

Exploration of Problems and Phenomena in Ethnomusicology: A Theoretical Analysis of Music Philology

Ma Liao

Department of Education, Yibin University, Yibin 644000, Sichuan, China

KEIMYUNG UNIVERSITY, Daegu 42601, Korea

maliao263721804@163.com

Abstract: Ethnomusicology is the study of music within a chronological background. In accumulation to exploratory the interaction involving music, history, society, and independence, it also examines how music is composed, performed, and understood across cultural boundaries. This study defines the theoretical field of ethnomusicology. It examine the difficult organization connecting between the classification, computing, and ethnography by employing impact connected to information classification in ethnomusicological, the communication involving computers, and conventional ethnomusicological approach during the utilize of current theoretical approaches. The historical implication of the term features in ethnomusicology and correlated subjects is expounded in this article. Through the addition of information from modified disciplines, including psychology, ethnomusicology, musicology, anthropology, and cultural studies, it seeks to offer a wide-ranging description of individuality. In addition examines the ecological and sustainable philosophy that is varying in the field of music study. It tackles universal disagreements about sustainability in music as well as looks at several perspectives. To amplify the theoretical complication of the field, the study proposes that ecosystem and sustainability is additional included into ethno musicological design, establishing this concept. During the addition of an assortment of viewpoints, this explore offers a thorough understanding of the theoretical territory contained by ethno musicology.

Keywords: Musicology, Problems and Phenomena, Music Philology, Ethno Musicology, Anthropology.

1. INTRODUCTION

The study of music from the cultural and social perspectives of its creators is known as ethnomusicology. It includes several theoretical and methodological methods that, in addition to the sound element, highlight the cultural, social, material, cognitive, biological, and other components or contexts of musical activity. Ethnomusicology is a branch of the human sciences that studies music in social and cultural contexts, especially how people interact passing through shared musical experiences and conversations (Campbell, 2020).

A branch of ethnomusicology called music philology explores the

complex interactions that exist between culture and music to reveal the deep stories that are ingrained in musical traditions (Hargreaves, 2023). The transmission and alteration of culture using examination of historical events and cultural shifts are reflected in musical developments. Perhaps even more essential to our existence as humans than speech comprehension and speech production is the capacity to think and act musically. Ethnomusicologists contend that studying music in all of its diversity is essential to comprehending our humanity of our musicality, or, more specifically, to comprehend why we require music to be completely human (de Freitas, 2021).

Every kind of music, across all eras and places, has to be explored (Graber & Sumera, 2020). When starting their investigation, ethnomusicologists don't make assumptions about they consider to be good music, music worthy of study, or music that has stand the test of time. According to ethnomusicologists, music is necessary for us to be completely human. There are several ways to define ethnomusicology, but generally speaking, it is the study of music in relation to its broader culture (Mateos-Moreno & Bravo-Fuentes, 2023). The musical refers to the capacity of humans to create, perform, organize, reflect through, react physically and emotionally to, and understand the meanings of sounds that are constructed by humans rather than suggesting talent or aptitude (Sturman, 2022).

If human behavior is studied by anthropology, then human-made music is studied by ethnomusicology. The cinema, television, video games, and other businesses that may be included in the larger category of the cultural industries are not the subjects of this discussion (Swijghuisen Reigersberg et al., 2022). Instead, record corporations and similar businesses are the main focus of the term music industries, whether they are big international conglomerates with regional branches all over the world or local businesses that may not be much more than a one-man show or a small business (Subin et al., 2021).

There has been evidence for some time that ethnomusicology and sound technology are closely related to one another in many aspects of music. The regulation, if disciplined it is, is widely acknowledged to have benefited greatly from the creation and quick advancement of recording technology (Sharif, 2024). Figure 1 shows the framework for ethnomusicology.



Figure 1: Ethnomusicology

The connection between ethnomusicologists and the music industry, which has attempted to utilize and profit from mediated musical sound, has been long-standing and ever-changing (Lopes & de Carvalho, 2022). The field of ethnomusicology has largely followed the same path as the rest of anthropology when it comes to approaches to musical performance; from functionalism and structuralism to evolutionism and diffusions, ethnoscience, literary criticism, and more, ethnomusicological publications have addressed theoretical advancement in anthropology. Additionally, the study of ethnomusicology has given rise to discussions within the discipline itself about sound analysis and it relates to other humanities and social sciences (Bafford, 2023). To identify the basic principles that underlies global musical cultures. It demonstrates how music serves as a repository for cultural memory, preserving social structures, values, and worldviews of cultures over time. Therefore, the study of music philology within the discipline of ethnomusicology our understanding of musical diversity but also emphasizes the vital role that music plays in preserving and establishing cultural legacies for future generations (Rakočević, 2021). It explores how music is composed, performed, and seen in many cultural contexts, highlighting the complex relationships that exist between music, history, society, and identity. This study tackles the difficulties associated with data classification in ethnomusicological research, exploring the intricate relationships between classification, computers, and ethnography.

