



SCHULZ-WEIDNER, WILLY (*1916; †2004)

Willy Schulz-Weidner studied social anthropology in Berlin under Richard Thurnwald. He had begun to work on his dissertation, but was forced to stop because of the outbreak of World War II. After the war he moved to the Rhineland and finished his dissertation on the social status of shamans in Siberia at the University of Mainz in 1948. In 1950 he was employed by the Frobenius Institute as a scientific assistant. In the following year he joined the expedition to south Ethiopia, where he did field research primarily among the Aari and Zala. Schulz-Weidner returned to Frankfurt in autumn 1951 and worked, for another three years, at the Frobenius Institute on the publication of the expedition and the film material that he had recorded there. In the 1960s he published several reviews in *Zeitschrift für Ethnologie* and worked, under Hermann Baumann, on a habilitation thesis. In 1968, he left academia to work as an editor in the science department of Suhrkamp – a well-known German publishing house. Schulz-Weidner died in 2004.