

Lecture 3 : Debate & Critiques of the ICH Concept

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This lecture focuses on debates and critiques of the 2003 Convention for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage as put forth by various groups, including: anthropologists (institutionalization of living culture), museologists (culture as a new museum piece), legal experts (concerns on issues of protection and illegal exploitation) and heritage managers (how can agendas on ICH preservation be incorporated in the management of heritage sites?)

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Recommended Links and Readings:

- Kurin, R. 2004. Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in the 2003 UNESCO Convention: a critical appraisal. Museum International. Vol. 56, no. 1-2.
- Kurin, R. 2007. Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage: Key Factors in Implementing the 2003 Convention. International Journal of Intangible Heritage. http://www.ijih.org/ijih_upload/ijih_w11_volumes/Vol.2-1.pdf