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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, identity politics and gender, media priming/framing, comparative behavior

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

POSITIONS

Meiji University, Tokyo, Japan Sep. 2020-
Senior Assistant Professor, School of Political Science and Economics

Nazarbayev University, Astana, Kazakhstan Aug. 2020-Jun. 2023
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations

Yale University, New Haven, CT Sep. 2021-May 2022
Postdoctoral Associate and Lecturer, Council on East Asian Studies

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA Jun. 2020
Dissertation: *How Uninformed Voters Respond to Electoral Environment and Why It Matters: The Contextual Logic and Consequences of Low-Information Voting*
Advisers: Robert Huckfeldt, Ph.D., Cheryl Boudreau, Ph.D., Ryan Hübert, Ph.D.

M.A. in Political Science, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan Mar. 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 Mar. 2012

Study abroad program, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT Aug. 2010-May 2011

SUMMER PROGRAM

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

Institute for Political Methodology, Academia 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 Fan Lu (Forthcoming) "The Relationship between University Education and Pro-Immigrant Attitudes Varies by Generation: Insights from Japan," *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*.
- Annaka, Susumu, Junpei Suzuki, and **Gento Kato** (2022) "Universalist Social Benefit and Regressive Taxation as Determinants of Welfare State Support: Survey Experiment on Consumption Tax Hike in Japan," *The Annals of Japanese Political Science Association (Nenpo Seijigaku) 2022-I*, 212-235. (In Japanese) (安中進・鈴木淳平・加藤言人 (2022) 「福祉国家に対する態度決定要因としての普遍的社会保障と逆進課税：消費増税に関するサーヴェイ実験」, 『年報政治学』 2022-I, 212-235.)
- Annaka, Susumu, and **Gento Kato** (2022) "Can a Constitutional Monarch Influence Democratic Preferences? Japanese Emperor and the Regulation of Public Expression," *Social Science Quarterly 103(3)*, 699-708 (Joint First Author).
- 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) (加藤言人・安中進 (2020) 「日本における「ねじれ」た金融緩和選好を説明する：イデオロギーと政策選好の関係に情報環境が与える影響の実験的検証」, 『選挙研究』 36(2), 151-167.)
- 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** (2021) "Donor Competition and Public Support for Foreign Aid Sanctions," *Political Research Quarterly 74(1)*, 212-227. (Published online first February 17, 2020)
- 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.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Endo, Masahisa and **Gento Kato** (2022) "Social Values and Mask-wearing Behaviour During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Japan," In Noriko Suzuki, Xavier Mellet, Susumu Annaka and Masahisa Endo eds. *Public Behavioural Responses to Policy Making during the Pandemic: Comparative Perspectives on Mask Wearing Policies*, Routledge.
- Kato, Gento** (Forthcoming) "Mutohaso to Sosharu Nettowaku Kankyo [Independents and Social Network Environments]," In Aiji Tanaka, Masahisa Endo, Norihiro Mimura, and Arata Yamazaki eds. *Mutohaso no Kenkyu [Study of Independents in Japan] (tentative title)*, Tokyo: Yuhikaku. (In Japanese) (加藤言人 (近刊予定), 「無党派層とソーシャルネットワーク環境」, 田中愛治 (監) 遠藤晶久・三村憲弘・山崎新 (編) 『無党派の研究』 有斐閣.)

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

(Single Authored)

Local Bandwagoning and National Balancing:

<i>How Uninformed Voters Respond to the Partisan Environment</i>	Sep. 2019
<i>Explaining Uninformed Participation in Referendum Voting</i>	Apr. 2017
<i>International News Coverage and Perception of Foreign States in Japan</i>	Nov. 2017
<i>Alternative Measurements of Political Knowledge and Uncertainty</i>	Mar. 2015

(Co-authored)

