## **Early Career Researchers – Opportunity to form research connections with Japanese partners**

The [RENKEI](https://www.britishcouncil.jp/en/programmes/higher-education/university-industry-partnership/renkei) network will be holding workshops in the northeast from 6-9 May 2025.  Places are limited, but we hope to support ECRs from a range of schools and disciplines to participate across the themes of the week. Please read the attached Call for Participants for further details of the events.

Tuesday 6 May will include a networking lunch in Newcastle, in addition to sessions for all those taking part in workshops in Durham on 7-9 May. Those who cannot be included for participation in the workshops will be invited to this lunch.

If you are interested in participating in the workshops to form research connections and collaborative partnerships with peers from Japanese HEIs, please complete this form and return to Nicola Brooks ([Nicola.Brooks@newcastle.ac.uk](mailto:Nicola.Brooks@newcastle.ac.uk)) by 3pm on Monday 24 February. Nominees will be notified by 5pm on Friday 7 March. Please note, forms can be sent by a senior researcher who is nominating ECRs, or with their approval, sent directly from the ECR with the nominating senior researcher named.

Travel costs from central Newcastle will be reimbursed after the event. If you are a Newcastle University researcher based outside Newcastle and wish to join the workshops but would require additional travel expenses, please contact [nicola.brooks@ncl.ac.uk](mailto:nicola.brooks@ncl.ac.uk) to discuss.

Name:

Role:

School:

Name of nominating senior researcher:

Do you consider yourself an early careers researcher (usually defined as under 8 years of research experience)? Yes/No

Can you commit to participating from 10:00 on Tuesday 7 May until at least 12:30 (ideally 16:30) on Friday 9 May? Yes/No

Which workshop themes would you most want to participate in. Please rank your top three.

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| **Ranking** | **Theme** |
|  | Just Transitions in urban environments |
|  | Just Transitions within industries and sectors |
|  | Just Transitions and policy impacts |
|  | Climate Justice: Unequal access to clean and affordable energy and green finance. |
|  | Managing Just Transitions to address public health inequalities relative to climate change injustices. |

Please share brief details of the extent to which you would be able to participate in the selected workshop themes, with reference to the call for participants, and what you hope to gain from participation (up to approx. 350 words).