

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: Soka University joins UNESCO Associated Schools

The Soka University website announced the following: “On June 2, 2025, Soka University was officially recognized as a member of the Associated Schools Network (ASPnet) led by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).” For further details, click here: <https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/news/2025/06/0604-1/>

News Update

Global education & learning conference held in Germany

From June 4 to 6, the Academic Network on Global Education & Learning Conference 2025 took place at the Humboldt Forum in Berlin, Germany, reported the Soka Gakkai on Instagram. On June 6, a breakout session titled “Advancing Global Education and Democracy through the Practice of Value-Creating Education” was held featuring research presentations by Prof. Takao Ito, Dr. Tessa Tetsuko Watanabe and Dr. Stephanie

Mitsuko Kukita of Soka University. The session ended with a panel discussion led by Dr. Namrata Sharma of State University of New York.

Conference on nuclear disarmament education held in the US

From May 9 to 11, the Ikeda Center for Peace, Learning, and Dialogue, the Soka Institute for Global Solutions (SIGS) at Soka University of America and EdEthics at the Harvard Graduate School of Education cosponsored “Educating for Peace: A Teachers’ Conference for Nuclear Disarmament Education.” Held in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the event opened with remarks from Ikeda Center Executive Director Kevin Maher and SIGS Managing Director Dr. Tetsushi Ogata. The panel discussion included Ivana TK Hughes of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation and Ira Helfand of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). For the full report on the conference, click on this link: [Panelists Advocate for Nuclear Disarmament Education | Ikeda Center for Peace, Learning, and Dialogue](#)

Peace forum 2025 held in Seoul

On May 17, the Choue-Ikeda Research Center of Kyung Hee University (KHU) partnered with SGI-Korea Academic Division in the holding of a forum on the peace philosophy of KHU Founder Dr. Young Seek Choue and Daisaku Ikeda. The event examined the relevance of their respective perspectives in times of soaring global tensions and actions to take in the present to build peace for the

sake of the future. The two keynote speakers were KHU Center for the Reconstruction of Human Society President Lee Han-gu and University of Ulsan Prof. Emeritus Lee In-Taek.

This Issue's Selected Writing

Education for Sustainability and Global Citizenship: Intercultural, Ethical, and Justice-Based Approaches by Dr. Namrata Sharma (Bloomsbury, 2025).

The book takes Daisaku Ikeda's ideas and Soka perspectives in education as a focal point of inquiry.

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, 2025.