

On Issuing *Social Well-Being Review*

On the occasion of the title change to *Social Well-Being Review*, this introduction will lead you through the developments of the precedent journals and the issuing research institutions.

We have changed the title of this journal from *the Senshu Social Well-being Review (SSWR)* to *Social Well-Being Review (SWR)* from Vol.9, No.1 (December 2022). As *SSWR* No. 1 was published in March 2015, this journal has already published, in eight volumes, many articles from scholars worldwide. With the inclusion of its predecessor, *the Senshu Social Capital Review (SSCR)*, we have been publishing academic reviews in English for 13 years.

I would like to introduce you to the history of the Center for Social Well-being Studies (CSWS)—the one publishing this journal. The predecessor of this research center was the Center for Social Capital Studies (CSCS), founded in 2009 through the MEXT-Supported Program for Strategic Research Foundation at Private Universities. The CSCS was then supervising a project called “Exploring Social Capital towards Sustainable Development in East Asia” (Chair: H. Harada, Secretary General: T. Nagashima, FY 2009–2013). This center was managed by the Institute for the Development of Social Intelligence, Senshu University.

In 2014, after receiving another MEXT grant, “Forming a Social Well-being Research Consortium in Asia” (Chair: H. Harada, Secretary General: M. Kanai, FY 2014–2018), the CSCS was transformed into the CSWS. Thereafter, the Social Well-Being Research Consortium in Asia was founded between universities and research institutes from eight Asian societies, i.e., Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mongolia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Viet Nam. The *SSWR* was first published in 2015. As the grant from MEXT ended in FY 2018, the CSWS operating fund was changed to “the Research Project of Senshu University FY 2019–2021,” followed by “the JSPS Core-to-Core Program (B. Asia-Africa Science Platforms)” from FY 2022. A new project was initiated: “Building Proactive Resilience in Asian Developing Countries Making Good Use of Social Capital” (Coordinator M. Kanai, Co-Coordinator T. Iinuma, FY 2022–24). This project aims to conduct international collaborative research on proactive resilience in Asia and foster early-career researchers in the region.

To date, the *SSCR* and *SSWR* have received scholarly contributions from many authors in Japan and abroad. However, in recent times, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Ukraine-Russia war, and global climate change have drastically affected people’s lives and societies. Under such circumstances, understanding social well-being has assumed greater critical significance. Therefore, we have changed the journal’s title to *Social Well-Being Review* to provide an open and free platform for multidisciplinary discussions from scholars worldwide.

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