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Research Interests

General interests. *Political behavior, Japanese politics, American politics, political methodology*

Substantive interests. *Low-information voting logic, political knowledge, cognitive heuristics, voter competence, motivated reasoning, social identity, media priming/framing, comparative behavior*

Methodological interests. *Formal modeling, EITM, machine learning, agent-based simulations, experiments, Bayesian statistics, measurements/scaling*

Positions

Yale University, *New Haven, CT*   Aug. 2021-May 2022 (Expected)

      Post-doctoral Associate, The Council on East Asian Studies

Nazarbayev University, *Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan*   Aug. 2020-

      Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Davis, *Davis, CA*   2020

    Dissertation: *The Logic and Social Consequences of Context-based Uninformed Voting*

    Advisers: *Robert Huckfeldt, Ph.D., Cheryl Boudreau, Ph.D., Ryan Hübert, Ph.D.*

M.A. in Political Science, Waseda University, *Tokyo, Japan*   2015

    Master's Thesis: *Participate with Uncertainty? What "Don't Know" Responses and a Response Time Reveal About Political Awareness and Political Participation*

    Advisers: *Aiji Tanaka, Ph.D., Airo Hino, Ph.D.*

B.A. in Politics, International Christian University, *Tokyo, Japan*   2012

Study abroad program, Middlebury College, *Middlebury, VT*   2010-11

Summer Program

EITM Summer Institute, *Emory University, Atlanta, GA*   Jul. 2019

Institute for Political Methodology, *Acadmia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan*   Jul. 2015

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, *Ann Arbor, MI* Jun.-Jul. 2014
The Summer Institute in Political Psychology, *Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA* Jul.-Aug. 2012

Peer-reviewed Publications

Kato, Gento and Susumu Annaka (2020) "Explaining 'Twisted' Preferences Toward Monetary Easing in Japan: Experimental Evidence on the Effect of Information Environment on the Relationship Between Ideology and Policy Preferences," *Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies (Senkyo Kenkyu)* 36(2), 151-167. In Japanese.

Kato, Gento (2020) "When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability," *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 32(3), 366-388.

Kohno, Masaru, Gabriella R. Montinola, Matthew S. Winters, and Gento Kato (2020) "Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions," *Political Research Quarterly*.

Collet, Christian and Gento Kato (2014) "Does NHK Make You Smarter (and *Super News* Make You "Softer")? An Examination of Japanese Political Knowledge and the Potential Influence of TV News," *Japanese Journal of Political Science* 15(1), 23-50.

Selected Working Papers

(Single Authored)

Independents and Social Network Environments (In Japanese) Apr. 2021
Forthcoming as a Chapter in Aiji Tanaka ed. Mutohaso no Kenkyu (Study of Independents in Japan).
Local Bandwagoning and National Balancing:
How Uninformed Voters Respond to the Partisan Environment Sep. 2019
Explaining Uninformed Participation in Referendum Voting Apr. 2017
International News Coverage and Perception of Foreign States in Japan Nov. 2017
Alternative Measurements of Political Knowledge and Uncertainty Mar. 2015

(Co-authored)

Universalist Social Benefit and Reverse Taxation as Determinants of Welfare State Attitude Jun. 2021
Assessment through Survey Experiment (In Japanese)
Revise and Resubmit from The Annals of Japanese Political Science Association (Nenpo Seijigaku).
With Susumu Annaka and Junpei Suzuki
Can a Constitutional Monarch Influence Democratic Preferences?
The Regulation of Public Expression in Japan Apr. 2021
Under review. With Susumu Annaka

In Japan, University Education Does Not Increase Support for Immigrant Integration   Feb. 2021
<u>Under review</u>. With Fan Lu

Towards a General Methodology of Bridging Ideological Spaces   Aug. 2020
<u>Under review</u>. With Tzu-Ping Liu and Samuel Fuller

Socioeconomic Inequality and COVID-19 Prevalence
Across Municipalities in Catalonia, Spain   May 2020
With Ryohei Mogi and Susumu Annnaka

Territorial Threat, Motivated Reasoning, and Twitter Network   Aug. 2017
With Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki

Honors & Awards

Merk Prospectus Award, *Department of Political Science, UC Davis ($4,000)*   2019
Provost's Dissertation Year Fellowship, *Graduate Studies, UC Davis ($43,200)*   2019-20
Dissertation Improvement Award, *Department of Political Science, UC Davis ($2,500)*   2019
Summer Collaborative Award, *Department of Political Science, UC Davis ($5,000)*   Summer 2018
With Professor Adrienne Hosek
Travel Award, *Department of Political Science, UC Davis ($500)*   Spring and Fall 2017, 2019
Graduate Scholarship for Degree Seeking Students, *Japan Student Services Organization*   2015-20
Ijima Award, *Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University*   2015
The Best Master Thesis Award, *Graduate School of Political Science, Waseda University*   2015
Azusa Ono Memorial Award, *Waseda University*   2015
Okuma Memorial Scholarship, *Waseda University*   2014
125th Anniversary Scholarship, *Waseda University*   2013

