From now through June 30, 2020, Miriam Driessen moved along the road construction, interviewing and observing Chinese and Ethiopian workers as well as local villagers. This unusual site to conduct ethnographic fieldwork offers a nuanced ethnography of the actors involved in a road construction project in Ethiopia. The project was one of the largest road construction projects in recent years and involved 800 Ethiopian workers engaged in the project at its peak. Driessen's book, *Tales of Hope, Tastes of Bitterness: Chinese Road Builders in Ethiopia*, provides an insight into the everyday lives, interactions, and challenges faced by the workers and local villagers. The book is written in simple, layman's language so that even those without any legal background would understand. It breaks down and explains duty of care, breach of duty, criminal negligence, and assessment of damages. This book does not only offer a detailed account of the project but also provides insights into the broader socio-economic context of Ethiopia.