

# ISSA Activity Brief

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## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT OF ISSA



2018 was a memorable year for ISSA. The founding philosophy of ISSA is to deepen research exchange by creating a gentle network organization among social studies education societies in Asian countries. Based on this philosophy, over the past 3 years we have been looking for new ways to further strengthen organization management and the dissemination of research.

As a result, ISSA has reexamined two Korean societies (KSSA, KASSE), one Indonesian society (APRIPSI) and one Japanese society (JERASS) as official members, and we have decided to locate the office within JERASS for the time being.

Also of note is the fact that the journal has been renewed. Emphasizing social studies education research in Asian

countries, we changed the name of the journal from JSSE to JSSEA (The Journal of Social Studies Education in Asia), established a peer review system and published the first issue (total volume 7). There, various articles covering researchers in Singapore, Indonesia, Japan and Hong Kong were posted in a special issue entitled "Why should we study about social studies in Asia?"

In the next issue, to be published in 2019, we post the question: "How can social studies education answer to the needs of society?" I anticipate many contributors' posts. Not only in Japan, the environments surrounding researchers in Asian countries are not well developed, and we cannot be optimistic about the advancement of social studies in public education.

That is why it is extremely important for our researchers to deepen their research while sharing information across countries. I believe that the role JSSEA plays is great.

Tomohito Harada,  
President of ISSA

## GREETINGS FROM OUR MEMBERS (Alphabetic order)

### ● INDONESIAN SOCIAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (APRIPSI)



I would like to utter my gratitude to the Editorial Team and JERASS who have successfully published JSSEA. I, as a representative of APRIPSI, warmly welcome the presence of JSSEA. The journal is very helpful, especially for Indonesian researchers who want to publish their research in reputable international journals. I also appreciate the researchers who have made JSSEA "the place to publish" research in the field of Social Studies. I hope that the JSSEA journal will be able to make relevant contributions to society in the millennial era, and become a reliable academic reference in the

field of Social Studies.

In April 2018, APRIPSI conducted a National Seminar in Mulawarman University, East Kalimantan. The Theme of the seminar was "Strengthening Social Studies Education in Global Issues". On November 6th, APRIPSI hosted the 3rd International Seminar on Social Studies and History Education in which the theme was "Promoting 21st Century Skills in Social Studies Learning". On 24-25 November, we had a meeting to formulate the Learning Outcome for Social Studies Curriculum from undergraduate to doctoral levels in Indonesia to ensure that university graduates have a standardized competency. In 2019, we plan to conduct a National Seminar to be held at Universitas Negeri Padang (UNP).

● **JAPANESE EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES (JERASS)**

The 67th JERASS Annual Conference was held in Yamanashi University on October 20, 2018. Also, the 8th Korea-Japan exchange



conference was held at Chinju National University of Education on August 21, 2018. This maintains a close relationship and comprehensively develops ISSA for the future.

In 2018, we also published Volumes 89 and 90 of *Syakaika Kenkyu* (Journal of Educational Research of Social Studies), which is our official journal.

● **KOREAN SOCIAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (KSSA)**



I'm Myung Hee Lee, and I am writing to officially speak as Vice President of ISSA.

Until a few years ago, ISSA could not establish an official system, and

has only held non-regular international conferences. Therefore, I am very pleased that, from last year, ISSA held regular academic conferences in Japan and, from this year, has sent out ISSA Newsletters.

Thanks to JERASS, ISSA can establish a system in this way, issue academic journals on a regular basis and hold regular academic conferences. I would like to express my gratitude to JERASS for its service as Vice President representing KSSA.

I look forward to learning from you and working together in support of quality social studies education especially on the framework called ISSA!

KSSA will host an international conference on 23-24, August 2019. The theme of the conference is "Sustainable Peace and Co-existence in Global Citizenship Education: Challenges and Future Tasks." We are looking forward to your interest and participation.

● **THE KOREAN ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATION (KASSE)**



I'm Yong-Jo Park, Chair of the Academic and Ethics Committee of ISSA and President of KASSE.

I hope that ISSA will continue to make progress in the new year of 2019. I also wish you a healthy, peaceful, and prosperous new year.

The Academic and Ethics Committee of ISSA will make every effort to contribute to the development of social studies education by pursuing academic progress within the framework of

universal academic ethics and accumulating research results.

In 2018, KASSE held three academic conferences and the 8th Korea-Japan exchange meeting. We discussed a variety of topics (facts and fact-check, research methodology, self-care and personal development) ranging from the foundations of curriculum and instruction to applications in the three academic conferences. Members of KASSE and JERASS were actively involved in the Korea-Japan exchange meeting held under the theme of "The Use, Outcome, and Role of Qualitative Research Methodology in Social Studies" in August. In January 2019, the Winter Conference will be held under the theme of "Peace and Coexistence,

and Social Studies Education". We look forward to your active participation in this conference.

