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Ulrich Braukämper grew up in northern Germany. Due to his early interest in travel literature and foreign cultures, he decided to study anthropology, prehistory, sociology and oriental studies at the University in Cologne. Helmut Petri and Helmut Straube were amongst his teachers at the Department of Cultural and Social Anthropology and Karl Anton Nowotny and Rene König were also to have an impact on him. As well as attending theoretical courses, he participated in field research training in Spain. Later he focused his interests on Africa, especially on Fulbe culture in western Africa. In 1969, Braukämper graduated with a PhD thesis on the historical influence of Islam in Cameroon and

became a research assistant to Eike Haberland at the Frobenius Institute. From 1970 onwards he took part in several research expeditions to Ethiopia. His main research interests were the history and religion of the Hadiyya. Later field research led him to Somalia, Sudan, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. In 1990 he completed his habilitation under Hermann Amborn at the University of Munich. In 1995 Braukämper left the Frobenius Institute to take up a professorship at the Institute for Cultural and Social Anthropology in Göttingen, where he curated the Ethnological Collection's exhibition on Africa. He retired in 2009 but continues to publish.