

Asia-Pacific Research Forum for ICH Safeguarding ONLINE SEMINAR 2

INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE IN A CLIMATE OF EMERGENCY

DATE AND TIME

Friday, 17 March 2023

From 14:00 to 15:00 (Japanese standard time) *GMT+9

Format Zoom webinar, free of charge

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ABSTRACT by Chris Ballard

We live in an era of perpetual emergency—of natural hazard and anthropogenic disasters, pandemics, and conflict, all of which now unfold under the compounding influence of climate change. This seminar addresses the relationship between emergency and climate change, and seeks to understand the dual role at their intersection of intangible cultural heritage (ICH), or local knowledge. ICH is considered to be both at risk from these various threats, and an often untapped source of practices and strategies that might mitigate their effects and enhance responses. The threats are very real, but in many respects have been present in some form over very long periods of time. Drawing primarily on cases from the Asian and Pacific regions, the ways in which these threats actually impinge on the transmission and viability of ICH are mapped, and recent initiatives led by UNESCO and other organizations, aimed at improving measures of safeguarding ICH, are briefly reviewed. Mapping risks to ICH in this way then allows us to explore some of the more positive or resilient potential of ICH, showing how ICH lies at the heart of responses to and recovery from the new climate of emergency.



Farea cyclone shelter, Mangarisu village, Tongoa, Vanuatu in 2010 (upper) and after Cyclone Pam in 2015

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FURTHER READINGS

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Chris Ballard is a historian at ANU Canberra. Since the 1980s, his research has focused on the oral histories of communities in Pacific islands. He has worked since 2004 with the Lelema community of Vanuatu on the inscription and management of the World Heritage site of Chief Roi Mata's Domain. Starting in 2016, he has worked with UNESCO and is currently preparing a report for UNESCO on ICH and climate change.

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PRESENTATIONS

- *Safeguarding ICH Element and Building a Bridge between the Community and the State Party*
Gulnara Aitpaeva and Cholponai U-G, Aigine Cultural Research Center, Kyrgyzstan
- *Transmission of ICH through non-formal education: The Schools of Living Traditions (SLT) as an inscribed best safeguarding practice by UNESCO*
Renee Talavera, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Philippines
- *Success story of promoting traditional foods and safeguarding traditional foodways in Kenya*
Patrick Maundu, National Museums of Kenya



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