

The Asian Research Institute for International Social Work (ARIISW),
Shukutoku University

10th International Academic Forum (First Announcement) **Opening Horizons for Buddhist Social Work**

Shukutoku University's Asian Research Institute for International Social Work (ARIISW) is pleased to announce the 10th International Academic Forum, focused on the following theme: **“Opening Horizons for Buddhist Social Work: Spirituality as a Bridge between Theory and Practice.”**

The keynote speakers are Professor **Edward R. Canda**, Professor Emeritus at the University of



Kansas and a leading international scholar in spirituality and social work; Professor **Susumu Shimazono**, Professor Emeritus at the University of Tokyo and a leading figure in death and life studies and spirituality research in Japan; and Venerable **Lama Karma Sangbo Sherpa**, a pioneering leader in Buddhist Social Work practice in Nepal.

This forum will discuss the potential of Buddhist Social Work from a spiritually sensitive social work perspective, which is a concept that has been gaining global attention.

The forum explores new methodologies that can **bridge theory and practice**. The ARIISW seeks to make an active contribution to the further development of Buddhist Social Work and expand its practice from Asia to the world.

We warmly invite you to participate in this meaningful event.

- Theme: “Opening Horizons for Buddhist Social Work: Spirituality as a Bridge between Theory and Practice.”
- Date: Saturday, January 31, 2026 10:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (Japanese Standard Time)

- Venue: Shukutoku University, Tokyo Campus/Online (Free of charge)
- Languages : Japanese and English (Simultaneous interpretation provided)
- Speakers:
 - Edward R. Canda, Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas
 - Susumu Shimazono, Professor Emeritus, University of Tokyo
 - Venerable Lama Karma Sangbo Sherpa, Buddhist monk from Nepal, Honorary Doctor of Shukutoku University
 - Other invited speakers

■ Registration:

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