1.1 Origin of Ethnomusicology

In the 1950s: Ethnomusicology as a field, it was first known as comparative musicology in the late 1800s. Comparative musicology began as a quest to record the various musical characteristics of various parts of the world and was associated with the 19th-century European focus on nationalism. The Austrian academic Guido Adler founded the science of musicology in 1885. They divided musicology into two branches: historical musicology and comparative musicology. Historical musicology was limited to studying European classical music. In 1886: one of the earliest musical ethnographies on an indigenous community in British Columbia was written by the pioneering comparative musicologist. The main goal of comparative musicologists was to record the beginnings and development of musical practices. They frequently promoted social Darwinist ideas and held that Western European music was the pinnacle of musical intricacy and that music from non-Western nations was "simpler." Early 20th century: folklorists like Cecil Sharp, who gathered British folk ballads, and Frances Densmore, who gathered songs from different Indigenous communities, are regarded as the pioneers of ethnomusicology. Classifying instruments and musical systems was a key focus of comparative musicology. Curt Sachs and Erich von Hornbostel, two German academicians, developed a method of instrument classification in 1914 that is still in use today. Instruments are classified into four categories based on the material they vibrate: aerophones (which vibrate like a flute), chordophones (which vibrate like a guitar), membranophones (which vibrate like animal skin like drums), and idiophones (which vibrate like the instrument's body, like a rattle). Additionally, studying exclusively "traditional" non-Western music that was seen to be "uncontaminated" by interaction with the music was abandoned in the late 20th century. Alongside the more extensively studied traditions of Javanese gamelan, and Hindustani classical music, popular and current mass-mediated music forms such as rap, salsa, rock, and Afro-pop have also gained significant scholarly attention. In addition, ethnomusicologists are concentrating on more modern topics like globalization, migration, technology and media, and social conflict that are connected to the creation of music. With the establishment of several graduate programs and the presence of ethnomusicologists on the faculties of numerous prestigious universities, ethnomusicology has significantly increased in popularity among colleges and universities. Figure 2 and Table 1 display the degree of each field's effect throughout various historical time periods.

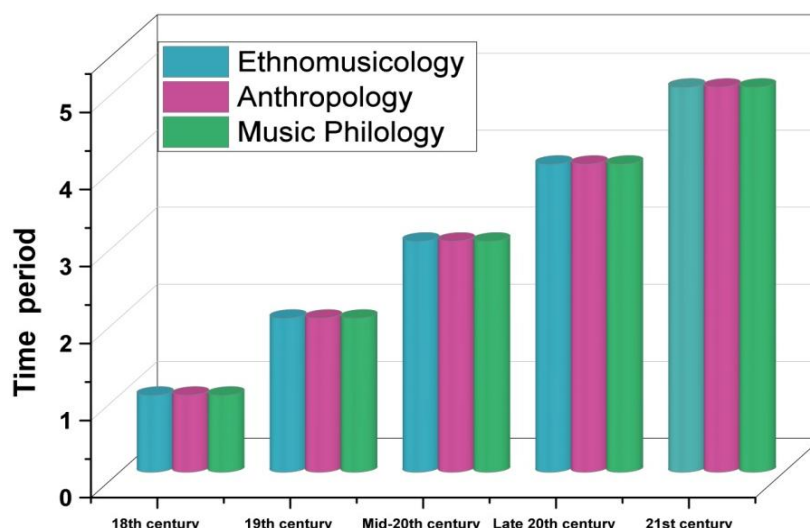


Figure 2: Each Field's Influence on Various Historical Time Periods

Table 1: Numerical Outcome for each Field's Influence on Various Historical Time Periods

Decades	Time period		
	Ethnomusicology	Anthropology	Music Philology
18th Century	14	12.5	13.2
19th Century	17	15.5	20
Mid-20th Century	16.5	21.5	21.8
Late 20th Century	22.4	22.0	22.8
21st Century	31	31.5	25.2

2. MUSIC PHILOLOGY

Philological approaches have become increasingly popular in the assessment of music notation. These techniques are related to musical traditions and themes explicitly and originate from language sciences. The examination of musical manuscripts, scores, recordings, and oral traditions using like textual criticism, source criticism, and historical contextualization is essential to the field of music philology. Scholars examine these sources to recreate the development of musical compositions, track their dissemination over place and time, and clarify their cultural relevance. This theoretical approach frequently uses knowledge from sociology, linguistics, history, and anthropology to place music in larger cultural contexts.

2.1 Music as Art

The concept that music is an art is almost unavoidable, despite the fact that ethnomusicologists have devoted much of their efforts to creating substitutes. The avoidance of drawing a line between craft and high art, or

between art and function is a good fit for the worldviews of ethnomusicologists. Any civilization on the planet may be said to have art, and ethno-musicological studies of those cultures are replete with amazing tales of musical talent and craft, or musical art. Figure 3 shows the musical in art.

