

**Cultural Heritage between Material Entity and Knowledge:  
Challenges for Safeguarding and Socialization**

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(Summary)

The text discusses the pertinent problems connected to the debates about the intangible cultural heritage and the politics of UNESCO about its safeguarding. The author presents in particular the Italian context and the discussions within Italian anthropology taking into consideration the characteristics of the ethnographic knowledge as cultural heritage, as well as the functions of the ethnographic museum. The problem about the safeguarding of cultural heritage is debated on the basis of the dichotomies: safeguarding versus evaluation and tangible versus intangible heritage.

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