Marketing in the age of data

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Welcome to Oslo and BI Norwegian Business School!

Oslo is a city of contrasts and multitude. Being one of the fastest growing cities in Europe, it balances economic prosperity and beautiful nature, gleaming new high-rises and a 1000-year history, and a strong national identity with a one-third international population. Late May is the ideal time to experience the city’s unique atmosphere—the sun shines until late in the evening, temperatures are mild, and the parks, cafés, and bars teem with life. You might walk up on the roof of the opera house, which was designed to resemble a glacier floating in the Oslofjord. Or stroll down the posh Akerbrygge waterfront with its many restaurants, shops, and galleries. The city’s museums pay tribute to Norway’s Viking past and its national heroes, including Munch, Heyerdahl, and Ibsen. Renzo Piano’s Astrup Fearnley Museum offers a fine collection of contemporary art, and the city’s parks feature sculptures by Vigeland, Rodin, Renoir, and Dalí, among others. Curious minds will explore the alternative art scene around the famous club Blå. In the evenings, the many bars in the hip Grünerløkka area and at Youngstorget offer excellent cocktails, local craft beers, and new Nordic cuisine. And if you want a break from the city, you can get on a ferry and go island-hopping in the Oslofjord, or take the metro up into the green hills around Oslo to visit the gravity-defying Holmenkollen Ski jump for a bird-eye view on Oslo.

It is in such an atmosphere of opportunity and change that we host EMAC2016 at BI Norwegian Business School. Founded in 1943, BI is one of Europe’s largest business schools with around 20’000 students and 400 permanent faculty, distributed across four campuses. BI is the only Norwegian institution to have received the three most prestigious international accreditations EQUIS, AACSB, and AMBA, placing the school among the an elite group of business schools worldwide.

The Department of Marketing at BI has 15 full time research faculty, 15 lecturers, and 10 doctoral students. With faculty members and doctoral students from Asia, Europe, and the US, we are a very international department. Our research and teaching interests cover all aspects of marketing and have a predominantly quantitative focus. The members of our department publish in all the leading marketing journals and have won several prestigious awards, including the MSI/H. Paul Root Award, the IMR International Marketing Award and the Louis W. Stern Award. In order to further increase our research productivity, we are continuously hiring international talent on junior and senior levels.

EMAC2016 will take place on the premises of BI’s award-winning city campus in Oslo. The new campus building, which features a unique Scandinavian design and houses a gym, a convenience store, and several restaurants and cafés, is the perfect conference location. All conference sessions will be held in the same building, which means that conference rooms and events can be reached within seconds. And what’s more, the airy and light-flooded campus building offers plenty of space for meeting your colleagues and friends, for networking, and for collaboration.

We, the conference co-chairs and the Department of Marketing at BI, are glad to welcome you to Oslo. We wish you a fantastic conference experience at BI and a great stay in Oslo!
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EMAC2016: Marketing in the age of data

Today, the world is being dramatically reshaped by the omnipresence of data and by the convergence of various data sources. Novel technologies have not only facilitated access to new kinds of data, but also significantly increased the quality and quantity of the data that we can access. While these developments provide our discipline with distinctive possibilities to thrive, they also demand new tools, techniques, and ethical principles to be established to treat data. EMAC2016 provides a unique opportunity to discuss these topics and to learn from distinguished members of our discipline about significant transformations of marketing research and practice in the age of data.

For this year’s key-note address, we invited Peter Fader (University of Pennsylvania), one of the most prominent scholars in our community. Heading the Wharton Customer Analytics Initiative, Professor Fader is at the vanguard of quantitative and data-driven marketing. In his keynote talk “Customer valuation finally comes of age”, he will reflect on how current developments such as increasingly refined data and improving IT skills are changing the effectiveness and feasibility of customer valuation. His talk will provide guidance and useful examples for those who are interested in the art and science of marketing in the age of data (Thursday, May 26, 15:30; see page 145 for details).

