



# PUBLICATIE: TRANSFORMING, NOT SAVING. INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE, MUSEUMS AND/OR THE WORLD.

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Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed en de [UNESCO Leerstoel voor kritische erfgoedstudies en het borgen van immaterieel cultureel erfgoed aan de Vrije Universiteit Brussel](#) sloegen de handen in elkaar voor de gastredactie van een **themanummer** van het **academische tijdschrift Volkskunde**: 'Transforming, Not Saving. Intangible Cultural Heritage, Museums and/or the World' (2020). Deze wetenschappelijke publicatie levert een bijdrage aan de groeiende dynamiek en recente ontwikkelingen rond het borgen van immaterieel cultureel erfgoed en musea.

Het themanummer kwam tot stand in het kielzog van het internationale [Intangible Cultural Heritage and Museums Project \(IMP\)](#)<sup>[1]</sup>, dat tussen 2017 en 2020 liep. IMP bracht museale en immaterieel-erfgoednetwerken transnationaal bijeen, en mobiliseerde onderzoekers verbonden aan universiteiten en andere erfgoedexperten.

Vanuit het IMP-project verscheen eerder het boek '[Museums and intangible cultural heritage. Towards a third space in the heritage sector](#)' (2020), dat inzoomt op de vele snijvlakken tussen de werelden van musea en immaterieel erfgoed. Ook stelden de partners een [online toolkit](#) samen met praktische tips en instrumenten voor de sector. Aangezien de talrijke inzichten uit het IMP-project echter niet allemaal vervat zitten in de projectpublicaties, rijpte het idee voor een aanvullende uitgave: het Volkskunde-themanummer.

Voor dit themanummer kropen diverse betrokkenen uit het IMP-project opnieuw in hun pen. Ze brengen **theoretisch-conceptuele reflecties**, stukken die de **relatie tussen immaterieel erfgoed(gemeenschappen) en musea** kaderen, en (inter)nationale **case-studies** waarin het borgen van immaterieel erfgoed samen met musea en erfgoedgemeenschappen centraal staat.

Samen met het IMP-boek en de bijdrage van Werkplaats immaterieel erfgoed in het *International Journal of Intangible Heritage Studies*<sup>[2]</sup>, plaatst dit themanummer het debat rond musea en het borgen van immaterieel cultureel erfgoed stevig op de agenda van museologie, antropologie, volkskunde, kritische erfgoedstudies en andere transdisciplines.

Het themanummer werd gelanceerd naar aanleiding van de vijfde [tweejaarlijkse conferentie van de Association of Critical Heritage Studies \(ACHS\)](#) in augustus 2020.



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2. J. Neyrinck, E. Seghers en E. Tsakiridis, 'At the interface between living heritage and museum practice: dialogical encounters and the making of a "third space" in safeguarding heritage', *International Journal of Intangible Heritage* 15, 2020, p. 61-85.



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