



Intangible Cultural Heritage under Pressure

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The significance of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) is growing in a range of new territories and new global market settings. This includes traditional forms, knowledge systems, musical performances and the arts, which are transferable from one generation to the next. Stefania Mignone, Francesca Pavesi and Francesca Rossi will share their insights on local experiences and current international developments in protecting intangible cultural heritage. They will also outline a public debate on ways of filling potential gaps in existing safeguarding mechanisms.

Background: While the framework of cultural heritage, intangible goods and knowledge offers great opportunities, it is embedded in the light of structural theories and treatment of commonly acknowledged material cultural goods. In that sense, unlike people's utilitarian indigenous knowledge and savoir-faire, they are not afforded equal treatment, which prevents intangible cultural heritages and the adequate protection of practices, tasks and contributions. From all this highlights a focus on rights and culture, which, that is a broader sense, also generates interrelated dialogues and mutual respect for other ways of life. This dialogical problem solving mechanisms are then crucial to that legislation and public of ways of helping to ensure that cultural diversity is not only respected but also sustained and protected.

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