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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Digitization, Competition Policy & Regulation, Marketing & Innovation	
EXPERIENCE	<b>Heinrich Heine University Düsseldorf</b> , Düsseldorf, Germany <i>Assistant Professor of Economics</i> <b>University of Zurich</b> , Zurich, Switzerland <i>Senior Research Associate</i> <b>ZEW</b> , Mannheim, Germany <i>Researcher</i> <i>Research Assistant</i> <b>University of Mannheim</b> , Mannheim, Germany <i>Researcher</i>	October, 2024 - present  July, 2019 - September, 2024  September, 2015 - June, 2019 July, 2011 - August, 2015  May, 2017 - August, 2017
EDUCATION	<b>University of Zurich</b> , Zurich, Switzerland PhD, Management & Economics (summa cum laude)  <b>University of Mannheim</b> , Mannheim, Germany MSc, Economics BSc, Economics	July, 2019  August, 2015 August, 2013
PUBLICATIONS	Cure, M., Hunold, M., Kesler, R., Larrieu, T., and U. Laitenberger (2022), Vertical Integration of Platforms and Product Prominence, <i>Quantitative Marketing and Economics</i> , 20, 353–395.  Bertschek, I., and R. Kesler (2022), Let the User Speak: Is Feedback on Facebook a Source of Firms' Innovation?, <i>Information Economics and Policy</i> , 60, 100991. – A summary is available as: Bertschek, I., and R. Kesler (2017), Does Engaging with Customers on Facebook Lead to Better Product Ideas?, <i>Harvard Business Review</i> , October.  Affeldt, P., and R. Kesler (2021), Big Tech Acquisitions – Towards Empirical Evidence, <i>Journal of European Competition Law &amp; Practice</i> , 21(6), 471-478.  Hunold, M., Kesler, R., and U. Laitenberger (2020), Rankings of Online Travel Agents, Channel Pricing, and Consumer Protection, <i>Marketing Science</i> , 39(1), 92-116.  Hunold, M., Kesler, R., Laitenberger, U., and F. Schlütter (2018), Evaluation of Best Price Clauses in Online Hotel Bookings, <i>International Journal of Industrial Organization</i> , 61, 542-571.	
UNDER REVIEW	Kaiser, U., Kesler, R., and M. Reisinger (2024), The Interplay Between Product Variety and Customer Retention: Theory and Evidence. <i>Revise and Resubmit at Management Science</i> .  Janssen, R., Kesler, R., Kummer, M., and J. Waldfogel (2023), GDPR and the Lost Generation of Innovative Apps. <i>Reject and Resubmit at American Economic Journal: Economic Policy</i> .	

	Kesler, R. (2023), The Impact of Apple’s App Tracking Transparency on App Monetization. <i>Reject and Resubmit at Management Science</i> .	
	Affeldt, P., and R. Kesler (2023), Competitors’ Reactions to Big Tech Acquisitions: Evidence from Mobile Apps. <i>Revise and Resubmit at International Journal of Industrial Organization</i> .	
WORKING PAPERS	Kesler, R., Kraft, L., Skiera, B., and T. Koschella (2024), Existence, Antecedents and Consequences of Non-Compliance in Mobile App Markets, available at: <a href="https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4871225">https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4871225</a> .	
	Kesler, R., Kummer, M., and P. Schulte (2021), Competition and Privacy in Online Markets: Evidence from the Mobile App Industry, ZEW Discussion Paper No. 19-064. – An abridged version is available as: Kesler, R., Kummer, M., and P. Schulte (2020), Competition and Privacy in Online Markets: Evidence from the Mobile App Industry, <i>Academy of Management Proceedings</i> , 2020(1), 20978.	
WORK IN PROGRESS	Arnorsson, S., Bechtold, S., Kesler, R., Lancieri, F., Peukert, C., and A. Zac, The Shrinking Shelf? DSA, DMA, and the Amazon Marketplace.	