**JSSEA VOL. 7 AVAILABLE**  
September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018



JSSEA Vol. 7 was published in 2018. With a fresh design that might remind you of the taste of Asia, you can enjoy six research articles and three policy, practice, and research reviews. You can buy JSSEA Vol. 7 through sending an email to [hkawaguchi@hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:hkawaguchi@hiroshima-u.ac.jp) and also apply for a subscription to JSSEA for your university library. We are looking forward to your support.



●Special Issues: Why should we study about social studies in Asia?

•Rocking the boat: Critical reflectivity in social studies teachers (Malathy Krishnasamy, Jasmine B.-Y. Sim, and Shuyi Chua)

•Governance issue on citizenship/social studies education: Democratic education and its paradox problem (Norio Ikeno)

•Enculturation model of nationalism at elementary schools based on the character education in Semarang city, Central Java Province, Indonesia (Wasino Wasino and Hari Wuljanto)

•Developments and challenges of civic education in Hong Kong SAR, China (1997-2017) (Eric King-man Chong)

●Articles

•A framework for controversial issue gatekeeping within social studies education: The case of Japan (Jongsung Kim, Thomas Misco, Kazuhiro Kusahara, Toshinori Kuwabara, and Masato Ogawa)

•Reconstruction of participation: Some implications to social studies education from a comparative study on youth participation of Sweden and Japan (Tatsuhei Morozumi)

●Reviews of Policy, Practice and Research

•Parent engagement policy in Indonesia (Wasino Wasino, Siti Zulaicha, and Fitri Amalia Shintasiwi)

•The latest trend in the reform of high school education in Japan: Focusing on the curriculum reform (Tomohito Harada)

•Ideal Japanese social studies researchers: Researcher as supporter for teacher's aims talk and his good gatekeeping (Tatsuya Watanabe)

**CALL FOR THE SPECIAL ISSUE OF JSSEA VOL.9**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

<Special Issue>

How can social studies relate to youth civic engagement?

In JSSEA Vol. 9, we hope to explore how Social Studies Education and its related fields, which include History and Geography Education, Political Education, Global and International Education, and Citizenship Education, can contribute towards students' civic engagement. The submission deadline is November

30, 2019. We look forward to reading your work!

**JERASS HELD ISSA FORUM IN YAMANASHI, JAPAN**

October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019

With a question "How can social studies education in Asia answer to the needs of society?" the Japanese Educational Research Association of Social Studies (JERASS) hosted an international forum. Two eminent scholars, Young-Seog Kim from Gyeongsang National University, South Korea, and Czarina Agcaoili from the University of the Philippines, Philippines, shared each country's challenges with more than 40 scholars discussing the question based on individual country's context.

**CALL FOR AFFILIATED EVENT**

January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

ISSA is ready to support you in order to make your association's event globalized. If you have any academic event that you hope

scholars from other countries will visit, especially English-based sessions, please let us know. We will send / share the information with our members for your successful event.

Additionally, we also want you to plan these kinds of events. This will be our way to get better connected with each other and make ISSA bigger and better. The following is an example of an affiliated event.

### **WHAT JSSEA EDITORIAL BOARD DO?**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The Editorial board of JSSEA is a team of experts in the journal's field.

★Akihide Mine (Chief)

Osaka Kyoiku University, Japan

★Kiyoshi Karaki

Tsukuba University, Japan

★Young-Seog Kim

Gyeongsang National University, Korea

★Nasution

Surabaya State University, Indonesia

★Susumu Oshihara

Ehime University, Japan

★Jasmine B.-Y. Sim

National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

★Noboru Tanaka

Gifu University, Japan

★Hiroya Yoshimizu

Hyogo University of Education, Japan

There, members of the board will:

○Check submitted manuscripts whether they are suitable for the guidelines of JSSEA.

○Select reviewers/ review submitted manuscripts.

○Advise on journal policy, scope and guidelines.

○Identify themes for special issues.

○Attract new authors and submissions.

○Act as advised in the case of complex ethics allegations.

Editorial board members always welcome any feedback to improve the quality of JSSEA! Please feel free to send your opinions to [hkawaguchi@hiroshima-u.ac.jp](mailto:hkawaguchi@hiroshima-u.ac.jp)

membership fee for administrators of our members: APRIPSI, JERASS, KASE, and KASSE. This year's annual fee is the same as last year: 100 dollars. If you have any question about the way you send the fee, please contact to [kusahara@hiroshia-u.ac.jp](mailto:kusahara@hiroshia-u.ac.jp)

### **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

This is a gentle reminder concerning the ISSA annual