

Report on Ikeda Studies in Education

Purpose

The Report on Ikeda Studies in Education is compiled and circulated by the Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education ([IRISE](#)) of Soka University. The Report serves as an information-sharing tool for scholars and researchers of this field of study, with the aim of facilitating on a global basis, further advances in the research of and activities relevant to Ikeda studies in education.

News Update

Kyung Hee-Soka hold peace forum

On May 16, Kyung Hee University (KHU) in Seoul and Soka University in Japan partnered in the hosting of a peace forum at the KHU campus. The event, held with the theme “Oughtopia—The Role of Human Education and Scholarship,” commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Choue-Ikeda Research Center established study the peace philosophies of KHU founder Dr. Young Seek Choue and Daisaku Ikeda as founder of Soka University.

The forum featured such speakers as Chungnam National University School of Political Science Prof. Oh Young-dal and KHU Prof. Seo Dong-eun, who gave respective presentations on the rebuilding of human society and the historical significance of Mr. Ikeda’s thought. Youth researchers also discussed the relationship of AI and education, among other subjects.

Research center president Young Ae Ha, former Prime Minister Soo Sung Lee, KHU President Jin Sang Kim and Soka University

President Mika Suzuki also attended the event.

Dr. Choue and Mr. Ikeda first met in 1997, their association leading to the establishment of the Choue-Ikeda Research Center in 2016 and the holding of the peace forum on an annual basis.

International conference on philosophies of novelist Chingiz Aitmatov and Daisaku Ikeda held in Kyrgyz

On May 20-22, “The Philosophy of Peace and Humanism of Daisaku Ikeda and Chingiz Aitmatov: Spiritual Foundations of Sustainable Development in the 21st Century,” a three-venue international academic conference exploring the philosophical ideas of the renown Kyrgyz writer and Mr. Ikeda, was held in the Kyrgyz Republic. For further information, please click on the link:

[Academic Conference in Kyrgyz Republic Explores Philosophical Ideas of Chingiz Aitmatov and Daisaku Ikeda | Daisaku Ikeda Official Website](#)

Daisaku Ikeda on Education

On June 13, Soka University of America (SUA) organized “30 Years of Daisaku Ikeda’s Vision: Wisdom, Courage and Compassion in Action,” a panel discussion held at Teachers College, Columbia University, commemorating the speech—“Thoughts on Education for Global Citizenship”—Mr. Ikeda delivered at the university in 1996. Among the four panelists were Andrea Bartoli, SUA board of trustees member and president of the Sant’Edidio Foundation for Peace and Dialogue, and Dr. Isabel Nuñez, professor of educational

studies and dean of the School of Education at Purdue University Fort Wayne. Former UN Under-Secretary-General Anwarul K. Chowdhury was a guest speaker. In his speech, Mr. Ikeda identified the three essential qualities of the global citizen: “the wisdom to perceive the interconnectedness of all life; the courage not to fear or deny difference but to grow from encounters with people of different cultures; and the compassion to maintain an imaginative empathy that extends to those suffering in distant places.” For the full text of “Thoughts on Education for Global Citizenship,” click here:

[Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, USA, June 13, 1996](#)

This Issue’s Selected Writing

Patterson, A. (Ed.). (2026). *Daisaku Ikeda, Transnationalism, and American Literature: Dialogues of the Heart* (1st ed.). Routledge.
<https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003649625>

The Ikeda Center for Peace, Learning and Dialogue announced the release of *Daisaku Ikeda, Transnationalism, and American Literature: Dialogues of the Heart*, published by Routledge in association with the Ikeda Center and edited by Anita Patterson, Professor of English at Boston University. The multi-author volume focuses on how American literature and transnationalism were integral to the development of both Mr. Ikeda’s Buddhist philosophy and his global endeavors in peacebuilding, interfaith dialogue, and humanistic education. Throughout, contributors explore Ikeda’s conviction that engagement with literature can inspire deeply transformative experiences.

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Announcement

Soka University’s IRISE releases “Soka Education No. 19”

The Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education (IRISE) of Soka University has recently released “Soka Education No. 19.” The journal features “Advancing Global Education and Democracy through the Practice of Value-Creating Education,” a research paper by Namrata Sharma, Takao Ito, Tetsuko Watanabe and Stephanie Kukita. It also includes presentations, lectures and articles of symposia that can be accessed at the following link: ["Soka Education" Journal Issue No.19](#)

The 2nd International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education (Call for Proposals)

The symposium will explore themes such as the purpose of democracy and the role of education in the present age. Additionally, the symposium will also explore questions such as: How can we nurture individuals who are empowered to create value and contribute meaningfully across diverse and evolving global contexts?

We are pleased to announce that the 2nd International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education will be held later this year. 2026 marks the 30th anniversary “Thoughts on Education for Global Citizenship,” a speech by Soka University founder Daisaku Ikeda delivered in 1996 at Teachers College, Columbia University.

Theme: Democracy, Education, and Value Creation

Dates: 22-23 November 2026

Venue: Global Square, Soka University

Call for Proposals: [International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education 2026 | Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education \(IRISE\) | Soka University](#)

If you wish to make a presentation at the symposium, please check the details on the website. The presentation can be made in Japanese, English, or Chinese.

Postscript

- We welcome comments regarding this Report as well as suggestions on specific material that it should feature in future issues. Contact: Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education (IRISE) of Soka University (IRISE-access@soka.ac.jp)
- This Report is issued on a bimonthly basis, with the next release tentatively scheduled for September 18, 2026.