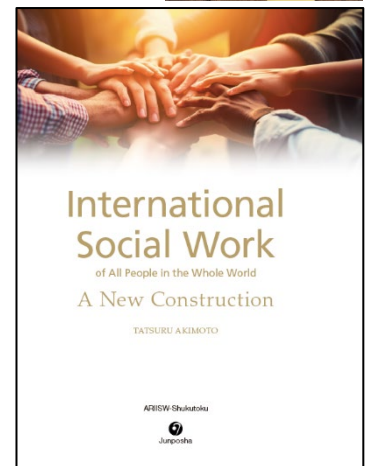


Contributions to international social work theory: Katherine Kendall Award to Dr Akimoto!!

On 24th January 2024, we were informed that the Katherine Kendall Award will be awarded to Dr Tatsuru Akimoto, Honorary Director of ARIISW. The award is given biennially by the International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) to a person who makes a significant contribution to the development of social work education. We have heard that one of the reasons for Dr Akimoto being selected to receive this award is that, in addition to his achievements in international social work research, he has made outstanding contributions to the development of social work through the Buddhist social work research led by him. The award also acknowledges his service as the director (vice-president) of IASSW and the president of the Asian and Pacific Association for Social Work Education (APASWE), among others.



On 6th April, Dr Akimoto will speak at the keynote session lecture¹ and receive the award at the Joint Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development (SWSD2024), which will be held in Panama in April.

Furthermore, the English edition of Dr Akimoto's new book, entitled '*International social work of all people in the whole world: a new construction*', in which he proposes a new international social work theory, has been published by Junposha.² The book contains his original arguments and theory.

Updated: The 8th International Academic Forum on 27th Feb

As already announced, the 8th ARIISW-Shukutoku University International Academic Forum will be held on 27th February (partially hybrid). The forum theme is 'International Social Work Beyond its Centennial Anniversary: A Theory Debate (Disappearance or Expansion; Reform or New Construction).' We will invite Professor Emeritus Lynne Healy and Professor Manohar Pawar as keynote speakers. We look forward to welcoming you to this event. To get more information, kindly access at <https://www.shukutoku.ac.jp/en/about/facilities/asiancenter.html>

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

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¹ <https://swsd2024.opc.uy/en/programa/extendido/keynote-plenary-session/2024-04-06>

² ARIISW is working to publish an expanded edition (in English and Japanese) with chapters by external authors ARIISW's researchers, which will be published in 2024.