

**YAGI, TOMOKO, OKINAWA**

**Kumiodori – Royal Magical Blend of 8-8-6 Cyclic Ryūka, Dance, Ensemble**

Poster Session

What makes *Kumiodori*, an UNESCO designated Intangible Cultural Heritage?

It blurs the fine lines between the West and the East, the North and the South, the Continental and Island cultures, embracing pan-qualities, the very essence that paradoxically, elevating it to the utmostly unique. *Kumiodori* was successful enough to please the eyes of the Chinese envoys and Japanese samurais alike on the same table, with their respective aesthetic and political inclinations being quite the opposite.

This art of being everybody but somebody might hold a key in “developing a peaceful and sustainable” relationship, anytime, anywhere.