

Genta Toya

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**AppEEL Award for the Most Promising Pre-Doctoral Researcher at Protolang, 2019**

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The Applied Evolutionary Epistemology Lab of the Center for Philosophy of Science of the University of Lisbon offers an award to the most promising pre-doctoral researcher presenting at Protolang. The award is generously sponsored by the Springer Nature Book Series Interdisciplinary Evolution Research.

The 2019 prize is a hard copy of the book *Evolution of Primate Social Cognition*, edited by Laura Desiree di Paolo, Fabio Di Vincenzo, and Francesca De Petrillo and the prize goes to Genta Toya for, together with Rie Asano and Takashi Hashimoto presenting a talk in the Theme Session on Compositionality and Syntax on Evolution of recursive combination of action representations by rewarding novel tool-making; and for together with Yasuaki Kai, Takashi Hashimoto and Antonio Benítez-Burraco, presenting a talk in the Theme Session on Trees, networks, agent and population dynamics on Modeling self-domestication and its impact on language evolution: playing with 'play'. We furthermore offer the award for his exemplar role in bridging disciplinary boundaries between philosophy of science, the life sciences, the exact and technological sciences, and the sociocultural and linguistic sciences, in research on language evolution.

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