To explore the conference theme further, we have invited some of the most prominent marketing researchers who will discuss various aspects of the conference theme in a series of Invited Speaker Sessions. Koen Pauwels (Ozyeğin University & BI Norwegian Business School) and Michel Wedel (University of Maryland) will present new insights on marketing analytics, with a focus on data-rich environments (Wednesday, May 25, 11:00). Charles Spence (University of Oxford) and Aradhna Krishna (University of Michigan) will discuss novel ways to advance data collection in consumer research. In their talks, they will focus on selecting the “right” method and on running large-scale online and event-based experiments, respectively (Friday, May 27, 09:00). Ming Hsu (University of California, Berkeley) will talk about the use of physiological and neuroscientific data in consumer science (Friday, May 27, 14:00). Finally, Uri Simonsohn (University of Pennsylvania) will reflect on selective reporting in non-lab settings and “false-positive economics”, and introduce specification-curve analysis (Friday, May 27, 16:00). More details on our invited speakers can be found on page 18.

Above and beyond the invited speaker sessions, the conference theme pervades the regular program of the conference. Many of the competitive papers, special interest groups, and other formats touch upon how marketing and marketing research can thrive in the age of data, and how we as marketing scholars can make the most of new data sources and new analytical tools.

Enjoy the conference and have a great time in Oslo with your friends and colleagues!
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General Information

Registration and information desk
The EMAC registration and information desk is located at the main entrance. A cloak room will be available all week so you can safely check your belongings here (room: B2-085). An information desk will be available at the main entrance at BI from Wednesday to Friday.

Exhibitions
All exhibits are located in areas B2 and C2.

Free WIFI
WiFi will be available via eduroam and via a BI Norwegian Business School guest account. The password for the guest account can be found on your conference badge.

App
Please download the conference App via the i-Tunes store or Google Play (EMAC2016). The app provides current information about the conference and allows you to customize your EMAC schedule.

Facebook and Twitter
Follow us on Facebook (EMAC2016 Conference) and Twitter (#emac2016) to receive the latest news about the conference and to share your thoughts with the other participants.

Lunch and coffee breaks
During lunches and coffee breaks, food and drinks will be served in areas B1, B2, C1, and C2 (see pages 258 and 259 for plans and locations of the areas in the building).

Social activities
Optional social activities can be booked for Wednesday evening. You did not pre-register, but you are wondering if you can still participate? Please check our Facebook group or enquire at the information desk.

After-party on Friday evening
The after-party on Friday evening will take place at LaWo, close to the National Theater (Nationaltheatret). The easiest way to reach the venue from BI is by metro. You can take the high-frequency lines 4 (to Bergkrystallen via Majorstuen) and 5 (to Vestli via Majorstuen) from the Nydalen station right in front of BI, which will then directly take you to the Nationaltheatret station in around 15 minutes.

Liability and safety
Any risk related to the participants and exhibitors’ property in the conference buildings and adjoining grounds shall be borne by the participants. The organizer will not ensure said goods. The organizer shall not be considered liable for damages to property of persons deriving directly or indirectly from participation to the conference, whatever the cause of damage.

Certificate of attendance
A certificate of attendance will be sent via email to all registered participants shortly after the conference.
Eating, drinking, and sightseeing in Oslo

In this section, we will suggest some fun places to visit in Oslo. The selection is a very subjective one and includes some of our personal favorites. We hope that you will enjoy them as well! For your convenience, we highlighted the most interesting areas in the public transport maps at the end of this book.

Eating and drinking
Norwegians usually have dinner relatively early (around 18:00 or 19:00), so best check the opening hours of restaurants if you plan to arrive late (e.g., after 21:00). Tipping is not required in Norway, as service (and sales tax) are always included in bars and restaurants. However, it is normal to leave a small tip when the service was excellent at a restaurant (a 10–15% tip is considered generous, taxi drivers or hotel staff do not usually receive tips). Norwegians pay virtually everything by card (nobody carries cash), and in restaurants it is easy to split the bill.

