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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*

## Education

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

　　　　*Expected Defense:* *June 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

## Working Papers
### (Single Authored)

*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)

*Can Non-Western University Education Cultivate Support for Immigrant Integration?*
*The Case of Local Enfranchisement of Foreign Residents in Japan*                    Feb. 2020
*With Fan Lu*

*Explaining "Twisted" Preferences Toward Monetary Easing in Japan (in Japanese)*                    Dec. 2019
*Revise and Resubmit from Japanese Journal of Electoral Studies. With Susumu Annaka*

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

*Candidate Selection Process Captured through Eye- and Mouse-tracking*                    May 2016
*With Ling Liu*


## Peer-reviewed Publications

Kato, Gento (Forthcoming) "When Strategic Uninformed Abstention Improves Democratic Accountability," *Journal of Theoretical Politics*.

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.


## 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
*Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference*     2014, 2017, 2019
*Japanese Political Science Association Annual Meeting*     2019
*Japanese Association of Electoral Studies Annual Conference*     2015
*Japan Association of Political Economy Annual Conference*     2014, 2015
*Asian Network for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference*     2013, 2014
*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*


## 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)

***POL213: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science II***, *UC Davis* — Spring 2019
*Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie*

***POL212: Quantitative Analysis in Political Science***, *UC Davis* — Winter 2019
*Teaching assistant for Professor Christopher Hare*

***POL211: Research Methods in Political Science***, *UC Davis* — Fall 2018
*Teaching assistant for Professor Adrienne Hosek*

***Empirical Methodology Summer Seminar***, *Waseda University* — Summer 2014
*Teaching assistant for Professor Masaru Kohno*

### (Undergraduate Level)

***POL051: Scientific Study of Politics***, *UC Davis*
*Graduate student instructor* — Spring 2018
*Teaching assistant for Professor Benjamin Highton* — Fall 2018
*Teaching assistant for Professor Christopher Hare* — Winter 2017

***POL155: Judicial Process and Behavior***, *UC Davis* — Spring 2017, Winter 2018
*Teaching assistant for Professor Ryan Hübert*

***POL100: Local Government and Politics***, *UC Davis* — Fall 2016
*Teaching assistant for Professor Scott MacKenzie*

***POL148B: Government and Politics in East Asia: Japan***, *UC Davis* — Spring 2016
*Teaching assistant for Professor Ethan Scheiner*

***POL142C: Comparative Political Development: Democracy***, *UC Davis* — Winter 2016
*Teaching assistant for Professor Gabriella Montinola*

***Undergraduate Research Seminar***, *Waseda University* — 2014-15
*Teaching assistant for Professor Aiji Tanaka*

***POL101: Introduction to Political Methodology***, *International Christian University* — Spring 2012
*Lab assistant for Professor Christian Collet*

### (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-

## Other Professional 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

## Other Skills

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