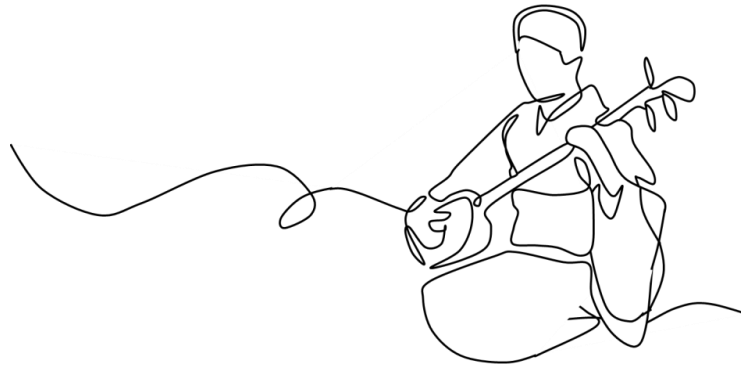


Figure 3: Music in Art

2.2 Music as a Sign Language

The ethnomusicological expedition for music significance has been during tension with historical musicology and music theories. Students in those domains have been struck by how language and music differ from one another. While English people can agree on the meaning of a term like "tree" in language, to an agreement over the minor's worth. Scale in music, which leads them to believe that music is pointless or lacks an identifiable significance that is valuable debating. While they certainly not discover the musical counterpart of the word "tree," ethnomusicologists recognize that people commonly give significance to musical elements and performances in the same way that they do other cultural forms like attire, cuisine, and body language.

2.3 Academic Programs for Ethnomusicology

Ethnomusicology is taught at many universities throughout the globe. These institutions serve as hubs for ethnomusicological study and provide graduate and undergraduate degree programs. These kinds of programs are listed by the Society of Ethnomusicology. Students seeking undergraduate degrees in ethnomusicology frequently enroll in courses offered by music departments. Students in these courses gain a solid foundation in music history, theory, and performance, focusing on global musical traditions. They also study ethnomusicology, examining ethnomusicological instruments, cultural exchanges, transcription, analysis, and research design. They can choose electives and field studies, work on independent

projects, and complete a dissertation to advance their knowledge.

2.4 Textual Analysis in Music

The transition to post-structuralism has expedited the search for homologies and coherences among ethnomusicologists, even if they still see music as a cultural form and a manifestation of social activity. A study of the dynamic formation of social and cultural meanings through musical performance is preferred by post-structuralism, which opposes static homologies between music and cultural or social institutions. Stated differently, the belief that music just reflects society is being replaced by the view that music may contribute to culture.

3. THE IMPORTANCE OF ETHNOMUSIC IN CULTURE

Music is an essential component of cultural expression and has several cultural uses. To evoke a sense of reverence and spirituality, for example, music is frequently employed in religious events. Important life events like marriages and funerals are also commemorated with music in certain cultures. Music has the power to unite people and foster a feeling of community during social events. Music also conveys cultural values and viewpoints. Songs' lyrics, for instance, frequently contain information about the background, customs, and worldview of the society. Certain societies utilize music as a means of transferring stories from one generation to the next, therefore safeguarding their cultural legacy.

3.1 Local Perceptions of Music

Regarding the history of music, its place in society and culture, how it should be performed, how it should be categorized and characterized, and how much it is cherished, each culture has its own set of beliefs. The folk song composition is a collective endeavor and a form of social expression. This idea aligns with the nationalist mentality that drives a lot of folk music collections. For instance, while discussing melody, they distinguish between descending major seconds and descending minor thirds in the pentatonic scale. "Waterfall" is the minor third in a falling melodic phrase, and it is "a symbol of sadness, isolation, and loss." A melody descends to the tonal center of a song, it is said to create a "waterfall sound" and exhibit a "continual waterfall flow" when it stays there for a time. A melody is compared to the ledge just before the waterfalls when it rests on a note before falling. Terms that allude to the still pool at the base of a waterfall

are used to characterize the melodic drop to a level pitch.

4. ANTHROPOLOGY

The systematic study of humans to understand our distinct species identity, evolutionary history, and the vast diversity of our social forms that have evolved globally and across time is called anthropology. Using an anthropological method, ethnomusicologists often investigate music to get insights into people's lives and cultures. The musicological method involves studying people and cultures to gain music knowledge. The ability of music to link people across cultural barriers and establish rhythmic rhythms and compelling harmonies is remarkable. The anthropology of music studies the composition, production, and perception of music across a wide range of groups to shed light on the intricate relationships that exist between sound, identity, and culture. During history used music and rocking to rhythm their infants to sleep in practically every culture. It is a frightening reality to learn that lullabies may bring about calmness regardless of the topic of the music. Even if the baby cannot yet comprehend the content of the words, the musical tone significantly contributes to the calming ambiance. Figure 4 lays out the process for creating music.