Alcohol is expensive in Norway. You will usually pay around 80 NOK (8€) for a beer or a glass of wine. On the other hand, you will find that this money is often well invested, as a multitude of micro-breweries offer excellent local and international craft beers (e.g., Nydalen Bryggeri, Schouskjelleren Mikrobryggeri, Grunerlokka Brygghus, Crowbar). Cocktails are expensive, too, but not more so than in London or New York (around 12-14€ for a more sophisticated drink).

Grunerlokka
Oslo's hipster district offers a vibrant bar and restaurant scene. Whatever you fancy, there are high chances that you will find it here. For delicious burgers head to Døgnvill Bar and Burger (http://www.dognvillburger.no, Maridalsveien 13) or for somewhat friendlier prices try Munchies (http://munchies.no, Thorvald Meyers Gate 36A). For burgers and American-style brunch, check out the Nighthawk Diner (http://www.nighthawkdiner.com, Seilduksgata 15).

You can enjoy a wide selection of Italian dishes at Villa Paradiso (http://villaparadiso.no, Olaf Ryes plass 8) and tasty, inexpensive Mexican food at Habanero (Toftes Gate 30) or Mucho Mas (http://www.muchomas.no, Thorvald Meyers gate 36). There are also several good Vietnamese and Thai places closeby. Once you reach this area, you might as well indulge in nice cocktails at the tiki bar Aku-Aku (http://www.akuaku.no, Thorvald Meyers Gate 32)—their spicy “Missionary’s Downfall” is our favorite!

If you are eager to experience fine food overload, do not miss the Mathallen food court—roughly a 5-minutes walk from Grunerlokka (http://mathallen-noslo.no, Vulkan 5). Not far from it you will also find the former industrial area that is now home to the famous club Blå (www.bl aa oslo.no). The venue focuses on jazz performances and live music.

Outdoors at Blå
DJ sets (try the free Sunday evening concerts of the Frank Znort Quartet if you’re staying in town), and is surrounded by large-scale graffiti and art installations.

**How to reach Grünerløkka:** From BI bus 30 to Birkelunden, or from the city center by trams 11, 12, or 13 to Olaf Ryes plass.

**Youngstorget**

Another vibrant area full of inexpensive and great international food (Thai, Vietnamese) is Youngstorget/Torggata. Oslo is not known for low prices, but in this area, you will find food that doesn’t break the bank. For instance, **Hells Kitchen** (Møllergata 23) serves excellent pizza. **Illegal Burger** (Møllergata 23) is another favorite due to its fantastic and inexpensive burgers and its cheeky design theme. During daytime hours, you can treat yourself with fresh seafood and fish and chips at **Fiskeriet** (Youngstorget 2b). **Rice Bowl** is one of the most popular restaurants with modest prices. It offers all dishes as vegetarian options (http://ricebowl.no, Youngsgate 4).

In the Youngstorget / Torggata area you will also find many excellent bars. If you like “speakeasy” bars, look for the not-so-visible entrance of **Himkok** (Storgata 27), truly a hidden gem. **Crowbar** has great Norwegian and international craft beers, and **Botaniske** offers delicious, plant-themed cocktails in a room overgrown with plants. **Tilt** (Torgata 16) is a quirky video game-themed bar, with tables doubling as arcade game consoles (Pacman, Pong, etc.). Other solid options in this area are **Internasjonalen**, **Cafe Mono**, and **Cafe Sør**. Or head to **Kulturhuset** (Youngstorget 3) to play shuffleboard, a game that is a mix between bowling and curling (played on tables with a layer of sand).

**How to reach Youngstorget:** From BI, take bus 30, or from the city center trams 11, 12, 13, or 17 to Brugata.

**Aker Brygge**

In addition to the **Nobel Peace Center** and the **City Hall**, a whiff of fresh sea air, and modern architecture, you will find lots of eateries at Aker Brygge. You can treat yourself with fresh fish and seafood in one of the more elegant (and expensive) restaurants, such as **Lofoten** (http://www.lofoten-fiskerestaurant.no/english; Strand 75) or **Onda** (http://www.onda.no/en/; Strand 30).