Conference and Workshop Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting   2014, 2017, 2019-21*
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference   2014, 2017, 2019
PolMeth (The Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting)   2020
Japanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting   2019
Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Annual Conference   2015, 2021*
Japan Association of Political Economy Annual Conference   2014, 2015
Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference   2013, 2014
Japanese Politics Online Seminar Series   Oct. 2020
PSIR Faculty Lecture Series, *Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan*   Sep. 2020
Toronto Political Behaviour Workshop   Nov. 2019
Political Science Research Workshop, *UC Davis, Davis, CA*   Oct. 2019

Conference Public Opinion and Foreign Aid, Geneva, Switzerland   Feb. 2019

International Metropolis Conference, Sydney, Australia   Oct. 2018

Migration Research Cluster Workshop, UC Davis, Davis, CA   Nov. 2017

GSDS Symposium Konstanz: Exploring Ignorance -- The Acquisition,

Selection and Processing of Information, University of Konstanz, Konstanz, Germany   May 2016

International Workshop: New Developments in Political Communication Research,   Jun. 2015

Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

*Proposal accepted.

Research Assistance

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis   2019

Research assistant for Professors Lauren Peritz and Adrienne Hosek

EGAP Metaketa Initiative   2019-20

Member of third-party experiment replication team

Institute of Applied Social Psychology + connect, *Osaka, Japan*   2012-13, 2016

Assistant researcher

Waseda Institute of Advanced Study, *Tokyo, Japan*   2014-15

Research assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno

Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University, *Tokyo, Japan*   2012

Research assistant for Professor Christian Collet

Teaching

(Graduate Level, Instructor)

PLS516: Experimental Political Science, *Nazarbayev University*   Spring 2021

PLS515: Maximum Likelihood Models, *Nazarbayev University*   Fall 2020

(Undergraduate Level, Instructor)

PLS416: Experimental Political Science, *Nazarbayev University*   Spring 2021

PLS211: Quantitative Methods, *Nazarbayev University*   Spring 2021

PLS415: Maximum Likelihood Models, *Nazarbayev University*   Fall 2020

PLS312: Public Opinion and Elections, *Nazarbayev University*   Fall 2020

POL051: Scientific Study of Politics, *UC Davis*   Spring 2018

(Graduate Level, Teaching Assistant)

POL213: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science II, *UC Davis*   Spring 2019

POL212: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science, *UC Davis*   Winter 2019
POL211: Research Methods in Political Science, *UC Davis*   Fall 2018
Empirical Methodology Summer Seminar, *Waseda University*   Summer 2014

(Undergraduate Level, Teaching Assistant)

POL051: Scientific Study of Politics, *UC Davis*   , Winter 2017 Fall 2018
POL155: Judicial Process and Behavior, *UC Davis*   Spring 2017, Winter 2018
POL100: Local Government and Politics, *UC Davis*   Fall 2016
POL148B: Government and Politics in East Asia: Japan, *UC Davis*   Spring 2016
POL142C: Comparative Political Development: Democracy, *UC Davis*   Winter 2016
Undergraduate Research Seminar, *Waseda University*   2014-15
POL101: Introduction to Political Methodology, *International Christian University*   Spring 2012

(Other)

Online (Japanese) Academic Writing Course, *Waseda University*   2013-15
Academic writing adviser

Professional Activities

Member, American Political Science Association   2014-
Member, Midwest Political Science Association   2014-
Member, Japanese Political Science Association   2019-
Member, Japanese Association of Electoral Studies   2014-

Professional Services

Member, Master Program Admission Committee, *Nazarbayev University*   2020-21
Master Thesis Committee Member for:

    Ali Mukhambet (Nazarbayev University), Kamila Matzhanova (Nazarbayev University),

    Aigerim Aibassova (Nazarbayev University) and Aisulu Makhtayeva (Nazarbayev University)

Served as a Reviewer for:

    Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, and Journal of Regional Studies

Other Services

Assistant Coordinator, *Political Science Research Workshop, UC Davis*   2019-20
Discussant, *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*   2019
Mentor, *First Friends Program, UC Davis*   2016-17

Skills

Computing*. R, Stata, SPSS, Python (including oTree) and LaTex*
Languages*. Japanese (native) and English (highly proficient)*