

Between European Ethnology, Socio-cultural Anthropology and Folklore Studies

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(Summary)

The text presents the current research focus of the Institute of Ethnology at the Faculty of Arts at Charles University, one of the oldest and most important ethnological academic institutions in the Czech Republic. Except on the short history of the Institute, which was established in 1993 from the previous Department of Ethnology with a history tracing back to 1880, the text focuses on its contemporary transformation since 2014, connected with its new management and related theoretical and methodological redefinition of its academic work. Important part of the transformation were three academic discussions on “ethnology”, “anthropology” and “folklore studies”, organized in March 2016. These discussions helped to specify the research focus of the Institute, which now consists of a dominant anthropological section modelling theoretical and methodological framework of all research activities, as well as sections devoted to European ethnology and to the contextual research of folklore.

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