Figure 4: Overview of Music Generation

5. DIFFICULTIES IN ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

Ethnomusicologists are doing their research more together to solve issues. This entails close collaboration with communities and artists to ensure that their opinions are acknowledged and valued throughout the research process. Another method those ethnomusicologists are employing observing participants more, which involves immersing oneself in a particular musical culture and learning from people who play the music. Recognizing and addressing issues related to power dynamics in research is another goal shared by a large number of ethnomusicologists. This includes recognizing how their individual viewpoints and experiences could affect people's interpretation of music from other cultures and ensuring that study results are explained in a way that the populations under investigation can comprehend.

5.1 Ethical Considerations

Ethnomusicologists examine a range of ethical issues in their research, the majority of which are related to the representation of musical traditions that are not their music. Ethnomusicologists have an obligation to provide media and public events to represent the music of a group of people who lack the means or opportunity. Since music is often jointly held and there is no such thing as private ownership in many societies, ethnomusicologists may encounter difficult circumstances when documenting these traditions. They need to ask the artists for permission and be very clear about the recording's intended use. If the recording is used for profit, a plan should be put in place to provide the artist's credit and payment. Figure 5 and Table 2 show the various problems and phenomena in ethnomusicology.

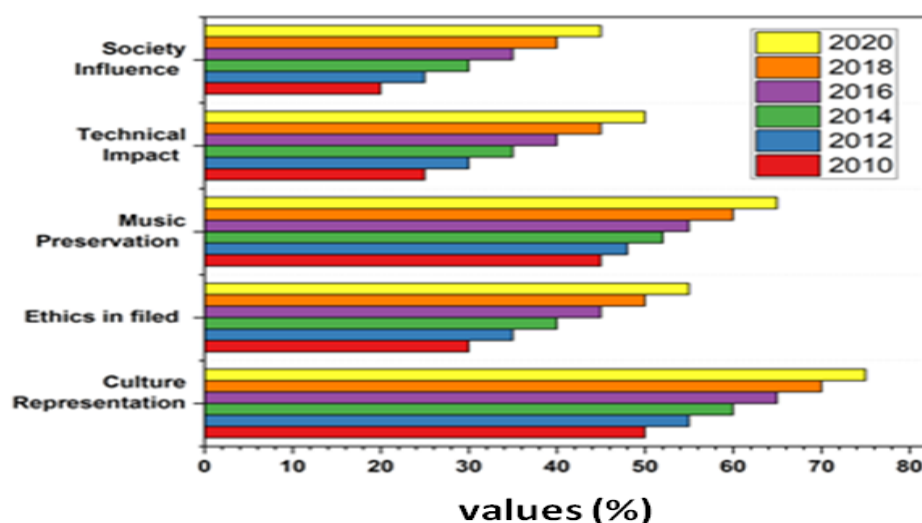


Figure 5: Frequency of Occurrence

Table 2: Numerical Outcome for Various Impact Phenomena in Ethnomusicology

Variants	Year (%)					
	2010	2012	2014	2016	2018	2020
Culture Representation	50	55	60	65	70	75
Ethics in filed Music Preservation	30	35	40	45	50	55
Technical Impact	45	48	52	55	60	65
Society Influence	25	30	35	40	45	50
	20	25	30	35	40	45

6. DOMAINS OF SUSTAINABILITY

Attempting to combine some of the sustainability teaching learned during the previous 40 years of working with musicians, they are developing a systematic framework for understanding the key factors impacting sustainability across music cultures. This led to the creation of a framework with five key domains: media and the music business; settings and constructions; communities and artists; infrastructure and regulations; and music systems. Figure 6 presents a framework for comprehending several dimensions of sustainability, and ecosystems of music. The following may be used to summarize each of these's key characteristics:

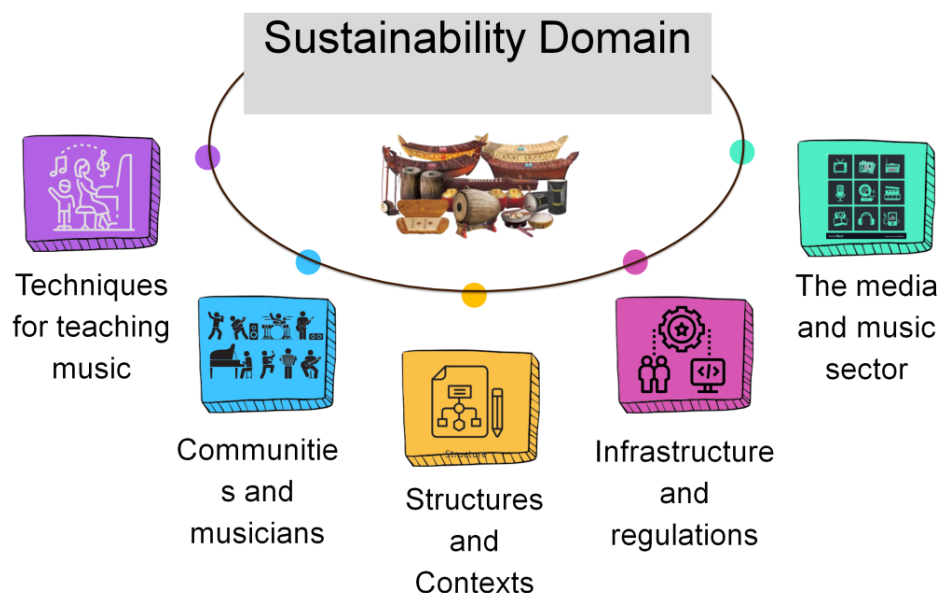


Figure 6: Framework for Sustainability Domains

6.1 Techniques for Teaching Music

The majority of music cultures depend on transmission methods for their survival, which are evaluated in this subject. It looks at striking a balance between auditory and notation-based learning, formal and informal

