



An Intellectual Odyssey. The Case of Legal Pluralism

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**Sally
Engle
Merry**
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Abstract

Sally Merry was an active participant in the work of the project group “Legal Pluralism” at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology over many years. From the very beginning, she was also a Scientific Member of its Advisory Board. In this conversation, Keebet von Benda-Beckmann, who co-headed the project group at the MPI from 2000 until 2012, and Judith Beyer, her former PhD student and a member of the group until 2010, will talk about Sally’s role at the MPI, the importance of her work for legal pluralism in particular, and for legal anthropology in general.

We are going to review some of Sally’s theoretical ideas about the concept of legal pluralism: What was so provocative about it that Sally referred to its history as ‘an intellectual odyssey’? How did she explore it in her own ethnographic work? We will also discuss the possibility to think through her more recent themes of research on indicators and quantification in regard to the concept of legal pluralism. To expand the conversation, we invite the audience to contemplate the potential of revisiting the numerous debates Sally has initiated with the concept of legal pluralism in mind.

See you on Zoom!

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