

# Call for Application

## **The 18th Next-Generation Global Workshop: Visual Media in a Post-Growth Era**

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***Organizer: Kyoto University Asian Studies Unit (KUASU)***

***Date: 26th, 27th and 28th of September, 2025***

***Venue: Graduate School of Letters, Kyoto University, Japan***

The Next-Generation Global Workshop (NGGW) has been organized annually since 2008 by Kyoto University in collaboration with European and Asian partner universities to give early career researchers the opportunity to present their research in English and receive feedback from an international audience. The workshop has proven to be an effective capacity-building opportunity as it is mentored by professors from participating universities around the world. It also provides an invaluable opportunity for participants to learn from each other and deepen their understanding of various social phenomena in the world, particularly in Asia. Ultimately, the NGGW has created a forum for scholars of different generations and regions to establish a common academic ground.

This year the workshop focuses on the potential of visual media in a post-growth era, in which growing concern has shown on the sustainability issue regarding population, environment and social connectedness. In addition to a keynote speech and a film screening attraction, the workshop will focus on presentations by around twenty advanced MA and PhD students. The workshop will accept applications with a wide range of topics, so as to offer more opportunities for attendance.

We, therefore, invite original research papers, case studies, ethnographic writings and policy analyses addressing diverse dimensions from media studies and all other fields of the humanities and social sciences. Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

1. What is post-growth?
2. Conviviality and the role of the media
3. Media and environmental issues
4. Rethinking the myth of growth
5. Re-examination of "Generation Z"
6. Images embodying "alternatives"
7. Simplified (kansona) media
8. Media and everyday life in a changing society

9. Transnational migration and usage of digital media
10. Reevaluating media for the affluence of social relationship
11. Intersectionality and the politics of visual media
12. Media histories and its evolution
13. How to restore commoning/commons
14. Thinking about "sharing"
15. De-premising growth for humanity and social science
16. Entrepreneurship and social contribution for young people
17. Population, environment and/or energy sustainability in a post-growth era
18. Restructuring care network for social resilience

Please note that in the interest of ensuring opportunities for early career researchers to participate, we will accept as vast a range of topics as possible. We look forward to receiving your applications.

#### **Application Form**

<https://formok.com/f/q2b44ady>

#### **Eligibility for Application**

Master's students and Ph.D. students. The Organizing Committee will screen the applications based on candidates' qualifications and abstracts.

#### **Submission Guidelines**

- Applicants are requested to submit an abstract of their paper by the 1st of June (JST) via application form.
- Abstracts must be concise, about 500 words, and include the title, author(s), affiliation, and contact information. (See the application form)
- Each submission will undergo a blind selection process. Result of the selection will be notified by the middle of June

#### **Travel Support**

The organizer plans to provide travel grants for a limited number of participants. Please state your intention whether to attend the screening for the travel grant by the application form. The selection of the travel grant receiver will be based on your abstract submitted.

#### **Revised Paper submission and Publication**

After the workshop taken place, participant may modify the paper according to the advices received from the advisors and submit the revised version. The revised papers submitted will be

published on the Kyoto University Research Information Repository (KURENAI). Outstanding papers may also have a chance to publish on other Journals.

### Important Dates

- Abstract submission deadline: 1st of June, 2025
- Notification of abstract acceptance and selection result: middle of June, 2025
- Conference dates: 26th, 27th and 28th of September, 2025
- Revised full paper submission deadline: end of November, 2025
- Publication of the revised paper on KURENAI: around March, 2026

### Program

(As of April 2025, subject to change.)

#### Friday, September 26

13:00 - 13:15	Registration
13:15 - 13:30	Welcome, addresses
13:30 - 15:00	Keynote Speech: Prof. Shih-che Tang Department of Communication, National Chung Cheng University
15:00 - 15:15	Break
15:15 - 16:45	Sessions 1: Graduate Student Presentations
16:45 - 17:00	Break
17:00 - 18:30	Sessions 2: Graduate Student Presentations
18:30 - 20:00	Networking and Reception

#### Saturday, September 27

10:00 - 10:30	Registration
10:30 - 12:00	Sessions 3: Graduate Student Presentations
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Sessions 4: Graduate Student Presentations
15:00 - 15:30	Break
15:30 - 18:30	Attraction: TBD

#### Sunday, September 28

10:00 - 10:30	Registration
10:30 - 12:00	Sessions 5: Graduate Student Presentations
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 15:00	Sessions 6: Graduate Student Presentations
15:00 - 16:00	Closing Remarks

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