

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

Panel discussion on Ikeda's thoughts on education held at European conference

The annual European Conference on Educational Research ([ECER 2026](#)), organized by the European Educational Research Association, took place at Tampere University, Finland, from August 18 to 21, where a panel discussion on Daisaku Ikeda's thoughts on education was held. The event, entitled "Education for Sustainability and Global Citizenship: Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Alternative Ways of Knowing," featured scholars from around the world, including Dr. Namrata Sharma of the State University of New York; Vice Director Ana Belén García Varela of the Daisaku Ikeda Research Institute for Education and Development (IEDDAI) at the University of Alcalá, Spain; Dr. Rowena Raton Hibanada of Philippine Normal University; Dr. Tetsuko Watanabe of IRISE; Dr. Elina Lehtomäki of the University of Oulu, Finland; and Dr. Magdalena Kuleta-Hulboj of the University of Warsaw, Poland.

Daisaku Ikeda on Education

The University of the Twenty-first Century— Cradle of World Citizens

(Commemorating the First Commencement Ceremony of Soka University of America, Aliso Viejo, CA, USA, May 22, 2005)

This Issue's Selected Writing

Namrata Sharma. (2025). *Education for Sustainability and Global Citizenship*. Bloomsbury. [2026 Grand Winner/Special Honors | Nautilus Book Awards](#) (Open Access).

Announcement

The 2nd International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education

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

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Detailed information about the symposium is updated regularly on the website listed above. If you know any researchers or other individuals who may be interested in the symposium, we would be most grateful if you could share the above URL with them. Thank you very much for your continued support and cooperation.

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 November 18, 2026.