Unit 49

Hand-out 7:

heterogeneity of communities

***Note on ‘Heterogeneity of communities’* from the Aide-mémoire for Completing a Nomination to the Representative List:**

Even if communities can be created by their shared attachment to particular forms of heritage that ‘provide them with a sense of identity and continuity’ (Article 2.1 of the Convention), that does not mean that their members all share a single vision of that heritage or have the same aspirations for it. Their widest possible participation is necessary especially because communities are heterogeneous, as the Committee recalled: ‘communities are to participate as widely as possible in the process of elaboration of nominations which should reflect the diversity of their expectations and demands…’ (Paragraph 30).