



## Eagle Hill Online Discussion Forum

### **From Genocide in Tigray to Regional War ... by Gérard Prunier**

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Gérard Prunier was born in Paris and studied both in France and in the US. After serving in the French Army he emigrated to Canada and later went to Africa as a Canadian aid worker, serving in Uganda. He fled the country in 1972 during the fighting which followed the attempt at overthrowing Idi Amin Dada. He became a political refugee in Tanzania where he survived by driving trucks. After traveling extensively throughout Eastern Africa for several years he went back to Europe and completed a PhD on the expulsion of the Asians from Uganda which he had witnessed back in 1972. He joined the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) in 1984 and wrote extensively on East African contemporary history and politics, with a particular focus on conflicts. Over the last 25 years he has written around 170 articles and 8 books in 4 languages. His main books in English have been *The Rwanda Crisis*, *Darfur: An Ambiguous Genocide*, and *From Genocide to Continental War: The "Congolese" Conflict and the Crisis of Contemporary Africa*. The latter book was co-published under the title, *Africa's World War: Rwanda, the Congo and the Making of a Continental Catastrophe*. He edited, together with co-editor Eloi Ficquet,



their more recent common book, *Understanding Contemporary Ethiopia: Empire, Revolution and the Legacy of Meles Zenawi*. He worked as Director of the Centre Français des Etudes Ethiopiennes in Addis Ababa between 2001 and 2006. He then left CNRS at the end of 2009 and became a political and business consultant on East and Central African matters. He is a Senior Fellow of the Atlantic Council in Washington D.C. and is at present working on a history of the northern front in the Somalia civil war, which led to the birth of the unrecognized state of Somaliland.

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