

A Brief Report on ARIISW's Activities:

A co-hosted study group on international social work

The ARIISW has been carrying out activities across eleven fields. We plan to report on a wide range of the ARIISW's activities through the publishing of the Kara newsletters. This issue introduces one study group's activities.

ARIISW has been co-hosting the study group on international social work whose regular meeting has been held once a month since 2021. The primary purpose is to promote discussions on international social work. Regular members include Prof. Hiroshi Harashima of Japan Lutheran College, Dr. Ayako Sasaki of Chiba University, Dr. Tatsuru Akimoto, the ARIISW's Honorary Director, and some other researchers.

One of the regular meetings was held online on 25 May 2022 during which Prof. Yusuke Fujimori of ARIISW (and the Director of the Asian Center for Buddhist Social Work Research Exchange) reported on his own research experiences and their relevance to international social work. He touched upon his historical studies on the ideas and practices of Shoueki Ando and Benkyou Shiio, and then spoke about the stories leading to Buddhist social work and international social work research at the ARIISW. While his main research targets domestic issues, he emphasized the influence on them by international perspectives and the significance of a perspective that transcends regional and national borders.

The study group will discuss international social work with the aim of theorizing it based on its practices and revitalizing it in social work education and research.



Prof. Fujimori, Y.

VR Selection Results: The 7th VR Fellowship Program leading to a PhD

After careful consideration of the applications for the 7th Visiting Researcher (VR) Fellowship Program leading to a PhD, which we announced in Kara No. 41, the

Selection Committee regrets to announce that there were no successful applicants for this year's program. It is unfortunate that we had to disappoint them, but we wish them all the best in their future endeavors. ARIISW will contribute to human resource development in the Asia-Pacific region.

◆News from the ARIISW can be found on the following website.

<https://www.shukutoku.ac.jp/en/about/facilities/asiancenter.html>