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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 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)**

***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)* 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, 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****,* 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)**

***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)*