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RESEARCH INTERESTS Digitization, Marketing & Innovation, Competition Policy & Regulation

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

Senior Research Associate, Department: Business Administration

July, 2019 - present

ZEW, Mannheim, Germany

Researcher, Department: Digital Economy

September, 2015 - June, 2019

University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany

Researcher, Department: Economics

May, 2017 - August, 2017

ZEW, Mannheim, Germany

Research Assistant, Department: Digital Economy

July, 2011 - August, 2015

EDUCATION

University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

PhD, Management & Economics (summa cum laude)

July, 2019

University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany

MSc, Economics

August, 2015

BSc, Economics

August, 2013

Affiliations

ZEW, Mannheim, Germany

Junior Research Associate, Department: Digital Economy

May, 2020 - present

Publications

Cure, M., Hunold, M., Kesler, R., Larrieu, T., and U. Laitenberger (2022), Vertical Integration of Platforms and Product Prominence, *Quantitative Marketing and Economics*, 20, 353–395.

Bertschek, I., and R. Kesler (2022), Let the User Speak: Is Feedback on Facebook a Source of Firms' Innovation?, *Information Economics and Policy*, 60, 100991.

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Hunold, M., Kesler, R., and U. Laitenberger (2020), Rankings of Online Travel Agents, Channel Pricing, and Consumer Protection, *Marketing Science*, 39(1), 92-116.

Hunold, M., Kesler, R., Laitenberger, U., and F. Schlütter (2018), Evaluation of Best Price Clauses in Online Hotel Bookings, *International Journal of Industrial Organization*, 61, 542-571.

UNDER REVIEW

Kaiser, U., Kesler, R., and M. Reisinger (2023), The Interplay Between Product Variety and Customer Satisfaction: Theory and Evidence. Revise and Resubmit at Management Science.

Kesler, R. (2023), The Impact of Apple's App Tracking Transparency on App Monetization. Reject and Resubmit at Management Science.

Working Papers	Janssen, R., Kesler, R., Kummer, M., and J. Waldfogel (2022), GDPR and the Lost Generation of Innovative Apps, NBER Working Paper No. 30028: https://www.nber.org/papers/w30028.			
	Affeldt, P., and R. Kesler (2021), Competitors' Reactions to Big Tech Acquisitions: Evidence from Mobile Apps, DIW Discussion Papers 1987.			
	 Kesler, R., Kummer, M., and P. Schulte (2019), 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, Academy of Management Proceedings, 2020(1), 20978. 			
Work in Progress	Kraft, L., Kesler, R., Skiera, B., and T. Koschella, Existence, Antecedents and Consequence Non-Compliance in Mobile App Markets.			
	Zac, A., Kesler, R., Peukert, C., and S. Tomkins, Welfare Effects of Sustainability Information in E-Commerce.			
Awards and Grants	E4S Center Bridge Funding: 'Welfare Effects of Sustainability Information in E-Commerce' 2023			
GRANTS	Academy of Management Best Paper Proceedings & 2020 Technology and Innovation Management Division Best Paper Finalist			
	Award for Best Paper at ZEW in 2018/2019 (EUR 5,000, ZEW Sponsors' Association) 2019			
	SEEK Grant 'Balancing Privacy and Innovation: The Impact of the EU-GDPR on the Online Market for Mobile Applications' (PI, State of Baden-Württemberg)			
	, Verein für Socialpolitik) 201	7		
	Nominee for the DRUID2017 Best Paper Award			
	'Future of the Working World' Award for Best Master Thesis (EUR 2,000, Volksbank Weinheim)	201	6	
Media Coverage	Mentions in Business Insider, Focus, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Rheinische Post, SPIEGEL Online, Der Standard, Stern, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesspiegel, Tagesschau, Welt, Wirtschaftswoche Interviews with euractiv, Handelsblatt, Les Jours, Neue Zürcher Zeitung, Saarbrücker Zeitung, WIRED, German radio stations (DLF, MDR, NDR, SWR, WDR) and television (ZDF)		he	
Organization of Events	Virtual Digital Economy (VIDE) Seminar (Co-Organizer)	(VIDE) Seminar (Co-Organizer) March, 2020 - present		
	UZH Media & Digitization Meeting	October, 2019		
	20th ZEW Summer Workshop for Young Economists: 'Digitized Economy and Novel Research Methods' July, 2018		8	
RESEARCH STAYS	Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA	February, 2018 - March, 2018	8	
	University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland	November, 201	7	
Refereeing	Economics of Innovation and New Technology; Information Eco	nomics and Policy; ICIS 2019, 2020),	

