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Keebet von Benda-Beckmann was from 2000 – 2012, together with Franz von Benda-Beckmann, head of the Project Group Legal Pluralism of the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle and is since 2013 associate of MPI. At the Universities of Halle and Leipzig she is an honorary professor emeritus in legal pluralism.

She holds a law degree from Amsterdam University, and a PhD. From Radboud University Nijmegen.

After part-time positions at the Zurich, Wageningen, and Leiden universities, she came to Erasmus University Rotterdam in 1982, where she taught anthropology and sociology of law and social law at the Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam. During her work in Rotterdam she was a member of the national CERES research school. From 1992 – 1997 she was Vice-Director of the Sanders Research Institute and Dean of Ph.D. students of the Faculty of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam. From 1998 – 2008 she was professor in the anthropology of law at EUR.

Since her retirement in 2012 she has lived in Amsterdam.

She is currently also an associate of the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law and Development, Leiden University, where she serves on its advisory board.

Recently she joined Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies - BIGSAS – of Bayreuth University as a Principal Investigator.

Research:

Research interests

- * Legal Pluralism
- * Dispute Management
- * Social Security under conditions of legal pluralism
- * Law and Religion
- * Processes of Decentralisation
- * Law and Natural Resources
- * Human Rights

Fieldwork:

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| 1974-1975 | Fieldwork in West Sumatra, Indonesia, on Legal pluralism and conflict management in rural Minangkabau. |
| 1985, 1986 | Field research in Ambon on "Law and local forms of social security in Islamic Ambon". |
| 1987-1988 | Fieldwork on Emancipation of Moluccan women in the Netherlands. |

- 1993-1999 Short visits for research training and PhD supervision of Indian and Nepalese researchers working on water rights.
- 1999-2009 decentralisation in West Sumatra, land tenure, court use, and law and religion.

Teaching:

Keebet von Benda-Beckmann has taught courses in the anthropology and sociology of law in several universities in the Netherlands, Germany, and Indonesia.

Other Scientific Activities:

Keebet von Benda-Beckmann is an Associate Editor of the Journal of Legal Pluralism and has served on the Editorial Board of a number of anthropological journals.

Since the foundation of the Commission on Legal Pluralism in 1981 she has been a member of its Board and Executive Body. From 1997-2003 she served as its President.

She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Law & Society Association from 2005-2008 and again from 2015-2018.

Between 1992 and 2001 she served on the Dutch Advisory Councils on Human Rights and on Development Cooperation. When these were incorporated into the new Dutch Advisory Council she became a member of the AIV and the vice-chairperson of its Committee on Human Rights.

Between 1994 and 1997 she was a Member of the Scientific Board of the Dutch International Institute of Asian Studies in Leiden.

From 1993- 2000 she conducted a training programme in the anthropology of law in Nepal and India and coached Nepali participant researchers in their research on water rights under conditions of legal pluralism. The programme was financed by the FORD Foundation.

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