

# ISSA Activity Brief

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



My fellow members of ISSA,

In a book published in 2020, Japanese playwright Oriza Hirata said to young people living in the post-corona era as follows: Today's generation of Japanese people, 1) they have a conversation, but no dialogue, 2) they have sympathy, but no empathy, and 3) they have a house, but no home.

In other words, although they can talk endlessly among their closest friends, they are unable to have frank discussions with others who have different cultures and values than themselves. Therefore, although they sympathize with the weak with their own simple feelings, they are unable to recognize and respect the beliefs and values of others that are different from their

own. In addition, although they have achieved a certain degree of material wealth and a comfortable living environment, they lack a community or home where they can truly feel at ease. This means the arrival of what Atsushi Miura calls a "perpetual loneliness society" (2022). These are certainly references to the current situation in Japan, but at a time when society is undergoing rapid digitalization and polarization (division) on a global scale, don't they apply to some extent to any country? What can social studies education do in the face of such a situation? If young people in each country are unable to experience dialogue, empathy, and the beauty of home and grow as citizens who actively participate in the formation of a democratic society, the reason for the existence of social studies will disappear. I think that we, those involved in social studies education, are currently encountering such a critical situation. In this sense, not only individual social studies teachers, but also academic societies in each country have a

heavy responsibility, and ISSA has a major role to play as well.

I look forward to the continued efforts and cooperation of our members to revitalize social studies.

President of ISSA  
HARADA TOMOHIRO

## ANNOUNCEMENT FROM OUR MEMBERS

### 1. THE SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (ESSDRA)

The 35th Annual Conference will be held on February 17, 2024, from 9:30 am to 4:45 pm. This year's conference will be held in person for the first time in four years. However, due to the circumstances of the host school, we will only meet face-to-face on one day, and the symposium and research will be held on the other day. The theme of the symposium will be, "The Construction of Relevance in the Social Studies Curriculum." The conference venue is Hyogo University of Teacher Education. We look forward to your participation.

## **2. THE JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (JASS)**

### 1) The 73rd Annual Conference

The 73rd annual conference of JASS will be held online (via Zoom) under the theme of “Global Issues and Social Studies Education in the Regional Society” on October 28 and 29, 2023. Details are posted on the official website below in Japanese. ([http://socialstudies.jp/pdf/jass73\\_02\\_ver2.pdf](http://socialstudies.jp/pdf/jass73_02_ver2.pdf))

### 2) International Exchange Seminar

JASS international exchange committee will hold the lecture meeting of the international exchange seminar around February or March 2024 in Tokyo (and online if it's needed). Details will be posted on the official website as soon as the program is finalized.

## **3. THE JAPANESE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (JERASS)**

### 1) The 72nd JERASS Annual Conference

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Conference will be held at Okayama University on November 18 and 19, 2023. The theme of the conference is, “How Can Social Studies Research Contribute to Teachers’ Growth?” For more information, please visit the conference’s website (<https://www.jerass72okayama.jp>). We look forward to your participation.

### 2) The 11th JERASS-KASSE Academic Exchange Conference

The 11th JERASS-KASSE Academic Exchange Conference was held at Kagoshima University on August 26, 2023. The theme of this conference was, “Teaching Complex and Difficult Topics in the Social Studies Class.” Representatives from Japan and Korea gave presentations on the topics teachers find difficult to teach, and how they deal with such topics in social studies classes. Furthermore, meaningful discussions were held with nearly 70 participants.

### 3) The 6th JERASS-ISSA International Forum

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International Forum was held at Kagoshima University on August 27, 2023. The theme of this forum was, “Results of Research on Citizenship Development of Children in Japan, Indonesia, and Korea: Toward the Reconstruction of New Citizenship Education.” Based on the results reported, the characteristics of citizenship among 12-year-olds (equivalent to 6th-grade elementary school students) in the three countries were highlighted.

## **4. KOREAN SOCIAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (KSSA)**

### 1) The 194th Spring Conference

- Date: Saturday, June 10, 2023
- Place: Korea National University of Education
- Topic: "Asking the Way of Social Studies Education"
- Contents: Integrated society in the 2022 revised curriculum, digital citizenship, coexistence of AI and social studies education, etc.
- Participants: President Yongkyo Chung and 40 others



2) 2023 Regular Board Meeting and Annual Conference

- Date: August 19~20, 2023
- Place: Yeungnam University
- Topic: "The Role of Social Studies Education in Reestablishing Social Relations in the Post-Corona Era"
- Contents: Twenty-five papers presented in a total of 6 sections, including Gyeongbuk culture, civic education, curriculum and teaching-learning methods, classroom instruction, digital citizenship, special education, and overseas social studies education.

- Participants: President Yongkyo Chung and 100 others

3) Professor Ki-dae Hong and Professor Kwangtaek Sim received the 2023 Korean Social Studies Education Award

- Date: August 19~20, 2023
- Place: Yeungnam University
- Winner: **Hong, Ki-dae Professor:** As an advisor to the Korean Society for Social Studies Education Research, he contributed to the academic development of the society/ served

as an officer of the society and the 30th president of the society/ the 31st president of the society/ provided both material and spiritual support for the academic achievements of the society members (Awarded the Korean Social Studies Educator Award (No. 57))

**Sim, Kwangtaek Professor:** As vice president of the society, he supported young scholars and contributed in a multifaceted way (Awarded the Korean Social Studies Educator Award (No. 58))

**5. THE KOREAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION (KASSE)**

1) 2023 Summer Conference

On August 5, 2023 (Sat), a summer academic conference was held at Chungbuk National University of Education under the theme of "Co-existence, Solidarity, and Social Studies Education II." Through this conference, excellent domestic researchers gathered and presented research findings relevant to the subject of the

conference. Presentation details are as follows:

- 1st Group: The Citizenship and Social Studies
- 2nd Group: Social Studies and Geography and Environmental Education
- 3rd Group: Social Studies and History Education
- 4th Group: Social Studies and Integrated Education
- 5th Group: Citizenship and Data/A.I. Education
- 6th Group: Social Issues and Social Studies Literacy
- 7th Group: Justice, Law, and Social Studies Education

## 2) The 11th Korea-Japan Academic Exchange Conference

On August 26th, 2023 (Sat), the 11th Korea-Japan Academic Exchange Conference was held at Kagoshima University, Japan, under the theme of, "Teaching Complex and Difficult Topics in Social Studies Class."

## 3) KASSE International Academic Exchange Seminar (collaborated with ISSA, Institute of Humanities,

Social Sciences and Social Science Education affiliated to Korea National University of Education)

On November 17, 2023, KASSE will hold an online international academic seminar via Zoom, collaborating with ISSA under the theme of "Emotion and Citizenship Education." The keynote speaker is Prof. Dr. Michalinos Zembylas (Cyprus Open University). For more information about the event and registration, please refer to the following URL: <https://sites.google.com/view/kasse23iac/english>

\*We are looking forward to hearing from the **Indonesian Social Studies Association (APRIPSI)** next time!

## **OUR MEMBERS' NEW PUBLICATION (WRITTEN IN ENGLISH)**

- Dong-min Lee (2022). How Do Narrative-Based Geospatial Technologies Contribute to the Teaching of Regional Geography to Preservice

Geography Teachers? *Journal of Geography*, 122(4), 93-101.

**\* Do you want to share your research written in English with ISSA colleagues? Send necessary information (abstract, reference, URL, etc.) to your association's ISSA board member or [dr.dongminlee@gmail.com](mailto:dr.dongminlee@gmail.com) directly.**

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