Even if the great view of the area sets the tone for higher standards, it is possible to find places with reasonable prices like **Eataly** (http://www.eataly.no, Bryggetorget 18) or **Rorbua** (http://www.rorbua.as).
Burger Joint (http://www.burgerjoint.no) is a tiny, but excellent burger place. Or, if you are in the mood for tapas, Delikatessen (http://delikatessen.no/akerbrygge, Holmens gate 2) and Escalon (http://www.escalon.no/restaurant-tjuvholmen.php, Bryggegangen 8) are equally appetizing (and crowded).

How to reach Aker Brygge: From BI / the city center, bus 30 to Rådhuset or the metro lines 4 and 5 to Nationaltheatret.

Sightseeing

City center
A good starting point to see most of Oslo’s main sights is the National Theatre. From there, you may want to walk to the Royal Palace (Slottsplassen 1) and then downhill on the main street, Karl Johans gate, where you can also do some shopping.

You should not miss the National Gallery (Universitetsgata 13), as it hosts one of the original series of Edvard Munch’s “The Scream”. The admission is free on Thursdays (http://www.nasjonalmuseet.no).

The House of Parliament (Stortinget) will be on your way as you are heading towards the next iconic building—the glacier-shaped Norwegian Opera that is located very close to the central station.

Make sure to visit Frogner Park, a unique sculpture park that consists of over 200 works of Gustav Vigeland. It is easy to reach by taking any metro line to Majorstuen. The Munch Museum could also be a good idea, and if you enjoy contemporary art, you will want to visit the beautifully designed Astrup Fearnley Museum at Aker Brygge.

Take a walk on the roof of the Opera building in Bjørvika

Experiencing nature
Fjords, lakes and forests can be reached within minutes via public transport from the city center.

If you would like to get an out-of-the-city-feeling but don’t have much time, you can go to the Sognsvann lake, a highly popular recreational area. To get there, simply take the metro line number 6 to the very last stop (about 20 minutes one way), and you will be able to enjoy a 4 km walk around the lake on a well-maintained path.
If you prefer panoramic views, it would be a good idea to head to the architecturally impressive ski jump at Holmenkollen with the metro line 1, and then continue to the final stop of line 1, Frognerseteren, where you have a scenic view on the Oslo Fjord (approximately 35 minutes one way).

Walking along the river Akerselva is very picturesque as well. For approximately 8 km, you will walk through soothing greenery and encounter several splendid waterfalls. You can start at Kjelsås (final stop of tram lines 11 and 12) and head all the way to the heart of the city, for instance Grünerløkka. BI is located next to the river, so you can also start your walk from there.

If you have a couple of spare hours, do not miss the chance to go island-hopping in the Oslo Fjord. To do so, you can simply use regular public transportation (certain ferries are a part of it). The departure point for these ferries is Akershusstranda 27 (roughly between Akershus fortress and the Norwegian Opera). Other ferries take you from Akerbrygge (Rådhusbrygge 4, next to the City Hall) to the museum island Bygdoy (these are not part of the public transport system).

See maps of public transport systems on page 260.
The European Institute for Advanced Studies in Management (EIASM) and the European Marketing Academy (EMAC) in collaboration with BI Norwegian Business School, are organizing the 29th colloquium for doctoral students in marketing. The colloquium will be held in Oslo, Norway, from Sunday, May 22 until Tuesday, May 24, 2016, immediately prior to the EMAC2016 Conference.

The colloquium provides outstanding doctoral students in marketing who want to pursue a career in academics with an opportunity to discuss their dissertation research with other doctoral students and leading academics in the field of marketing. All topics and methodological approaches within the broad field of marketing are considered.

The colloquium proceeds mostly in parallel tracks based on the topical and/or methodological angle of participants’ work, as well as on the stage of the dissertation process. Students discuss their work with their fellow students and with three track faculty, who are renowned experts in the field.

