

Daniel R. Mekonnen on Facebook 13th May 2016

Stans is one of the oldest towns in Europe. It is located in the Canton of Nidwalden, Switzerland. In different times, I have seen/visited many such ancient, old & medial towns throughout Europe. The only different thing about Stans is that tonight I had the privilege of reading some of my Tigrinya poems (some with rough English translations & others in "row" Tigrinya) at the marvelous Literature House of Central Switzerland in Stans: <https://l.facebook.com/l/YAQEnw8DgAQF16fc0J3GleFM298qNTOS876tXXSLLWDnoju/> <https://www.lit-z.ch/index.php/programm/event/daniel-r-mekonnen-eritrea.html>.

It was a fulfilling night! I also answered questions in the form of an interview/debate led by Michael Guggenheimer about the general human rights situation in Eritrea, with particular focus on the rights of writers and authors in the country. The credit goes to my colleagues at DSPZ, Michael Guggenheimer & Adi Blum who made this possible, and to Michael also for capturing the photos below. I am also grateful to the Director of the Literature House, Dr. Sabine Graf, for her kind invitation; and to André Schürmann for his translation in German.

