user communities through various public engagements including via film.

Tigist's research approach is highly interdisciplinary, she worked on ESRC-funded projects in the Department of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Bristol researching Collaboration and Partnership between Academic Institutions and NGOs in Ethiopia before moving to the Graduate School of Education.

Her teaching experience include graduate and undergraduate courses as guest lectureships at the universities of Bath, Bristol, Gloucester, and Addis Ababa on international development, gender, education, child rights and inequality in global contexts. Tigist collaborates with various institutions in UK and Ethiopia where her research interest is overlapping. She is currently a YoungLives Research Associate at the Oxford Department of International Development, and, a visiting scholar at the Centre for Development studies (CDA) at the University of Bath.

In addition to her academic work, she is actively involved with various charities in UK and abroad including, the Bristol-based charity [For-ethiopia](#), which she founded in 2004 and where she currently serves as a trustee. Informed by her research the charity follows an evidence based intervention approach working in *education*, *health* and *water* sectors in rural Ethiopia. Despite its size it has recorded significant impact earning it numerous certificates, and a model NGO status for its approach to transformation. The most recent rural girls' education project undertaken by For-ethiopia team was inaugurated by His Excellency former president of Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Dr Girma Wolde-Giorgis.

Tigist welcomes opportunities for collaboration and consultancy. Also, interested in supervision of PhD students in areas of development, inequality, childhood, education and gender studies.

For more information on her work, please see her draft publications and presentations on her [University of Bristol profile](#). More about her current professional activity can be found online at her [Academia](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#) pages.

Biography

Dr Tigist Grieve is a Vice Chancellor's Fellow at the University of Bristol. Her work is highly interdisciplinary, drawing on International Development, Gender studies, Anthropology and Education disciplines with particular focus on inequalities and questions of social reproduction.

Tigist earned both her MRes and PhD in International Development from the University of Bath. Recently she was a recipient of a prestigious ESRC-GCRF 2017/18 award that allowed her to focus on disseminating her research findings through extensive public engagements.

Her work seeks to bring the marginalised voices of adolescent girls to the ongoing debate on gender and empowerment. Her research approach is committed to co-production of knowledge anchored on the lived experiences of adolescents. She brings extensive understanding of the political, economic, cultural and social environment within which the lived experiences of adolescent girls need to be framed.

Her research is valuable to understand why some rural adolescent girls were able to benefit from interventions and policy measures while many do not. It will also identify the ways in which adolescent girls empowerment interventions and policies may be improved to result the desired outcomes. The aim of empowering adolescent girls through access to education and related outcomes are at the heart of Sustainable Development Goals and catalyst in reaching all other goals. She seeks to contribute a nuanced insight that shape existing policy and interventions in Ethiopia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Tigist actively engages with non-academic sector informing policy and practice with valuable evidence to disrupt inequality and intergenerational transfer of social and economic disadvantages.

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