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Werner Jürgen Lange's interest in Ethiopia began when he was studying for his MA in anthropology and psychology at the Ohio State University, from which he graduated with a thesis on the political systems of southwest Ethiopia. He subsequently joined the Frobenius Institute as Eike Haberland's PhD student. He took part in the sixth and last research expedition to Ethiopia. Funded by the German Research Foundation he carried out research among the Kafa and Sheka in 1972 and 1973. He afterwards received two further years funding from the same foundation to finish his dissertation at the Frobenius Institute. He also worked on an inventory of photographs taken during the

expedition and of the 300 ethnographic objects collected. In 1975, having received his PhD from Frankfurt University for his dissertation *Gimira. Remnants of a vanishing culture*, he left Germany for the USA. Apart from his interest in the ethnography of Ethiopia, Lange's publications in anthropology are mainly concerned with the Afro-American anthropologist W. E. B. DuBois. In 1994 he received a second PhD from Ashland Theological Seminary and was ordained as minister of word and sacrament in 1996. He then pastored a small non-denominational congregation in Ohio and taught sociology, religious studies and philosophy at several universities in the US. Lange is also active in politics and has run for congress four times as an independent candidate.