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Prof. Okuda completed his PhD in philosophy and ethics from Kyoto University. He was once a visiting scholar at the University of Oxford. His research focuses on theoretical, normative and practical ethics based on philosophical thoughts of the 18th century Scottish Philosopher, David Hume. He has published numerous books, book chapters and articles for journals on various topics, including methodology of ethics, theoretical status of passions in moral philosophy, and several themes in applied ethics, such as problems of smoking, waste management, family and whistleblowing etc. In the Institute for Social Ethics, he acts as project supervisor

on all research projects and as chief editor of journal and bulletin. His current research projects include "the possibility of ethics", "economic and business ethics", "bioethics-related issues", "science, technology and ethics". Joined by young scholars from around Japan, Prof. Okuda and the Institute has organized this research project, focusing on exploring the values of every human actions in each circumstance of human life both as individuals and community (society). Recently the institute works on the umbrella research theme, "Resilience and Subsidiarity Principle," then he leads serendipitous collaboration between diverse research projects.