

## Editorial

### Toward a Reflective and Ethical Future: Interdisciplinary Dialogues in Consciousness, Governance, and Cultural Identity

The third issue of Volume 2 (May–June 2025) of the Journal of Exploration in Interdisciplinary Methodologies (JEIM) continues our commitment to bridging disciplines, cultures, and ideologies in addressing complex global challenges. In this issue, our authors explore philosophical reflections on artificial intelligence, the integration of indigenous and scientific knowledge, Buddhist philosophy's role in psychological well-being, and ethical policymaking in the digital age. Together, these studies encourage a rethinking of conventional boundaries in favor of holistic frameworks that enhance individual, societal, and planetary well-being.

Next, *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Cultural Conservation: A Model for Sustainable Social Development*, by [Wichian Sanmee](#), presents a framework for preserving cultural heritage through community-based models and digital documentation. The article integrates environmental science, anthropology, and economics to propose inclusive strategies that promote cultural resilience amid globalization and climate change.

In *Artificial Intelligence and Human Consciousness: Philosophical and Religious Perspectives*, [Suraphon Promkun](#) investigates the intersections of AI, consciousness, and ethics. This timely study draws on Buddhist, Christian, and secular philosophical traditions to interrogate the spiritual and moral questions raised by intelligent machines. The paper challenges readers to consider not only the technical advancement of AI but its implications for selfhood, agency, and moral responsibility.

In *Integrating Buddhist Philosophy with Modern Psychology: An Interdisciplinary Perspective*, [Jaras Leeka](#) examines the convergence between ancient Buddhist wisdom and contemporary psychological practices. Through concepts like mindfulness, interdependence, and non-self, the study reveals pathways toward enhanced emotional regulation and mental well-being. The paper advocates for a balanced synthesis of Eastern contemplative traditions and Western clinical methodologies.

The fourth article, *Governance, Ethics, and Policymaking: The Role of Interdisciplinary Research in Addressing Contemporary Political Challenges*, by [Taksin Prachamon](#), emphasizes the need for ethical and evidence-based governance. Drawing from political science, environmental studies, and legal theory, the author presents models of democratic policymaking that prioritize transparency, sustainability, and public trust.

Finally, *Integrating Local Wisdom and Modern Education: A Holistic Approach to Curriculum Development*, by [Phitsanu Homsombat](#), advocates for curriculum models that combine traditional knowledge with contemporary pedagogy. The research illustrates how cultural identity, ethical values, and community participation enrich student learning and offer contextually relevant educational solutions in diverse settings.

#### Originality & Body of Knowledge

The originality of this issue (Vol. 2 No. 3, May–June 2025) lies in its interdisciplinary approach to ethical inquiry, educational innovation, and philosophical depth. Suraphon



Promkun's work contributes to philosophical debates around consciousness and AI, while Wichian Sanmee advances sustainable models for cultural preservation. Jaras Leeka bridges Buddhist thought and psychology to offer a transformative vision of mental health. Taksin Prachamon's policy analysis reveals the ethical stakes of governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Phitsanu Homsombat brings attention to the role of local wisdom in educational reform.

Collectively, these articles advocate for a research ethos that is not only rigorous and evidence-based but also ethically grounded and socially engaged. By encouraging collaboration across fields and between traditional and modern systems of thought, JEIM continues to foster intellectual ecosystems where innovation and wisdom coalesce.

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