education and training, analytical and holistic methods, emphasizing and intangible elements of music makership. In addition to examining how non-musical pursuits, ideas, and methods connect with learning and teaching, it also examines current advancements in learning and teaching, such as master-disciple relationships and technological or web-based systems. The examination of these processes spans from the level of institutionalized professional training to that of grassroots initiatives including music education.

6.2 Communities and Musicians

It looks at musicians' places, roles, and relationships within their communities as well as the social foundations of their traditions within that setting. It examines the day-to-day struggles faced by creative musicians, such as how much money they make from teaching, performing, touring, portfolio careers, community service, long-term jobs, freelancing, and other non-musical pursuits, as well as how technology, media, and travel fit into this. Additionally looked at are the effects of other cultures and the diasporas' participation.

6.3 Structures and Contexts

Music traditions' social and cultural surroundings are evaluated in this topic. It investigates the guiding principles of attitudes and values in music. These include aesthetics, cosmologies, gender concerns, sexual preferences, and prestige a crucial component of musical survival that is sometimes underappreciated as well as socially and personally formed identities. Along with examining implicit and explicit approaches to cultural diversity resulting from migration, travel, or the media, it also examines attitudes toward and realities of recontextualization, authenticity, and context. Potential roadblocks include racism, prejudice, stigma, and restrictive religious beliefs, as well as cultural appropriation concerns.

6.4 Infrastructure and Regulations

The subject largely deals with the "hardware" of music: virtual venues for production, collaboration, learning, and distribution, as well as locations for performing, composing, practicing, and learning all of which are necessary for music to thrive. This domain encompasses additional elements such as the production and accessibility of tools and other material assets. It also looks at how supportive or detrimental regulations are to a flourishing musical legacy, including grants, copyright laws,

restrictions on artists' rights, sound restrictions, laws restricting artistic expression, and unfavorable situations like barriers brought on by totalitarian regimes, war, persecution, civil unrest, or the displacement of communities or music.

6.5 The media and Music Sector

The commercial and wide-scale distribution of music is covered in this domain. Most performers and musical genres are in some way dependent on the music industry in its broadest sense to survive. Over the last century, there has been a noticeable shift in the methods used to distribute music, including records, radio, television, and, more recently, the internet (for example: podcasts, downloads, YouTube, MySpace, iTunes). Numerous live and acoustic delivery methods have evolved concurrently due to both internal and external influences, giving rise to a plethora of new performance styles. Examining the role of audiences, patrons, sponsors, financing organizations, and governments who ("purchase" or "purchase into") a creative output, this topic looks at the always-evolving methods of promoting, distributing, and sustaining music. Figure 7 and Table 3 present several dimensions of the sustainability domain.

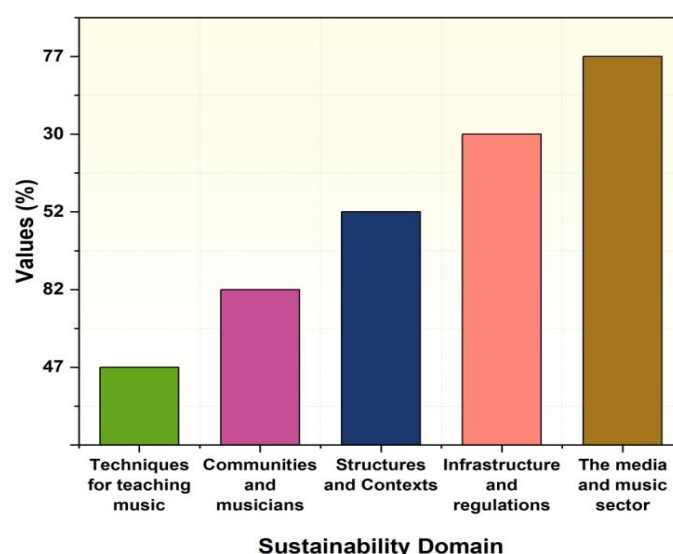


Figure 7: Domains of sustainability

Table 3: Numerical Outcomes for Domains of Sustainability

Sustainability Domain	Values (%)
Techniques For Teaching Music	47
Communities And Musicians	82
Structures And Contexts	52
Infrastructure And Regulations	30
The Media And Music Sector	77

7. ETHNOMUSICOLOGY COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

The field of ethnomusicology has recently shown a revived interest in computing. Two new fields of theoretical study that concentrate on using computers to extract musical information from digital data are computational ethnomusicology and music information retrieval (MIR). Their usage is expanding in the fields of ethnomusicology and applications for computing could be made in research. There are also growing advantages to combining fieldwork data and computing with event-based study. Computer use for digital ethnographic research has become more common among ethnomusicologists in recent years.

