

An intangible cultural heritage (ICH) is a practice, representation, expression, knowledge, or skill considered by UNESCO to be part of a place's cultural heritage. Buildings, historic places, monuments, and artifacts are cultural property. Intangible heritage consists of nonphysical intellectual wealth, such as folklore, customs, beliefs, traditions, knowledge, and language. Intangible cultural heritage is considered by member states of UNESCO in relation to the tangible World Heritage focusing on intangible aspects of culture. In 2001, UNESCO made a survey among States and NGOs to try to agree on a definition, and the Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage was drafted in 2003 for its protection and promotion.

In the present book, fifteen typical literatures about Intangible Cultural Heritage published on international authoritative journals were selected to introduce the worldwide newest progress, which contains reviews or original researches on Intangible Cultural Heritage. We hope this book can demonstrate advances in Intangible Cultural Heritage as well as give references to the researchers, students and other related people.¹

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¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intangible_cultural_heritage