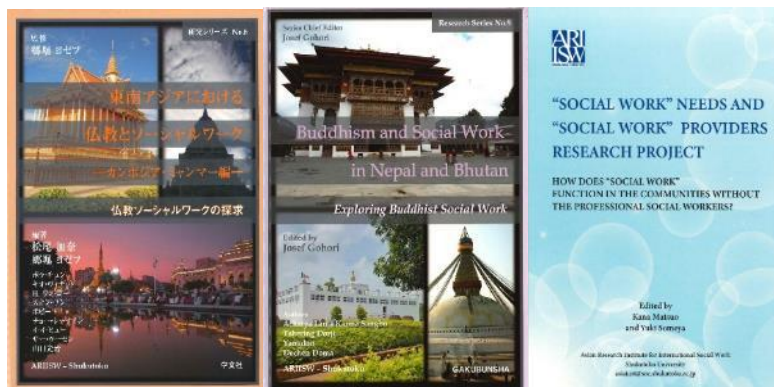


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New Books and a Report are published!

We are pleased to announce the new publication in the research series and a report. The ARIISW has been publishing the research series, entitled ‘Exploring Buddhist Social Work’, since 2017, based on a result of research projects covering more than 10 countries in Asia. New books of the following projects were published in March 2023: ‘Buddhism and Social Work in Cambodia and Myanmar’ (No. 8: the Japanese version) and ‘Buddhism and Social Work in Nepal and Bhutan’ (the English version in advance).

In addition, a report on the “Social Work” needs and “Social Work” providers research project was published in March. The survey was conducted between 2020 and 2021, when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the ARIISW to completely stop the field studies, with the help of researchers from Bhutan, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Vietnam. The simple research question was ‘Where do people go for advice when they have a social welfare problem, in the absence of social work professionals?’ The reports from the four countries showed that instead of professionals, people consulted their relatives, village leaders, government organisations, and police, among others. We also found that researchers from all over the world are looking for international collaborative research projects, which has not ceased even after the pandemic. The ARIISW believes that it would be important to further refine and develop the survey items, such as what kind of services were obtained and where.



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

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