AWARDS AND GRANTS	E4S Center Bridge Funding: ‘Welfare Effects of Sustainability Information in E-Commerce’ <b>2023</b>	
	Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings & Technology and Innovation Management Division Best Paper Finalist <b>2020</b>	
	Award for Best Paper at ZEW in 2018/2019 (EUR 5,000, ZEW Sponsors’ Association) <b>2019</b>	
	SEEK Grant ‘Balancing Privacy and Innovation: The Impact of the EU-GDPR on the Online Market for Mobile Applications’ (PI, State of Baden-Württemberg) <b>2018</b>	
	Award for Presentation at International Conferences (EUR 500, Verein für Socialpolitik) <b>2017</b>	
	Nominee for the DRUID2017 Best Paper Award	
	‘Future of the Working World’ Award for Best Master Thesis (EUR 2,000, Volksbank Weinheim) <b>2016</b>	
MEDIA COVERAGE	<i>Mentions</i> in Business Insider, Focus, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Guardian, Rheinische Post, SPIEGEL Online, Der Standard, Stern, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesspiegel, Tagesschau, Welt, Wirtschaftswoche <i>Interviews</i> with euractiv, Handelsblatt, Les Jours, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Saarbrücker Zeitung, WIRED, German radio stations (DLF, MDR, NDR, SWR, WDR) and television (ZDF)	
ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS	Virtual Digital Economy (VIDE) Seminar (Co-Organizer)	<b>March, 2020 - July, 2023</b>
	UZH Media & Digitization Meeting	<b>October, 2019</b>
	20th ZEW Summer Workshop for Young Economists: ‘Digitized Economy and Novel Research Methods’	<b>July, 2018</b>
RESEARCH STAYS	Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA	<b>February, 2018 - March, 2018</b>
	University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland	<b>November, 2017</b>

REFEREING	Economics of Innovation and New Technology; Information Economics and Policy; ICIS 2019, 2020, 2022 & 2024; International Journal of Industrial Organization; Journal on Computing; Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade; Journal of Political Economy; Management Science; Review of Network Economics	
CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND SEMINARS	HEC Lausanne, Switzerland; Digital Economy Workshop, Netherlands; Pan-Asian Digital Economy Seminar, Virtual; Centre for Competition Economics Seminar, Virtual; CNIL Privacy Research Day, France; MaCCI/JRC Workshop on Digital Economics, Germany	<b>2024</b>
	Digital Economy Workshop, Switzerland; MaCCI Annual Conference, Germany; EMAC Annual Conference, Denmark; CEPR Competition Policy RPN & LBS Workshop, UK; Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, Germany	<b>2023</b>
	University of Siegen, Germany; Rotterdam School of Management, Netherlands; DIW IO Brown Bag Seminar, Virtual; 20th ZEW Conference on the Economics of ICT, Germany; Goethe University, Germany; University of Basel, Switzerland	<b>2022</b>
	DELabUW DEEcon Seminar, Virtual; 19th ZEW Conference on the Economics of ICT, Virtual; 19th Annual IIOC, Virtual; Digital Economy Workshop, Virtual	<b>2021</b>
	VIDE Brown Bag Seminar, Virtual; Lunch Seminar CERNA MINES ParisTech, Virtual; Paris Seminar on the Economics of Digitization, Virtual; 80th Annual Meeting of the AOM, Virtual; Digital Economy Workshop, Israel; Workshop on Digitalization in Economics and Management, Germany; TU Darmstadt, Germany	<b>2020</b>
	UZH Media & Digitization Meeting, Switzerland; Digital Economy Workshop, Portugal	<b>2019</b>
	10th Paris Conference on Digital Economics, France; Workshop on Platforms & E-Commerce, France; DIW IO Brown Bag Seminar, Germany	<b>2018</b>
	MaCCI Competition and Regulation Day, Germany; UZH Research Seminar and Data Workshop, Switzerland; TILEC Workshop on Economic Governance of Data-driven Markets, Netherlands; Annual Conference of the VfS, Austria; 44th EARIE Annual Conference, Netherlands; 19th ZEW Summer Workshop for Young Economists, Germany; DRUID2017 Conference, USA; 15th Annual IIOC, USA; 9th ICT Conference Paris, France	<b>2017</b>
