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## The 8th ARIISW-Shukutoku University International Academic Forum is coming up soon!

ARIISW is excited to announce the upcoming 8th ARIISW-Shukutoku University International Academic Forum, which will be held on February 27, 2024 (partially hybrid). The forum theme is 'International Social Work Beyond the Centennial Anniversary of Social Work: A Theory Debate (Disappearance or Expansion; Reform or New Construction).' The term 'International Social Work' was first used in 1928, and this forum will explore the question of what it means today, shortly before the Centennial Anniversary.

Given the complexity of our globalized world, International Social Work theory must expand beyond the existing framework. To facilitate this discussion, we will invite distinguished guest speakers to share their insights. We hope to have onsite gatherings after the COVID pandemic, and we look forward to welcoming online attendees from all over the world. To get more information, kindly follow <u>ARIISW's Facebook pages</u>!

## **Contribution to International Organizations and Institutions**

The 27th Asia Pacific Regional Conference (APRC) held in Cebu City, Philippines, cohosted by APASWE and IFSW (AP), was the first face-to-face conference in four years. Ms. Kana Matsuo, Senior Researcher at ARIISW, presented the history of social work education in Fiji (Photo 1). In addition, ARIISW donated reports and books to APASWE for fundraising purposes (Photo 2), and the ARIISW-Shukutoku University 8th International Academic Forum was announced at the event.



Photo 1



News from the ARIISW can be found on the following website. <u>https://www.shukutoku.ac.jp/en/about/facilities/asiancenter.html</u>