7.1 Music Information Retrieval (MIR)

The various feature extraction approaches and classifiers available are also given, along with an exploration of the application of MIR techniques for generic, style-independent music analysis. Additionally, it encourages the use of MIR approaches for the analysis of big sets, which would be difficult to accomplish manually. It's common for non-Western music to be best understood and characterized by its rhythmic elements. The traditional music has been studied in relation to retrieval based on rhythmic information. For popular music, automated categorization of style has been a thoroughly studied issue. Digitizing the ethnomusicological sound is one of the most intriguing examples of recent MIR technology endeavors in ethnomusicological archives. A range of MIR issues have been found and solutions have been suggested during the last six years. These include query-by-humming, computer accompaniment, score following, automated musical genre categorization, structural analysis, and tempo tracking. This is a young field with a diverse range of backgrounds among its researchers. These include electrical engineering, computer science, psychology, music, and library and information science. Their shared goal is to create and develop technologies that make it easier for us to browse, comprehend, and arrange vast music files.

8. CONTROVERSIES IN ETHNOMUSICOLOGY

Anthropology has seen debates and criticisms over the years, much like any other academic field. Cultural appropriation is one criticism leveled against the study of music from other cultures. Several challenge that ethnomusicologists have traditionally appropriated music from other

cultures without giving due credit or acknowledgment to the original composers. The use of restrictive strategy, such as focusing on textual information rather than interacting with contemporary musical traditions, is another subject of analysis. To assist comprehend the cultural context as well as application of the music under concern in its entirety.

8.1 Core Arguments of Musical Anthropology and Ethnomusicology

8.1.1 Core Arguments of Ethnomusicology

Ethnomusicology focuses on themes and forms while examining links between culture and environment. It examines folk artists in China's ethnic minority areas, highlighting distinct techniques via a range of genres and approaches. There is much study in this topic on minority music, including the (Yadav et al., 2022). Ethnomusicology study aims to improve people's comprehension and appreciation of Chinese traditional culture through a methodical approach. In the opinion, they need to appreciate the great spirit of the Chinese people in addition to learning a few fundamental facts and abilities. It is therefore very important to our people. Primarily, it has the potential to enhance individuals' perception of novelty and deep comprehension of their homeland, nation, and global community. Additionally, it can help pupils develop their emotional intelligence by fostering traits like a feeling of duty and pride in their country. These are excellent research approaches that should be acknowledged for their usefulness.

8.1.2 Core Arguments of Musical Anthropology

Anthropology studying a country's musical culture is known as musical anthropology. Learning the creative thoughts and expressive methods utilized in China's traditional national music development mostly involves observation and analysis. It is possible for us to comprehend the ways of living of all ethnic groups in China, as well as the links and distinctions among them, by studying national culture. Moreover, it aids in people's comprehension of the goals of inheritance and appreciation of Chinese traditional art. Among the features of a very detailed and expansive field is musical anthropology (Etard et al., 2022). It also includes analyzing the spiritual and emotional realms that different musical compositions portray. Priority should be given to teaching kids the fundamentals. The students ought to study and analyze several ethnic songs to have an understanding of the outstanding creations of China's many ethnic cultures. Chinese folk music is a highly significant issue for everyone since it has developed and

expanded much in this regard. For this reason, China has a heterogeneous history that has facilitated cultural interactions between various areas and between regions and other locations.

8.2 Empirical, Systematic, Comparative, Ethno musicological, and Musicology

Comparative musicology was the initial name of the field that is known as ethnomusicology. (Schipper & Bendrup, 2015) outlines the conversion:

"The comparative methodologies that were so prevalent in the arts and social sciences during the first half of the 20th century were strongly criticized in the middle of the century, and musicology was no exception. The word "ethnomusicology" replaced "comparative musicology," signifying a shift in thinking that cultural practices could only be comprehended about the specific communities from which they originated. Inversely, this meant that the potential for computational methods to music analysis emerged at the same time as the notion of comparing massive amounts of musical data to the type of task for which computers are most suited became cognitively out of style."

8.3 The Music Industries Ethnomusicology and "World Music"

By the middle of the year, there had been a noticeable increase in the complexity of the link between ethnomusicology and record labels. One may argue that a more integrated link between ethnographic print materials and ethnographic recordings resulted from researchers beginning to incorporate recordings as part of their scholarly publications due to the declining costs of musical reproduction. To conventional outputs, ethnomusicologists are also distributing field recordings through alternative publishing networks. Previously, they have occasionally used the recording corporations' distribution networks to release field recordings. Ethnomusicologists responded highly to this in several instances (Amico, 2020)

"I have always had strong feelings of ambivalence which occasionally have the appearance of downright hostility about all forms of media. Records aren't actual music, thus I treat them poorly. I hate having cassettes that I haven't listened to since I recorded them. I detest rock concerts, and "sound systems" in general irritate me at events. Until the last ten or so years, I've avoided using amplifiers when creating my own music, i once ruined the family TV by dropping it from the back porch two stories."