& 2022; International Journal of Industrial Organization; Journal of Industry, Competition and

Trade; Journal of Political Economy; Management Science; Review of Network Economics

Conferences, Workshops, and Seminars	HEC Lausanne, Switzerland; HEC Paris Marketing Research	Seminar, France	2024	
	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		2023	
	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		2022	
	DELabUW DEEcon Seminar, Virtual; 19th ZEW Conference on the Economics of ICT, Virtual; 19th Annual IIOC, Virtual; DIGECON2021, Virtual		2021	
	VIDE Brown Bag Seminar, Virtual; Lunch Seminar CERNA MINES ParisTech, Paris Seminar on the Economics of Digitization, Virtual; 80th Annual Meeting of th Virtual; DIGECON2020, Israel; Workshop on Digitalization in Economics and Mana Germany; TU Darmstadt, Germany		2020	
	UZH Media & Digitization Meeting, Switzerland; Digital Economy Workshop, Portugal			
	10th Paris Conference on Digital Economics, France; Workshop on Platforms & E-Commerce, France; DIW IO Brown Bag Seminar, Germany		2018	
	MaCCI Competition and Regulation Day, Germany; University of Zurich Research Seminar and Data Workshop, Switzerland; TILEC Workshop on Economic Governance of Datadriven Markets, Netherlands; Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik, 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		2017	
	Annual Conference of the Verein für Socialpolitik, Germany; 43rd EARIE Annual Conference, Portugal; MaCCI Workshop Economics of ICT, Germany			
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland Teaching Assistant, Economics of Innovation (Master) Teaching Assistant, Business Administration III (Bachelor) Organisation, Data Crawling for Research (Master & PhD) February, 2020 - present September, 2019 - present September, 2019 - January, 2020			
	HEC Lausanne , Lausanne, Switzerland Guest Lecturer, Strategy in Digital Markets (Master)	October, 2021 &	z 2022	
	University of Giessen, Giessen, Germany Lecturer, Economics of Digitalisation (Master)	October, 2018 - March, 2020		
	ZEW , Mannheim, Germany <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Advanced Microeconomics (PhD)	February, 2018 - July, 2018		
	University of Mannheim, Mannheim, Germany Lecturer, Seminar in Internet Economics (Bachelor)	May, 2017 - August, 2017		
TEACHING SKILLS	University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland Continuing Education, Début Course in University Teaching	${f September}$, 2019	

Digital Economy Network, UZH Digital Society Initiative

Memberships

POLICY ADVICE AND ARTICLES

R. Kesler (2022), Digital Platforms Implement Privacy-Centric Policies: What Does it Mean for Competition?, *CPI Antitrust Chronicle*, December 2022.

Affeldt, P., and R. Kesler (2021), Big Tech Acquisitions – Towards Empirical Evidence, Journal of European Competition Law & Practice, 21(6), 471-478.

2021

2020

2022

Contributions to the data economy chapter of the Annual Report 2021 by the German Council of Economic Experts, Germany

Presentation at 'Midi de la Concurrence' by the Luxembourg Competition Council, Luxembourg

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

2019

Presentation at 'Ökonomenkreis' by the Bundeskartellamt, Bonn, Germany

2018

2017

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.

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.

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.

Personal Information Born 1989 in Kyrgyzstan, German citizenship, 1 child (born 2021)