

Professor Rose Boswell will be presenting a seminar at CIRESC/CNRS in Paris on Friday 1 March 2024. She will be the second speaker.

The first speaker will get one hour, Professor Boswell's talk should therefore start at about 2.30pm (SAST).

The presentation will be on fieldwork conducted in Seychelles whilst engaged in the IORA Special Fund Project work, which advances our understanding of the nature of resilience in coastal Africa and its nearby diaspora.

The endeavor is also an intellectual contributor to the heritage and community engagement project entitled the Blue Values Journey.

Below is the Abstract:

The Role of Intangible Cultural Heritage in Resilience in a time of Climate Change: The Case of Seychelles

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In the epoch of climate change and its deleterious impacts on the planet, there is significant anxiety about the future and whether humans will be able to survive the challenges of a changed natural environment. Globally, attention is divided. Some are focused on externally relevant and macro-solutions to the challenge, articulating the view of human reliance on energy use to produce livelihood and for subsistence, whereas others appear to be continuing with the status quo of current energy use. Regarding the former, attention is being given to the development and support of renewable energy for a more environmentally sustainable future. In this paper, it is proposed that consideration be given to psychosocially relevant and micro-solutions to the challenge of survival in an emerging epoch of climate change. This paper therefore, focuses on the role and place of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in resilience, indicating how, for the African descended peoples of the Seychelles archipelago, intangible cultural heritage (ICH) is key to psychosocial resilience and response to uncertainty. The paper presented draws on anthropological field research conducted in Mahe Island, La Digue and Silhouette islands in the Seychelles archipelago in October 2023.

Keywords: Intangible Cultural Heritage, Seychelles, resilience, renewable energy, and climate change.

Here are the zoom connection details:

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