Three tracks are for students in an early stage of their dissertation process. Students in this track have a (tentative) proposal for the topic they want to study, the method they want to use, and the potential contribution. They benefit from suggestions on how to focus and position their work.

Three tracks are for students in an intermediate/advanced stage of their dissertation process. Students in these tracks have a good knowledge of the literature in their domain of study and clear research. They benefit from the colloquium by subjecting the positioning of their research to a critical review, refining their data collection approach, and/or receiving suggestions for translating their work into papers that can be submitted to excellent journals.

Additionally, there are faculty presentations designed to help students plan and manage their dissertation process. Next to the presentations by the students, there are plenary faculty presentations and group discussions on issues such as: planning and managing a dissertation process, writing academic papers, getting research projects published, and the job market and career planning.

The doctoral colloquium is held in a collaborative, open and friendly atmosphere.

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Kenneth Wathne, Stavanger University
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Steven Seggie, Özyeğin University
Vicki Morwitz, NYU
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Students:
Daniela Carmen Cristian, BI Norwegian Business School
Carpe diem: Examining the impact of indulgence on prosocial behavior
Aras Erkin, RWTH Aachen University
The boundaries of co-creation: How the interplay of branding and self-printing attenuates product evaluation
Euejung Hwang, Auckland University of Technology
Meaning transfer in a co-branding context: The role of sensory signature
Marius Johnen, Hamburg University
The digital witch-hunt - What incites participation behavior in an online firestorm?
Seyedeh Setareh Sanjari, Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
Why one does not fit all: Towards an integrative framework of nutrition label formats effectiveness
Lisa Schatz, University of Innsbruck
Facial emotion expressions in social media communication: Effects on consumer responses and the role of social ties
Carolin Scheiben, Duisburg & Essen University, Duisburg Campus
The trade of time and money: Mental accounting and consumer decision making
Aulona Ulqinaku, Bocconi University
Holding on for a hero: The effect of heroes in mitigating psychological threats and in consumer behavior
Charlotte Vonkeman, VU University Amsterdam
The effects of consumer self-presentation in social media: How do visual brand mentions affect receivers’ evaluations of brand and sender?
Carina Witte, University of Paderborn
The power of gift purchases in strengthening customer-company relationships
Johanna Zanon, University of Innsbruck
Signs of sustainability - the role and relevance of sustainability for consumers and entrepreneurs in SMEs
Ignazio Ziano, Ghent University
The impact of consensus on consumer behavior
Beginners’ track 2: Marketing research

Faculty:
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New product diffusion in multiple channels
Hedieh Hatami, University of Melbourne
Performance implications of customer participation
Fabian Kaske, Augsburg University
The impact of online firestorms on firm value
Svetlana Khimina, Bocconi University
Design innovativeness: Concept and effect on performance
Afra Koulaei, Buskerud University College
Social network properties matter: Organizing advertising agency-client relationships in developing creative ads
Chloe Michel, University of Zürich
What does this discount tell you?
Annette Ptok, University of Cologne
Can you operationalize marketing and sales related constructs with COMPUSTAT’S SGA (Selling, General, and Administrative Expenses)?
Bram Roosens, University Of Antwerp
Communicating about co-creation with multiple stakeholders during innovation
Iryna Shekhovtsova, Buskerud and Vestfold University College
Innovation, risk, and firm value
Niels Sprong, Radboud University
Creating markets for sustainable innovations
Gloria Volkmann, University of Cologne
Predicting new product success - an extension of the spatial divergence approach for real-life applications

Beginners’ track 3: Marketing strategy

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Kenneth Wathne, Stavanger University, Norway

