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# When is appropriation misappropriation?

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# Erasmus Mundus MA Transcultural European Outdoor Studies

6 continents, 52 countries, 112 students.

#### Partners:

Marburg University, Germany
Norwegian School of Sport Science
University of Cumbria



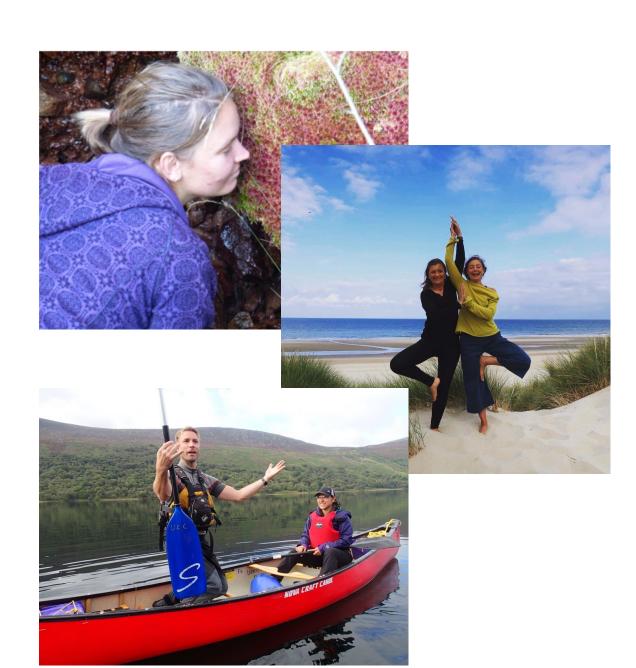
### Imposition?

80% of cultural beliefs and practices come from other cultures. In our field this includes

Pedagogies

Cultural histories

Spiritual beliefs and practices



## Grabbed or dumped

Earth Education

Canoe

Skiing

Yoga

Vision Quest



#### Canoes: a critical reflection



#### Diminished or transformed



When a cultural artefact or practice moves from one culture to another it can be transformed - meaning and purpose changed, history retold, new stories acquired - or it can emerge stripped of everything losing all the richness of its past place and history - simply functional.

#### **Transformation**



Fire ceremony

Labyrinth

Tai chi

Tall ships

Forest school





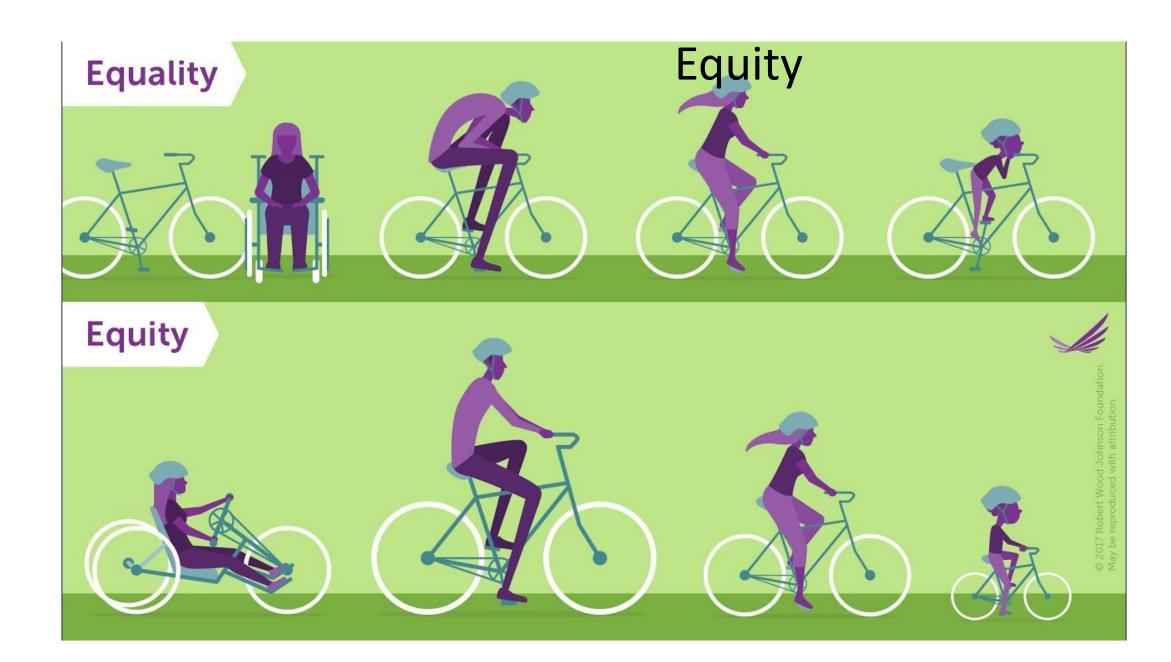


### Transcultural theory

Like currents in a river - separate strands, merging, growing, diminishing, submerging, appearing - each with its own character.

#### Power





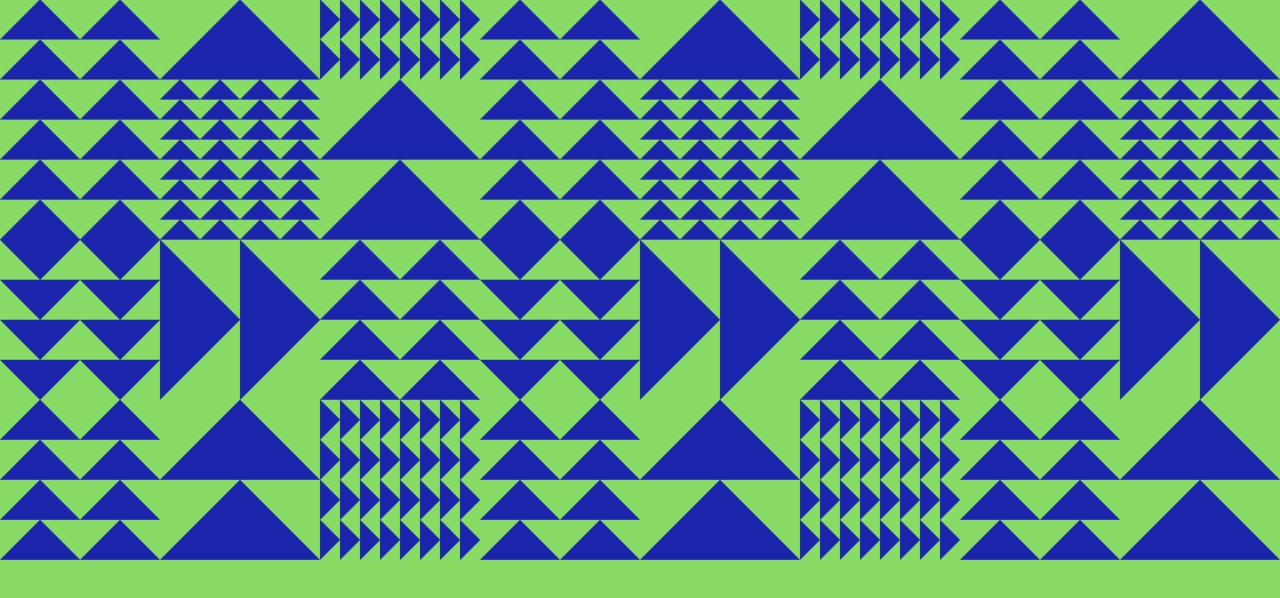


# Ethical filters for cultural transfer

Acknowledgement

Critical transformation

**Equity** 





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