

Maria Guajardo, Ph.D.

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Tokyo, Japan

Deputy Vice-President

2016 - Present

Dean, Faculty of International Liberal Arts

2013 – 2016

Professor, Faculty of International Liberal Arts

2013 - present

Dr. Guajardo was promoted to **Deputy Vice-President** of Soka University, in 2016, to further the globalization goals of the ten-year grant awarded to Soka University by the Ministry of Education, the Top Global University Project; responsibilities include international strategic planning, international student recruitment, international graduate school preparation, and leadership development.

She served as the founding **Dean for the Faculty of International Liberal Arts** at Soka University, a private liberal arts university with 8,000 students, founded in 1971.

- First female and first non-Japanese Dean at Soka University, 2013.
- Launched the Faculty of International Liberal Arts (FILA), delivered in English;
- Launched the **Women's Leadership Initiative** at Soka University, the first of its kind in Japan; supports leadership development for female faculty members, staff and students.

Courses taught: Leadership Seminar I, II, III, and Capstone; Democracy and Dialogue; Global Leadership; Humanistic Education; Non-profit Management, and Student Leadership.

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National Speaker and Trainer

2012 - present

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Education

A.B. Harvard University, Cum Laude, Psychology & Social Relations, 1982, Cambridge, MA

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