Students:
Melanie Boninsegni, University of Fribourg
Employee friendliness in service settings: Development of multidimensional scaling
Eefje De Gelder, Radboud University
A moral identity salience model of consumer response to fairtrade
Etienne Denis, UCL-Mons
Toward a better understanding of today’s donator
Chi Hoang, BI Norwegian Business School
Using humor in advertising to promote implicit inferences about a firm’s competency
Fabian Kubik, Münster University
Frontline employees’ cognitive and affective organizational identification congruence and its role in handling customer complaints
Stijn Maesen, KU Leuven
The impact of adding and removing a health symbol on product performance: Evidence from a large-scale natural experiment
Iulia Nitu, Jean Moulin University Lyon III
Stigmatizing appeals in social marketing: The moderating role of the advertiser
Audun Reiby, BI Norwegian Business School
Governance, cultural distance and cultural competencies: The impact of plural governance on cultural competencies for multinational companies in China
Olivier Reimann, Vienna University
Celebrity co-branding as a quality signal for premium private labels – spillover effects on retailer brand image and a multi-tier private label portfolio

Jan Schikofsky, Göttingen University
The role of multiple goal structures for judgment and decision processing

Jens Stach, HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management
The influence of early and defining experiences onto brand preference and its use for marketing strategy

Narine Yegoryan, Humboldt University of Berlin
Deviating from traditional choice modeling assumptions and applications in marketing

Leandro Galli, University of Warwick
Advance gratitude expressions as a prosocial appeal

Cansu Karaduman, Lausanne University / HEC Lausanne
How to make deals more attractive: Do not let your customers become depleted

Ruxandra Luca, Imperial College / Management School
The role of visual attention on product selection

Nimish Rustagi, HEC Paris
Killing the potential of within-domain compensatory consumption: Product’s explicit identity connection impedes self-repair

Intermediate/advanced track 2: Marketing research

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Anne ter Braak, KU Leuven

Students:
Yashar Bashirzadeh, Grenoble Ecole de Management
An empirical investigation of direct marketing campaign effectiveness in the presence of voluntary contact information disclosure

Ashish S. Galande, Indian School of Business
Mining the latent structure in “chatter”: Quantifying “chatter” dynamics to understand its implications for consumers, firms and regulators

Verdiana Giannetti, Bocconi University
Product’s characteristics as drivers of reverse and trickle down innovation: Evidence from the food industry

Wenyu Jiao, ESSEC Business School Paris
A multichannel, cross-selling and discount framework to improve customer lifetime value
Tetyana Kosyakova, Frankfurt University  
Measuring substitution and complementarity among offers in menu based choice experiments

Xiaoning Liang, Dublin City University  
Examining the indirect effect of marketing performance measurement systems (MPMSS) on firm performance: A MPMSS-uses-capabilities-performance approach

Prakash Satyavageeswaran, Indian School of Business  
Rules of engagement: An empirical investigation of customer engagement and sales outcomes

Albert Valenti, Boston University  
That’s the way brand love grows: Role of customer engagement across markets

Björn Hüttel, University of Passau  
The influence of zero-priced offers on consumers’ non-monetary cost perceptions

Gillian Moran, University College Dublin  
Investigating the efficacy of brand content components on customer-brand engagement in social networking sites

Roland Rüppell, University of Lugano  
Please (don’t) think carefully before you respond – when encouraging deliberation harms vs. promotes judgmental accuracy

Natalia Sowik, EBS Business School  
Motives and consequences of psychological ownership in access-based consumption on the example of carsharing

Silviu Horia Tierean, Erasmus University Rotterdam / ERIM  
A good neighbor or a distant friend? The role of distance and supplier’s reputation in international purchasing

Intermediate/advanced track 3: Marketing strategy

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Fred Selnes, BI Norwegian Business School  
Kapil Tuli, Singapore Management University

Students:  
Johannes Boegershausen, University of British Columbia  
When the enemy of your enemy is not your friend: When and why brand hatred shifts consumer preferences

Christiene Du Plessis, Erasmus University Rotterdam / ERIM  
How distraction improves consumer learning of brand associations

Dennis T. Esch, University of St. Gallen  
Who is david and who goliath? Consumers’ variety and complexity perceptions as opposing drivers of assortment attractiveness and choice satisfaction
Exhibitors

