

Eco-cosmology, Sustainability and a Spirit of Resilience

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- **Achutya Samantha**, Indian Philanthropist and Founder of Indigenous Universities Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT) and Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS), Bhubaneswar, India
- **Verrier Elwin photographic exhibition**, curated by Dr Tara Douglas
- **Marine Carrin**, Professor at Centre D'Anthropologie, Université Toulouse - Jean Jaurès & French National Centre for Scientific Research /CNRS
- **Andre Iteanu**, Professor Sciences Religieuses at Ecole Pratiques des Hautes Etudes & French National Centre for Scientific Research/ CNRS
- **Alpa M. Shah**, Associate Professor and Reader in Anthropology at the London School of Economics, launching her book *Nightmarch: Among India's Revolutionary Guerrillas*
- **Aziliz Gouez**, Chair of 'Ethnography of Europe working group'

A two-day interdisciplinary conference on *Eco-cosmology, Sustainability and a Spirit of Resilience* for discussions from anthropological, environmental, cultural, economic and political perspectives. Local knowledge systems can be viewed as cultures of sustainability, they are often embedded in heterogenous ecological knowledge, a reflection of indigenous cosmologies, epistemologies and ontologies (Kopenawa/Albert 2013). These local knowledge systems are often criminalised, colonised, subverted or commodified. With the process of industrial extraction of natural resources, diverse indigenous, analogous (co-existing but different) peoples, and local communities are deprived of their fundamental human rights for secured livelihood and preserved eco-systems. An industrial, and even digital, neo-colonial intrusion into the territories and minds of indigenous and analogous peoples is taking place worldwide. With ecological degradation, the vulnerable worldviews, rituals, practices and knowledge systems of indigenous/analogous peoples, and local communities are critically

threatened. Yet these worldviews and local knowledge systems could be central for finding local and global solutions for a sustainable and philanthropic world where cultural and ecological diversity and mutuality may thrive. This conference invites contributions on the broad theme of environmental, cultural and social sustainability with reference to indigenous/analogous peoples, and local communities.

Suggested themes:

- local ecological practices and worldviews
- threatened forms of ecological knowledge transmitted by local traditions
- ecological sustainability and cultural knowledge
- eco-cosmologies as solutions for a sustainable world
- indigenous cultures and worldviews
- language ecologies
- digital ecologies
- shamanic worldviews & ontologies
- indigenous practices in diasporic communities
- local heritage, global appropriation
- vulnerabilities, damage and resilience
- historical ecologies

Proposals welcome until 8th of August, 2018

We invite interested parties to send their proposals for panels and papers to UCC@anthropologyireland.org

Conference Organisers: James Cuffe, Lidia Guzy, Cormac Sheehan