

## Editorial

### Bridging Tradition and Innovation in Interdisciplinary Research

As the global academic landscape continues to evolve, interdisciplinary research has become a critical tool for addressing complex societal challenges. The second issue of Volume 2 (March-April 2025) of the Journal of Exploration in Interdisciplinary Methodologies (JEIM) presents an array of studies that explore the integration of traditional knowledge with modern methodologies, offering innovative solutions in public policy, education, political thought, sustainable development, and technological ethics.

The first article, Exploring the Intersection of Public Policy and Buddhist Philosophy in Thailand's Social Welfare System, by [Kriangsak Niltakan](#), delves into how Buddhist principles of compassion and mindfulness influence social welfare policies in Thailand. The study examines government programs aimed at vulnerable populations and how Buddhist ethical frameworks contribute to more inclusive and sustainable welfare initiatives.

Next, Innovative Pedagogies for Teaching the Arts in Thailand: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Cultural Preservation and Digital Media, by [Ratchaneechay Choeirod](#), investigates the fusion of digital technology and traditional arts education. The research highlights how AI, virtual reality, and multimedia platforms can enhance artistic learning while preserving Thailand's rich cultural heritage.

In Blending Traditional and Modern Political Thought: A Comparative Analysis of Buddhist Ethics and Thai Political Thought, [Phraraj Phatthanavajjarabandit](#) examines how Buddhist ethical principles continue to shape Thai political discourse. The study contrasts Buddhist governance values with Western political ideologies, offering insights into ethical leadership and governance.

The fourth article, The Role of Public Administration in Sustainable Buddhist-Based Community Development: A Thai Perspective, by [Sayamporn Panthachai](#), explores how Buddhist teachings can inform public administration practices. By focusing on participatory governance and ethical leadership, the study provides a model for integrating sustainability into public policy.

Finally, The Intersection of Religion and Technology: Ethical Implications in the Age of AI, by [Phrakhrupariyatticanpandit](#), addresses the challenges posed by artificial intelligence in religious and ethical contexts. The research discusses how AI is transforming religious practices and decision-making processes, emphasizing the need for ethical frameworks that align with spiritual values.

**Body of Knowledge:** This issue of JEIM significantly contributes to the growing discourse on interdisciplinary research by bridging the gap between traditional knowledge systems and modern technological advancements. The study on public policy and Buddhist philosophy provides valuable insights into the ethical dimensions of social welfare programs, while the research on innovative pedagogies highlights the potential of digital media in arts education. The analysis of Buddhist ethics in political thought underscores the relevance of traditional governance principles in contemporary political frameworks. Additionally, the exploration of sustainable community development through Buddhist-based public administration emphasizes the role of ethical governance in achieving long-term social

progress. Finally, the discussion on AI and religion sheds light on the ethical implications of emerging technologies and their influence on spiritual and moral decision-making.

The **originality** of this issue (Vol. 2 No. 2, March-April 2025) lies in its integration of traditional philosophical frameworks with modern innovations to propose holistic and sustainable solutions to contemporary challenges. These studies collectively underscore the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in advancing knowledge and developing practical applications across various fields.

As we continue to explore these vital topics, we encourage scholars, educators, and policymakers to contribute to the ongoing discourse on interdisciplinary methodologies. By fostering collaboration between different disciplines, we can develop more inclusive, ethical, and sustainable approaches to addressing global challenges.

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