

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

Japan

First International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education held at Soka University in Japan

On October 22, the Ikeda Research Institute for Soka Education (IRISE) at Soka University hosted the inaugural International Symposium on Global Citizenship Education under the theme “Restoring Learning to Daily Living: Global Citizenship and John Dewey.” President Ikeda sent a congratulatory message to the event, which was held at the university and attended by some 170 scholars and students from 25 countries. In his keynote speech, Jim Garrison, Professor Emeritus at Virginia Tech University and former president of the John Dewey Society, spoke on four intellectual virtues—confidence, open-mindedness, single-mindedness and responsibility—that Dewey highlighted. Other keynote speakers included Chiharu Fujii, Professor at Waseda University and President of the John Dewey Society of Japan; Shigeru Aoyagi, Director of UNESCO Bangkok Asia and Pacific Regional Bureau for Education; and Masumi Hashimoto Odari, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Literature at the University of Nairobi.

https://www.soka.ac.jp/en/edu/lec_sympto/gce_sympto

UK

Academics in the UK discuss soka education

On September 7, a panel on “Global Citizenship as a Pedagogy of Hope” took place at the 2022 British Education Research Association (BERA) Annual Conference held from September 6 to 8 at the University of Liverpool. The symposium was chaired by Dr. Namrata Sharma of the State University of New York at Oswego. Presentations on comparative and international education were given by Dr. Paul Sherman, Director of the Soka Education Research Centre on Global Citizenship at the University of Guelph-Humber in Toronto, Canada; Alexis Stones and Dr. Aamna Pasha of University College London (UCL); and Prof. Douglas Bourn, Director of the UCL Development Education Research Centre.

USA

SUA opens Soka Heritage Hall in Aliso Viejo, California

On October 7, Soka University of America held the opening ceremony for the Soka Heritage Hall, with administrators, faculty, staff and students in attendance. The hall was built in commemoration of the 20th anniversary of SUA’s founding, introducing the institution’s founding principles, development of Soka education and the manifold achievements of its alumni. The hall also features exhibits on university founder Daisaku Ikeda’s speeches and activities for peace worldwide, together with the lives and legacies of Soka Gakkai presidents Tsunesaburo Makiguchi and Josei Toda.

Daisaku Ikeda on Education

[Makiguchi's Lifelong Pursuit of Justice and Humane Values](#) (1996)

This Issue's Selected Writing

Inukai, N. & Okamura, M. (2021). Determining to be hopeful in hopeless times. In I. Nuñez & J. Goulah (Eds.), *Hope and joy in education: engaging Daisaku Ikeda across curriculum and context* (pp. 10-20). Teachers College Press.

<https://www.tcpres.com/hope-and-joy-in-education-9780807765104>

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)
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