

Workshop Purpose: To bring together interdisciplinary researchers interested in developing and proactively taking forward Japan-UK research collaborations in “climate change” and its subthemes:

- Low carbon societies and green infrastructure
- Future risks and adaptation in floods and water shortage
- Future risks and adaptation in food production and security
- Managing future risks and building resilience in urban areas
- Future risks and adaptation in ecosystems
- Future risks and adaptation in human health.

Workshop Overview and Outcomes: Following on from the great success of the first “climate change” workshop (held in Tokyo in 2018 and which focussed on developing a shared understanding of the research funding landscape, policy and industrial context in Japan and the UK) this workshop will focus on the next steps in terms of transitioning from networking towards research-related outcomes:

- Increased Japan-UK research collaborations including joint research projects/ideas
- Increased joint research publications
- Education activities between the RENKEI members.

Background: RENKEI (Research and Education Network for Knowledge Economy Initiatives) is a partnership of 6 Japan and 6 UK research intensive universities, with the British Council acting as its secretariat. The member universities aim at strengthening the knowledge exchange and research collaboration between Japan and the UK. RENKEI provides a unique opportunity to bring together researchers from leading universities in Japan and the UK to tackle key global challenges. RENKEI members have selected “climate change” and “health” as two priority areas for creating new joint research between members. These two themes were identified as key strategic areas of science and technology collaborations between Japan and the UK when the prime ministers of both countries met in September 2017.

Workshop Documents:

- **Annex 1:** Draft programme
- **Annex 2:** Participant profile form (to be filled in by individual participants and submitted by each RENKEI coordinator)
- **Annex 3:** Participant form (to be collated and submitted by each RENKEI coordinator)
- **Annex 4:** Consent form

Workshop preparation activity:

- **ACTION 1 (deadline 22 Jul 2019)** British Council RENKEI secretariat to disseminate the call for participants to RENKEI Steering Group.
- **ACTION 2** RENKEI Steering Group and coordinators to promote the call for participants within their institutions for submission of 4 nominated researchers (1 senior academic, 1 mid-career, 1 post-doc, 1 PhD) while taking the following into consideration:
 - ✓ At least 1 nominated researcher should be from social sciences and the humanities (related to “climate change”)
 - ✓ At least 1 nominated researcher should be female
 - ✓ Up to 1 nominated researcher can be Early Career Researcher/PhD
 - ✓ Nominated researchers are expected to have interest/expertise in either of the subthemes listed above.

- **ACTION 3 (deadline 04 Sep 2019)** RENKEI coordinator from each institution should submit their nominations of up to 4 researchers to renkei@britishcouncil.or.jp
- **ACTION 4 (deadline 31 Oct 2019)** Poster submissions (details to be informed)
- **ACTION 5 (deadline 30 Nov 2019)** Presentation submissions (details to be informed)
- **NB Grant for Early Career Researchers from Japan:** The RENKEI secretariat will award £1,000 each to two Early Career Researchers (post-doc and PhD) participating in the workshop from each Japanese university.
- **NB 10,000 GBP** (5,000 GBP each, for two projects) is planned be provided as **seed funding** for successful project teams developed as a result of the workshop
- **NB** RENKEI Steering Committee members are welcome to attend the workshop in its entirety and they **will be required to attend Day 3** (see Annex 1 Workshop Programme).

Workshop Leads: the workshop has been co-developed by the members of RENKEI “climate change” organising committee:

Yasuto Tachikawa	Professor, Department of Civil and Earth Resources Engineering	Kyoto University
Nobuya Mizoue	Professor of Forest Sciences, Department of Agro-environmental Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture	Kyushu University
Daisuke Komori	Associate Professor, Department: Graduate School of Engineering	Tohoku University
Jon Turner	Director, Institute for Academic Development	University of Edinburgh
Jouni Paavola	Professor of Environmental Social Science at the School of Earth and Environment; Director of the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded Centre for Climate Change Economics and Policy (CCCEP)	University of Leeds
Phil James	Director National Urban Observatory Facility Newcastle, Senior Lecturer in Engineering, School of Engineering	Newcastle University
Andy Cundy	Professor, Director of Internationalisation / Research Director, GAU-Radioanalytical School of Ocean and Earth Science National Oceanography Centre (Southampton)	University of Southampton
The workshop is supported by the British Council, which acts as a secretariat of RENKEI.		

Language: Participants are required to be able to communicate in English language.

Travel arrangement

- Arrival by air: Newcastle International Airport: <https://www.newcastleairport.com/>
- Arrival by train: London North Eastern Railway from London Kings Cross to Newcastle (upon Tyne) Central station: <https://www.lner.co.uk/>
- Participants will be responsible for arranging their travel to and from Newcastle and between hotels and the event venue.
- Participants will also be responsible for booking accommodation in Newcastle upon Tyne (see “Accommodation in Newcastle upon Tyne” below).

- **Accommodation in Newcastle will be very busy in the week of 2 December as this will be the graduation week. It is strongly advised that accommodation will be booked sooner rather than later.**

UK entry requirements

Japanese passport holders can visit the UK up to six months without applying for visa before travelling to Japan.

If you are a non-Japanese national, please check the website of the British Embassy in your country of origin to check whether or not you need to apply for a visa in advance. If you require a supporting letter in order to apply for a visa, please email the British Council at renkei@britishcouncil.or.jp by Friday 25 October 2019.

Accommodation in Newcastle upon Tyne

We provided below a list of hotels which are located within easy walking distance from the workshop venue.

Sandman Signature

Address: Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4SD

Website: <https://www.sandmansignature.co.uk/hotels/signature-newcastle-znci>

Distance from the venue for the workshop venue: 2 minutes

Jurys Inn Newcastle

Address: Scotswood Road, Newcastle, NE1 4AD

Website: <https://www.jurysinns.com/hotels/newcastle/newcastle>

Distance from the venue for the workshop venue: 10 minutes

Crowne Plaza Newcastle

Address: Hawthorn Square, Forth Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne | NE1 3SA

Website: <https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/gb/en/newcastle-upon-tyne/nclsq/hotel/detail>

Distance from the venue for the workshop venue: 10 minutes

Hampton by Hilton Newcastle

Address: Baron House Neville Street, Newcastle, NE1 5EN

Website: <https://hamptoninn3.hilton.com/en/hotels/united-kingdom/hampton-by-hilton-newcastle-NCLHXHX/index.html>

Distance from the venue for the workshop venue: 5 minutes

Meals

Following meals will be arranged during the meeting and events.

Monday 2 December:

- Lunch will be provided for participants, covered by RENKEI.
- Dinner will be arranged for organisers and participating researchers, covered by RENKEI.

Tuesday 3 December:

- Lunch will be provided for participants, covered by RENKEI.

Wednesday 4 December:

- Lunch will be provided for participants, covered by RENKEI.