Franz von Benda-Beckmann’s Fieldwork in Malawi (1967)

Archival Inventory

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Title: Franz von Benda-Beckmann’s Fieldwork in Malawi (1967);

Origin: African Studies Centre Library, Leiden University;

Dated (mostly): 1960s;

Dimensions: 3 boxes;

Languages (mostly): English, German;

Summary:

Abstract: Archival material from Professor Franz von Benda-Beckmann (1941-2013), notably field notes written and publications collected during his research on legal pluralism in Malawi in 1967. Franz von Benda-Beckmann obtained his PhD in law with his dissertation ‘Rechtspluralismus in Malawi: Geschichtliche Entwicklung und heutige Problematik’ (Legal Pluralism in Malawi: Historical development and contemporary problems) at the University of Kiel in 1970 (see call number AFRIKA 6738). In 1981, he was appointed professor for law and rural development in developing countries at Wageningen University. The archive contains handwritten notes in English and German about the Malawian legal systems and legislation (court decisions, notes of his conversations with Local Court Chairmen). Furthermore, the archive includes copies of National Assembly Debates (Hansard) of the Parliament of Malawi (1967,1969), an incomplete edition of the Laws of Nyasaland in Force on the 1st Day of January, 1957, ordinances of the Malawian Government (1964-1969) and annual reports of the Ministry of Justice. (see also ppn 398099049)


ORIGIN AND ACQUISITION

Acquisition

By gentle concession of Keebet von Benda-Beckmann.
CONTENT AND COMPOSITION

Specification content

The content of the boxes is specified below:

Box 1:

- Nyasaland land registration, chapter 100 of the laws, revised to 31st July, 1961
- The Laws of Nyasaland, Local government (district councils), chapter 100, revised to 7th December, 1962, Zomba: Govt. printers.
- The Laws of Nyasaland, Local courts, chapter 75, revised to 29th January, 1963, Zomba: Govt. printers.
- Local Courts (Amendment) Bill, 1969

Box 2:

Box 2a:

Box 2b:
- 6 folders with handwritten notes in English and German, not dated
  - Gespräche mit Local Court Chairmen
  - Fälle aus Local Court
  - Besonder[s] Archivmaterial ungegliedert
  - Legislation
  - Law Reports High Court Fälle
  - Reports, [me]moranda, notes
  - Drafts, [me]emo[r]s, …, Vorstellungen

Box 3
- The Institute of public administration and staff training college Malawi. Blantyre, [1966?]
- Nyasaland penal code, chapter 23 of the laws, revised to the 31st December 1960
- 5 local court forms, Government of Malawi
- Press cuttings on the ban of the mini-skirt in Malawi, 1968

Publications in library collection