

'Often I have the impression that some people think that referring

to tango, or timba, or French chanson, or Greek néo kyma, with

the expression 'popular music' is an act of political correctness,

that can be dispensed with when talking "amongst us". And music

"world music".'

that any good effort to define the popular music concept would

recognize as popular music from other countries, is called by many

remit, but leaves it largely unexamined.

IASPM seems to intend to include non-Anglophone music in its

- Shuker, Fabbri's emphasis, p.14

television air play, are all quantifiable indicators of popularity...for

academic practice, equating 'popular music' with the main

Record sales, concert attendance, numbers of performers, radio and

the purposes of this study, I have largely followed conventional

Western context. I am conscious that this emphasis is open to

commercially produced and marketed musical genres, primarily in a

continue to dominate the international market place, at the same

charges of ignoring many significant forms of popular music, located

primarily in non-Western settings, but boundaries were necessary to

time appropriating local music styles.

make the project viable. Further, Western styles of popular music





