

The Marginalised and Endangered Worldviews Study Centre (MEWSC) has been established at University College Cork (UCC), Ireland, to promote the study of contemporary endangered cultures, religions, worldviews, religious cultures, and minority religions (<http://mewsc.wordpress.com>). Cultural expressions – both tangible and intangible – and the worldviews of marginalised, endangered and persecuted peoples, social groups and indigenous communities are the focus of MEWSC. At the heart of the centre's mission is the desire to encourage counter-hegemonial perspectives on peripheral cultural and religious voices and promote the incorporation of such perspectives into mainstream scholarship. The second international MEWSC workshop with the theme: "Indigenous Ontologies: Reassessing Human and Non-Human Relations" is hosted by the Department of Estonian and Comparative Folklore, University of Tartu.

The recent ontological turn in French anthropology (Descola 1992, (2005) 2013, Viveiro de Castro 1998) as well as the discourse on neo-animism (Harvey 2005) question hegemonial anthropocentric perspectives emphasizing the need for understanding ontological alterities and pluralisms, often labeled animism or neo-animism. The second international MEWSC workshop is devoted to the understanding of diverse forms of existence by examining human and non-human relations in indigenous Indian Adivasi contexts, cross-cultural ontological alterities in international folklore and minority religions.

If you would like to participate in the workshop, please contact Margaret Lyngdoh (mewscworkshop@gmail.com) as soon as possible.