



Call for Papers for the Eighth Annual Conference of the Japan Economy Network

Japan Center for Economic Research, Tokyo, 27-28 August 2026

The Japan Economy Network (JEN) and the Japan Center for Economic Research with support from Hitotsubashi University and the German Institute for Japanese Studies invite submissions of papers and extended abstracts for the Eighth Annual JEN Conference. Submissions are encouraged in all areas relating to the Japanese economy, including, among others, monetary and fiscal policy; exchange rate policy; developments in Japanese banking and finance; perspectives on potential output; economics of environmental change and sustainability; demographic change; womenomics; inequality; labour markets; education; digital transformation; and economic history. Papers adopting a comparative perspective are welcome. Female and young scholars are particularly encouraged to submit their work.

Submission deadline is 30 April 2026. Please send your submissions to the following email address: JEN2026Tokyo@gmail.com. The outcome of the selection process will be announced by 15 May 2026. Later submissions will be considered.

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Coffee breaks, lunches and a dinner will be provided. Costs for travel, accommodation and subsistence will have to be covered by participants themselves. There is no conference fee.

About the Japan Economy Network: The JEN was established in 2015 to promote research on the Japanese economy and facilitate exchange between researchers with an active research interest in the Japanese economy. The JEN is an informal network open to researchers from academia, think tanks, international organisations, central banks, governments, NGOs and the private sector. Previous JEN conferences were hosted by the Japanese-German Center Berlin; the Asian Development Bank Institute; the University of Zurich; the Bank of Japan; Columbia Business School; Hitotsubashi University; and SOAS, University of London. The JEN is hosted by the Department of Economics of SOAS, University of London. For further information on the JEN or to become a member, please visit: <https://www.soas.ac.uk/jen/>

About the Japan Center for Economic Research (JCER): The JCER is a nonprofit private research institute established in 1963. Under the rapidly globalizing economic environment, JCER has conducted macroeconomic forecasts from an advanced and long-term perspective as well as researches and studies in various fields: economy, finance, industry, and management. We have been also actively providing policy proposals to both domestic and global issues. JCER is widely connected in academia, government, and industry. About 340 leading companies, organizations and universities mainly in Japan are supporting JCER activities as our members. We are also expanding our global partnership through collaborative researches, seminars and cooperative activities among others. For further information on the JCER, please visit: <https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/>

About Hitotsubashi University: The University was founded in 1875 as the first business school in Japan, with the mission of nurturing the “captains of industry” essential for the nation’s rapid modernisation and development. Over the years, it has gradually expanded the scope of its research and teaching to cover all fields of the social sciences, and today enjoys a well-deserved reputation as one of the top research universities in Japan. In 2019, it was accredited as one of the few outstanding Designated National Universities – the only one specialising in the social sciences. For further information on Hitotsubashi University, please visit: <https://www.hit-u.ac.jp/eng/>

About the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ): The DIJ is a German research institute founded in Tokyo in 1988. It researches the society, economy, politics, culture, and international relations of modern Japan from a multidisciplinary perspective. Located in Tokyo and rooted in the German academic system, the DIJ enjoys high recognition in social science and humanities research on Japan beyond the host country and Germany. Since 2002, the DIJ has been part of the Max Weber Foundation – German Humanities Institutes Abroad. For further information on the DIJ, please visit: <https://www.dijtokyo.org/>

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