The exhibitors can be found on the second floor (B2 and C2, all day).
Customer valuation finally comes of age

Marketers have been throwing around terms such as CLV, LTV, and a variety of other labels for customer valuation for several decades now. But besides a few notable applications it has been mostly "cheap talk"—either an unfulfilled aspiration on the part of managers, or a "quick and dirty" analysis, lacking proper validation, that is used by a small group within the firm but fails to get traction across the organization. Fortunately, these frustrating days are ending; customer valuation is finally coming to the forefront and it is here to stay. A variety of factors are driving this change, including better customer-level data (far more timely, complete, and accurate than ever before); better computing and IT skills (enabling a broader set of managers to build and use these models), and a stronger competitive imperative (as more firms shift from product- to customer-centric thinking). In this talk we will discuss this important trend, its implications for executives, and cover a few recent examples of companies that have used customer valuation in surprising ways and with compelling results.

Biography

Peter Fader is a chaired professor at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Professor Fader's expertise centers around the analysis of behavioral data to understand and forecast customer shopping/purchasing activities. He works with firms from a wide range of industries, such as consumer packaged goods, interactive media, financial services, and pharmaceuticals. Managerial applications focus on topics such as customer relationship management, lifetime value of the customer, and sales forecasting for new products. Much of his research highlights the consistent (but often surprising) behavioral patterns that exist across these industries and other seemingly different domains.

Many of these cross-industry experiences have led to the development of the Wharton Customer Analytics Initiative, an innovative research center that serves as a "matchmaker" between leading-edge academic researchers and top companies that depend on granular, customer-level data for key strategic decisions. Professor Fader believes that marketing should not be viewed as a "soft" discipline, and he frequently works with different companies and industry associations to improve managerial perspectives in this regard. His work has been published in (and he serves on the editorial boards of) a number of leading journals in marketing, statistics, and the management sciences. He has won many awards for his teaching and research accomplishments.

Thursday, 26 May, 15:30 at A1-040 (Finn Øien auditorium)
Invited speakers

To explore the conference theme, we have invited some of the most prominent marketing researchers, who will discuss different aspects of “Marketing in the age of data” in a series of Invited Speaker Sessions (see also program overview and detailed conference program).

Aradhna Krishna
University of Michigan, Ross School of Business
Professor Aradhna Krishna had been described as one of the 50 most productive marketing professors in the world, and is considered the pioneer of the field of sensory marketing. She defines sensory marketing as sub-conscious triggers that affect how people make purchase and consumption decisions. Her research explores ways in which a product’s look, feel, taste, sound, and smell contribute to how it is perceived, and how people respond to it. She held the first academic conference on sensory marketing, has edited a research book on the subject, written a popular press book on the subject, and runs a sensory marketing research laboratory. In addition to sensory marketing, she works on designing winning cause marketing and corporate social responsibility programs, and on constructing engaging pricing and promotion policies.

She has published more than fifty articles, which have appeared in the most prestigious outlets including the Journal of Marketing Research, Marketing Science, Journal of Consumer Research, Journal of Consumer Psychology, Journal of Marketing, and Harvard Business Review, among others. Her work has been cited in various media such as New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Huffington Post, LA Times, NPR, Economic Times India, Globe and Mail, and Telegraph UK. She is a lead Area Editor for the Journal of Consumer Psychology, an area editor for Management Science and serves on the editorial boards of Journal of Marketing Research, Journal of Consumer Research, and Marketing Science.

