

Special Issue

Theoretical and Behavioral Approaches to the Growth of Soka Gakkai International (SGI)

Message from the Guest Editors

We are honored to invite you to the Special Issue of *Religions*, which aims to theoretically understand the rapid growth of Soka Gakkai International (SGI) in the world. SGI is a global Buddhist movement rooted in Nichiren Buddhism. Its philosophy of peace and happiness relied on the Lotus Sutra, has positioned SGI at the forefront of contemporary Buddhist movements engaging with global challenges such as nuclear disarmament, human rights, environmental sustainability, and gender equality.

This Special Issue is expected to provide a comprehensive, multidisciplinary analysis of SGI, offering practical and meaningful insights not only to scholars interested in the process of religious growth but also to policymakers, educators, and practitioners engaged in faith-based NGOs or NPOs and global governance. Above all, situating them within broader debates on religion and social change leads to a better understanding of new directions for empirical and theoretical research on SGI and similar movements. By bringing together leading scholars and emerging voices, the Special Issue will serve as a definitive resource on Soka Gakkai International and its significance in the contemporary world.

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