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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

Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations Aug. 2020-

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 Hübner, 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, 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

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)

Towards a General Methodology of Bridging Ideological Spaces Aug. 2020

With Tzu-Ping Liu and Samuel Fuller

Can Non-Western University Education Cultivate Immigrant Integration?

The Case of Local Enfranchisement for Foreign Residents in Japan May 2020

Under review. With Fan Lu

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 and Susumu Annaka (Forthcoming) “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). 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.

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) With Professor Adrienne Hosek	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, 2020*
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
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 , Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan	Jun. 2015

*Proposal accepted.

Research Assistance

Department of Political Science, University of California, Davis Research assistant for Professors Lauren Peritz and Adrienne Hosek	2019
EGAP Metaketa Initiative Member of third-party experiment replication team	2019-20
Institute of Applied Social Psychology + connect , Osaka, Japan Assistant researcher	2012-13, 2016

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	
<u>Graduate student instructor</u>	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

<i>Member, American Political Science Association</i>	2014-
<i>Member, Midwest Political Science Association</i>	2014-
<i>Member, Japanese Political Science Association</i>	2019-
<i>Member, Japanese Association of Electoral Studies</i>	2014-

Other Professional Services

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

Other Skills

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