8.4 Identity for Research on Music Studies

Several theoretical stances that are prevalent in ethnomusicology have been used to examine the relationship between identity and music. The lack of application of identity theories from sociology or psychology by ethnomusicologists may be due to the perception of music psychology as a distinct subject. Several broad ideas or even the subject become evident, even if many writers who discuss identity do not define the term. The following ideas regarding identity are derived from the books mentioned above. These ideas seem to apply to both organizations and individuals and are not wholly mutually exclusive. It's evident in (Warden, 2016).

“.....Identity may need to be multilayered and multilayered.

Subcategories inside it may be telescopic, or it may be put together horizontally.

.....Concepts of inclusion and exclusion are the foundation of identity.

In addition to being differential or dissociative, it is associative or indexical.

.....People must be somewhat aware of the components of identity in order for it to be defined, preserved, or altered.

.....Both Afro-Cubans necessitates both African" and "Cuban, for example.

Identity is frequently situational.

.....Identity is made up of several parts.

It consists of things preferred language, art, attire, cuisine, religion, and so on.

.....Identity is dynamic and historically contextual.

It is said to be more flexible than culture because of agency.

.....Desire for autonomy and identity are frequently connected.

It may involve sovereignty or social differentiation.”

8.5 Tradition's Implicit Knowledge in Ethnomusicology

Contrary to ethnomusicology, the very underpinnings of ethnology and traditions, suppose an extremists stance for the field, which naturally leads the preference for explanatory as well as logical explore directions that converse to and are valuable to one's own the nation's executing and national communities. Ethnological and folkloric research is increasingly undervaluing non-textual aspects of intangible traditions, which performers rarely express. This undervaluation makes it harder to defend specialized knowledge in music, focusing on emotional and affective aspects. The reason this emic resistance poses a special challenge for individuals conducting ethnomusicology at home is that, while conducting

fieldwork in their native tongue with people they know, they frequently set aside textual debates about "music knowledge about music evident in (McKerrell, 2019).

"Seldom do ethnographies of musical performance in our local setting of Croatia arise from participant observation experiences of an inherently musical manner of communication. This is likely related to doing ethnomusicology at home once more. Particularly if the representation has only partially complied with Seeger's demand for a "deliberately methodical manner," Our readers in the United States are typically not very interested in learning concerning the difficulties we faced with a musical style of interaction, since they probably might not be given the intricacy of the issue, even if most probably possess certain musical expertise."

8.6 Translational Ethnomusicology Through Practice Research

The study focused on the internal mechanisms underlying the modal use of motive material in traditional Scottish bag piping; while this knowledge it had never before been recorded or explained. Essentially, one's performative insider knowledge played a constitutive role in the essential translation process (they were successfully translating aesthetics and tacit knowledge for non-piping tradition members using ethnomusicology). In his examination of improvisation, (McKerrell, 2022) states it so effectively:

"Numerous actions that we tend to refer to as improvisation are clearly taken for granted as fundamental duties performed by artists toward themselves, other members of their groups, and audiences. Furthermore, it's possible that these duties are self-evident. It is frequently the case for ethnomusicologists to attempt to explain social interaction processes that people are either uninterested in or have little interest in describing."

The creator recognized this implicit information, which was so strongly associated with the process of learning music that, considering that it came based on its prior, oral folk domain, and implicit, it could be regarded as novel insights in the field of musicology and texts. Over time, the author assembled a set of suitable designs and basic sounds.

8.7 Issues of Identity in Musicology

The stark present moral and ethical ramifications of this study are apparent, implying that historical truths have always been a part of musical studies and that such studies have never been independent. The final phrases also eliminate any potential distinction between individual study and its social setting. In a similar vein, Suzanne Cusick, President of the

Musicological Society, made the following appeal to her fellow members in (Cusick, 2020):

“I would like you to take this seriously and consider what we as musicians and sound researchers can do to recognize and dismantle the racist systems that exist in the world. After we've all had time to reflect, I ask that we all promise to use the resources at our disposal to complete the task. These materials may be anything from a recently created unit or course to an event we host, a paper, an article, or a conversation you have with a stranger at the opera or your neighbour about a band or a piece of music.”

In this portion, Cusick presents a compelling argument for applied musicology and change. The relevance of her allusion to racist systems is emphasized by those who study music and colonialism, as is the need to fully understand and analyze the manner in which supremacy has influenced musicology before implementing any corrective measures.