Preference-expectation Gap in Support for Female Candidates: Evidence from Japan <i>Joint first author with Fan Lu and Masahisa Endo.</i>	Jul. 2022
Credibility of Government Statistics and Mass Reactions in Autocracies <i>Under review. Corresponding author with Susumu Annaka and Masaaki Higashijima.</i>	Sep. 2022
A Formal Model of Shared Identity Appeals <i>Under review. First author with Fan Lu.</i>	Sep. 2022
Reexamining the Effect of Democratization on Respect for Human Rights in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1978-2008 <i>Under review. Joint first author with Bimal Adhikari and Jeffrey King.</i>	Aug. 2022
Public reactions toward government-sponsored COVID-19 information in Japan <i>First author with Susumu Annaka and Masahisa Endo.</i>	Jan. 2022
Towards a General Methodology of Bridging Ideological Spaces <i>With Tzu-Ping Liu and Samuel Fuller.</i>	Aug. 2020
Socioeconomic Inequality and COVID-19 Prevalence Across Municipalities in Catalonia, Spain <i>With Ryohei Mogi and Susumu Annaka.</i>	May 2020
Territorial Threat, Motivated Reasoning, and Twitter Network <i>First author with Takanori Fujiwara, Christian Collet, Tetsuro Kobayashi, and Takafumi Suzuki.</i>	Aug. 2017

HONORS & AWARDS

Social Policy Grant , Nazarbayev University (\$10,000)	2022-23
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) <i>With Professor Adrienne Hosek.</i>	Summer 2018
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, 2019-23
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2014, 2017, 2019, 2022
PolMeth (The Society for Political Methodology Annual Summer Meeting)	2020
Japanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2019, 2023
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

International Studies Association Asia-Pacific Region Conference	2023
Asian Politics Online Seminar Series	Sep. 2021
New Data for the New Challenges of Population and Society, <i>University of Padua, Padua, Italy</i>	Sep. 2021
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, <i>Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan</i>	Jun. 2015

*Proposal accepted.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA <i>Research assistant for Professors Lauren Peritz and Adrienne Hosek</i>	2019
EGAP Metaketa Initiative <i>Member of third-party experiment replication team</i>	2019-20
Institute of Applied Social Psychology + Connect, Osaka, Japan <i>Assistant researcher</i>	2012-13, 2016
Waseda Institute of Advanced Study, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan <i>Research assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno</i>	2014-15
Social Science Research Institute, International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan <i>Research assistant for Professor Christian Collet</i>	2012

TEACHING

PLS434/534: Text Analysis and Political Communication in the Information Age, <i>Nazarbayev University</i>	Spring 2023 [†]
PLS140: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Nazarbayev University	Fall 2022
PLSC162/678: Japan and the World, Yale University <i>Co-teaching with Professor Frances Rosenbluth</i>	Fall 2021 [†]
PLS416/516: Experimental Political Science, Nazarbayev University	Spring 2021 [†]
PLS211: Quantitative Methods, Nazarbayev University	Spring 2021
PLS415/515: Maximum Likelihood Models, Nazarbayev University	Fall 2020/2022 [†]
PLS312: Public Opinion and Elections, Nazarbayev University	Fall 2020/Spring 2023
POL 051: Scientific Study of Politics, UC Davis	Spring 2018

[†]Courses that are open to both undergraduate and graduate students.

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-
Master Thesis Committee Member for: <i>Ali Mukhambet (Nazarbayev University), Kamila Matzhanova (Nazarbayev University), Aigerim Aibassova (Nazarbayev University), Aisulu Makhtayeva (Nazarbayev University), and Temirlan Zhumadilov (Nazarbayev University)</i>	2020-
Journal Reviewer <i>American Journal of Political Science, The Journal of Politics, Political Analysis, International Journal of Public Opinion Research, Comparative Political Studies, Journal of Asian and African Studies, Communist and Post-Communist Studies, Journal of Regional Research, and Ajia Keizai (アジア経済)</i>	2020-
Discussant <i>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	2019-

OTHER SERVICES

Associate Researcher, Waseda Institute of Political Economy, Waseda University	2021-
Mentor, Japanese Club, Nazarbayev University	2022-23
Assistant Coordinator, Political Science Research Workshop, UC Davis	2019-20
Mentor, First Friends Program, UC Davis	2016-17

SKILLS

Computing: <i>R, Stata, SPSS, Python (including oTree) and L^AT_EX</i>
Languages: <i>Japanese (native) and English (highly proficient)</i>