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Annual Conference of the VfS, Germany; 43rd EARIE Annual Conference, Portugal; MaCCI Workshop Economics of ICT, Germany	<b>2016</b>
	<b>University of Zurich</b> , Zurich, Switzerland <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Business Administration III (Bachelor) <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Economics of Innovation (Master)	<b>September, 2019 - February 2024</b> <b>February, 2020 - July 2024</b>
	<b>HEC Lausanne</b> , Lausanne, Switzerland <i>Guest Lecturer</i> , Strategy in Digital Markets (Master)	<b>October, 2021, 2022 &amp; 2024</b>
	<b>University of Giessen</b> , Giessen, Germany <i>Lecturer</i> , Economics of Digitalisation (Master)	<b>October, 2018 - March, 2020</b>
	<b>ZEW</b> , Mannheim, Germany <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Advanced Microeconomics (PhD)	<b>February, 2018 - July, 2018</b>
	<b>University of Mannheim</b> , Mannheim, Germany <i>Lecturer</i> , Seminar in Internet Economics (Bachelor)	<b>May, 2017 - August, 2017</b>

POLICY ADVICE AND ARTICLES	Interview on the Impact of Indian's Digital Competition Law on Consumers, India	<b>2024</b>
	R. Kesler (2022), Digital Platforms Implement Privacy-Centric Policies: What Does it Mean for Competition?, <i>CPI Antitrust Chronicle</i> , December 2022.	<b>2022</b>
	Contributions to the data economy chapter of the Annual Report 2021 by the German Council of Economic Experts, Germany	<b>2021</b>
	Presentation at 'Midi de la Concurrence' by the Luxembourg Competition Council, Luxembourg	<b>2020</b>
	Interview on a regulatory impact assessment for the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Switzerland	
	Deliverable for the project 'Investments in New Forms of Knowledge-Based Capital' funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany: Breithaupt, P., Kesler, R., Niebel, T., and C. Rammer (2020), Intangible Capital Indicators Based on Web Scraping of Social Media, ZEW Discussion Paper No. 20-046.	
	Presentations within 'Leibniz im Bundestag' initiative, Berlin, Germany	<b>2019</b>
	Presentation at 'Ökonomenkreis' by the Bundeskartellamt, Bonn, Germany	<b>2018</b>
	Berger, M., Bertschek, I., Briglauer, W., Dutt, V., Gehrke, B., Heinemann, F., Kesler, R., Krieger, B., Lubczyk, M., Rammer, C., Trunschke, M., Murmann, S., and I. Weilage (2018), Structural Reform in Germany 2013-2017, European Commission, DG GROW, Brussels, Belgium.	
	Bertschek, I., Briglauer, W., Erdsiek, D., Kesler, R., and T. Niebel (2018), Metastudie zur Bestandsaufnahme des Digitalen Ökosystems NRW, Ministerium für Wirtschaft, Innovation, Digitalisierung und Energie des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen, Mannheim, Germany.	
	Bertschek, I., Kesler, R., Laitenberger, U., Ecorys, Kantar TNS Nederland, and WIFO (2017), Business-to-Business Relations in the Online Platform Environment, European Commission, DG GROW, Brussels, Belgium.	<b>2017</b>
	Deliverable for the fellowship 'Program on Economics & Privacy' of co-author Michael Kummer funded by the George Mason University: Kesler, R., Kummer, M., and P. Schulte (2017), Mobile Applications and Access to Private Data: The Supply Side of the Android Ecosystem, ZEW Discussion Paper No. 17-075.	
	Bertschek, I., Erdsiek, D., Kesler, R., Niebel, T., and F. Rasel (2017), Metastudie: Chancen und Herausforderungen der Digitalisierung in Baden-Württemberg, Ministerium für Wissenschaft, Forschung und Kunst Baden-Württemberg, Mannheim, Germany.	
	Bertschek, I., Briglauer, W., Hüschelrath, K., Krämer, J., Frübing, S., Kesler, R., and M. Saam (2016), Metastudie zum Fachdialog Ordnungsrahmen für die Digitale Wirtschaft, BMWi, Berlin, Germany.	<b>2016</b>
	Bertschek, I., Briglauer, W., Fuest, C., Kesler, R., Ohnemus, J., and C. Rammer (2016), Innovationspolitik in Deutschland: Maßnahmen für mehr Innovationen im Zeitalter der Digitalisierung, Mannheim, Germany.	
AFFILIATIONS	Junior Research Associate, ZEW Mannheim, Germany	<b>May, 2020 - present</b>
PERSONAL INFORMATION	Born 1989 in Kyrgyzstan, German citizenship, 1 child (born 2021)	