9. CONCLUSION

The dynamic field of ethno musicology covers a broad gathering of topics, counting the study of music in its cultural and chronological. Focusing on the complex relationships that may exist between identity, history, society, and music, it explores how music is created, played, and viewed in many cultural situations. Musical traditions and linguistic sciences are examined in the field of music philology. It achieves this by using source analysis, literary criticism, and historical context to examine the cultural importance and development of musical works. This theoretical approach improves our understanding of the social functions that music fulfils. An improved knowledge of musical as an evolving form of artistic expression that reflects cultural norms, values, and identities the offering insight into creative processes is advanced by music philology's theoretical research. This outcome improves the general theoretical framework of ethnomusicology by integrating various viewpoints and methodologies. In this theoretical outcome adaptability to identify and overcome the problems is highlighted, and our understanding of the intricate relationships that exist connecting music, culture, and the environment is deepened.

Reference

1. Campbell, P.S., (2020). At the nexus of ethnomusicology and music education: pathways to diversity, equity, and inclusion. *Arts Education*

- Policy Review*, 121(3), pp.106-110.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10632913.2019.1709936>

pp.106-110.
2. Hargreaves, D., (2023). The developmental psychology of music: Scope and aims. In *Teaching music* (pp. 49-62). Routledge.
3. de Freitas, M.A.R., (2021). History of Ethnomusicology: some aspects of remodelling a MA seminar. *CIVAE 2021*, 2021(3rd), p.481.
4. Graber, K.J. and Sumera, M., (2020), January. Interpretation, resonance, embodiment: affect theory and ethnomusicology. In *Ethnomusicology Forum* (Vol. 29, No. 1, pp. 3-20). Routledge.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17411912.2020.1808501>
5. Mateos-Moreno, D. and Bravo-Fuentes, P., (2023). The subject ‘music’ from inside versus outside the music teaching profession: a comparative case study on the views of music and non-music primary education teachers in Spain. *Music Education Research*, 25(4), pp.447-457. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14613808.2023.2244523>
6. Sturman, J.L., (2022). Research Methods in Ethnomusicology (Music Ethnography). In *Scholarly Research in Music* (pp. 95-113). Routledge.
7. Swijghuisen Reigersberg, M., McKerrell, S. and Corn, A., (2022), January. Valuing and evaluating musical practice as research in ethnomusicology and its implications for research assessment. In *Ethnomusicology Forum* (Vol. 31, No. 1, pp. 28-49). Routledge.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17411912.2022.2059772>
8. Subin, A., Joseph, A. and English, M.A., (2021). Interpreting diasporic music: an ethnomusicological understanding of identity. *International journal of creative research thoughts*.
9. Sharif, M., (2024). From Spitta to Seeger: Early Theories of Applied Musicology. In *The Routledge Companion to Applied Musicology* (pp. 9-22). Routledge.
10. Lopes, S.V. and de Carvalho, J.S., (2022). Between Concepts and Behaviours: The Eurovision Song Contest and Ethnomusicology. In *The Eurovision Song Contest as a Cultural Phenomenon* (pp. 249-265). Routledge.
11. Bafford, D., (2023). “Sing and make music to the Lord”: cultural difference in South Africa’s urban religious soundscapes. *Anthropology Southern Africa*, 46(3), pp.173-187.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/17411912.2022.2059772>
12. Rakočević, S., (2021). Challenges of Ethnomusicological and Ethnochoreological Research within the Ever Changing World: A View of a Scholar from Serbia. *SHAPING THE PRESENT*

THROUGH THE FUTURE, p.37.

13. Yadav, N., Kumar Singh, A. and Pal, S., (2022). Improved self-attentive Musical Instrument Digital Interface content based music recommendation system. *Computational Intelligence*, 38(4), pp.1232-1257. <https://doi.org/10.1111/coin.12501>
14. Etard, O., Messaoud, R.B., Gaugain, G. and Reichenbach, T., (2022). No evidence of attentional modulation of the neural response to the temporal fine structure of continuous musical pieces. *Journal of cognitive neuroscience*, 34(3), pp.411-424. https://doi.org/10.1162/jocn_a_01811
15. Schippers, H. and Bendrups, D., (2015). Ethnomusicology, ecology and the sustainability of music cultures. *The World of Music*, pp.9-19.
16. Amico, S., (2020). “We are all musicologists now”; or, the end of ethnomusicology. *The Journal of Musicology*, 37(1), pp.1-32. <https://doi.org/10.1525/jm.2020.37.1.1>
17. Warden, N., (2016). Ethnomusicology’s “Identity” Problem: The History and Definitions of a Troubled Term in Music Research. *El oído pensante*, 4(2).
18. McKerrell, Simon, and Kerstin Pfeiffer., (2019). ‘On the Relationship Between Performance and Intangible Cultural Heritage’. In *Heritage and Festivals in Europe, Performing Identities*, edited by Ullrich Kockel, Cristina Clopot, Baiba Tjarve, and Máiréad Nic Craith, 18–28. London and New York: Routledge.
19. McKerrell, S., (2022, January). Towards practice research in ethnomusicology. In *Ethnomusicology Forum* (Vol. 31, No. 1, pp. 10-27). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17411912.2021.1964374>
20. Cusick, S.G., (2020). On the Death of George Floyd-A Letter from the AMS President. *AMS Board & Committee News*, June, 3, p.2020.