

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.

Announcement

New IRISE director appointed at Soka University

On April 1, 2026, Faculty of Letters professor Takao Ito assumed the post of Director of the Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education (IRISE) at Soka University. Prof. Ito was the former deputy director of the institute. In addition, two Faculty of Education professors—Hiroko Tomioka and Shinichi Ushida—were named Deputy Directors. The outgoing Director, Junichi Kanzaka, has retired the post he held with distinction for 10 years. For additional information, please follow this link: <https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/edu/institute/>

News Update

Argentine Ikeda studies director speaks at Soka University graduation event

On March 19, Luis Alberto Negretti, Rector of Argentina's National University of Villa María and Academic Director of the university's Daisaku Ikeda International Center for Peace Studies (CIDIEP), met with representatives of IRISE at Soka University. Rector Negretti also attended the Soka's

graduation ceremony as a guest speaker, who said CIDIEP was inspired by Mr. Ikeda's achievements and ideals and "dedicated to studying the social conditions and values that uphold peace across every sphere of human development." He cited Mr. Ikeda for his "unwavering conviction in the dignity of human life" and in the capacity for every individual to bring about an inner-directed reformation and social betterment, manifested through dialogue and action, describing it as "a pedagogy of hope."

CIDIEP was founded in 2012 by National University of Córdoba Rector Dr. Francisco Delich, one of the foremost intellectuals of Latin America and a close friend of Daisaku Ikeda's.

Conference on nuclear disarmament education held in Massachusetts, USA

On April 25-26, the Ikeda Center for Peace, Learning, and Dialogue collaborated with universities and institutes in organizing "Educating for Peace: A Teachers' Conference for Nuclear Disarmament Education" took place in Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. Held at the Ikeda Center, the event was cosponsored by the Soka Institute for Global Solutions at Soka University of America, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey and Harvard Graduate School of Education, among others. The conference drew middle- and high-school teachers, students and researchers; it also featured various workshops.

Among the speakers on April 25 were Ikeda Center Executive Director Kevin Maher;

Tetsushi Ogata, Visiting Assistant Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Managing Director of the Soka Institute for Global Solutions; Masako Toki, Senior Project Manager and Research Associate at the James Martin Center—who gave the presentation, “Global Disarmament and Nonproliferation Education for High School Students”—and Keiko Ogura, Representative of Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace, whose speech can be found at this link:

<https://www.ikedacenter.org/ms-keiko-oguras-message-2026-educating-peace-conference>.

In addition, “Introduction to Nuclear Weapons/Nuclear Disarmament” was presented by Ira Helfand, co-founder of Physicians for Social Responsibility who also served as past president of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War and member of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) international steering group.

On April 26, Stephen Herzog, Visiting Scholar with the Project on Managing the Atom of the Harvard Kennedy School’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, gave the lecture, “Politics and Nuclear Weapons (Deterrence).”

For a detailed pre-event overview, please click here:

<https://www.ikedacenter.org/programs/educating-peace-teachers-conference-nuclear-disarmament-education>

Daisaku Ikeda on Education

Daisaku Ikeda’s message for the opening of the exhibition, “Transforming Lives: The Power of Human Rights Education,” held at the United Nations Office at Geneva, Switzerland, on March 6, 2017.

Link: [Message to “Transforming Lives: The Power of Human Rights Education”](#)

This Issue’s Selected Writing

Charoenkul, Nantarat, and Hiroko Tomioka.

“Human Value-Creating Global Citizenship: A Lesson Learned from Soka Education and International Perspectives.” *Kasetsart Journal of Social Sciences* 42 (2021): 571-576.

[Human Value-Creating Global Citizenship: A Lesson Learned from Soka Education and International Perspectives](#)

Announcement

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:

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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 July 18, 2026.