Ming Hsu
University of California, Berkeley, Haas Business School
Professor Ming Hsu is an Assistant Professor of Marketing at Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley. His research focuses on the interdisciplinary areas of consumer neuroscience and neuroeconomics. In particular, he examines how managers can use brain-based methods to generate and validate insights into customers’ thoughts, feelings, and behavior, as well as how they are affected by managerial actions. He received his PhD in economics from Caltech in 2006 and was previously Assistant Professor of Economics at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Koen Pauwels  
Ozyeğin University & BI Norwegian Business School


Current research projects include the predictive power of market dashboard metrics and online versus offline marketing effectiveness in mature versus emerging markets. Koen is on the advisory board of AI, MarketNPV, Marketing Productivity Group, MarketShare Partners and YouCastr. He received his Ph.D. in Management from UCLA, is Associate Editor at the *International Journal of Research in Marketing* and serves on the editorial boards of *Journal of Marketing, Journal of Marketing Research* and *Marketing Science*.

Uri Simonsohn  
University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School

Uri Simonsohn is Associate Professor at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He is a Judgment and Decision Making researcher working at the intersection of psychology and economics. Over the last 5 years, Uri Simonsohn has also been working on methodological issues generally related to selective reporting in the social sciences, including (1) disclosure requirements for lab experiments, (2) p-curve, a tool that assesses if a set of statistically significant results have evidential value, (3) using p-curve to estimate the statistical power of a set of studies, (4) evaluating replication results, (4) detection and prevention of scientific fraud, (5) the reporting of alternative specifications for econometric analyses, and (6) simplified pre-registrations. His research has been published in many leading psychology, management, marketing and economic journals. Professor Simonsohn is associate editor of *Management Science*, and the *International Journal for Research in Marketing*, and serves in the editorial board of *Journal of Marketing Research* and *Journal of Behavioral Decision Making*. Uri also co-hosts the blog DataColada.org, an outlet dedicated to “thinking about evidence and vice versa”.
Charles Spence
Oxford University, Department of Experimental Psychology

Professor Charles Spence is the head of the Crossmodal Research Laboratory at the Department of Experimental Psychology, Oxford University. He is interested in how people perceive the world around them. In particular, how our brains manage to process the information from each of our different senses (such as sight, hearing, touch, pain, smell, and taste) to form the extraordinarily rich multisensory experiences that fill our daily lives. His research focuses on how a better understanding of the human mind will lead to the better design of multisensory interfaces, products, environments, and foods in the future. His research calls for a radical new way of examining and understanding the senses that has major implications for the way in which we design everything from mobile phones to household products, and from the food we eat to the places in which we work and live.

Charles has published more than 500 articles in top-flight scientific journals over the last decade, which have attracted more than 20,000 citations. He has been awarded the 10th Experimental Psychology Society Prize, the British Psychology Society: Cognitive Section Award, the Paul Bertelson Award, recognizing him as the young European Cognitive Psychologist of the Year, the prestigious Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Research Award from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in Germany, the 2008 Ig Nobel prize, and the 2015 Prose Book award for the popular science book of the year.

Michel Wedel
University of Maryland, Robert H. Smith School of Business

Michel Wedel is Distinguished University Professor and PepsiCo Chair in Consumer Science at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. His main research interest is in Consumer Science: the application of statistical and econometric methods to further the understanding of consumer behavior and to improve marketing decision making. Much of his recent work has measured the effectiveness of visual marketing using eye-tracking technology. He teaches models for marketing decision making for MBA students, advanced Marketing analytics for MS students, and Bayesian statistics for Ph.D. students. Michel Wedel has published 170 papers (many of them in leading marketing journals) and five books, and has received over 15,000 citations. He serves as an area editor at the Journal of Marketing, the Journal of Marketing Research, and Marketing Science.
EMAC Distinguished Scholar Award

EMAC is proud to award the EMAC Distinguished Marketing Scholar 2016 to Professor Marnik Dekimpe, Tilburg University. This annual award is designed to be the highest honor that a marketing educator who has had extensive connections with the European Marketing Academy can receive. The two main criteria for the award are: (1) outstanding marketing scholarship as reflected in extensive, impactful research contributions and (2) outstanding contributions to the European Marketing Academy.

Professor Dekimpe will present a lecture at a special session on Friday, May 27 (14:00–15:30, room C2-080) “The European retail scene: A fertile ground for research opportunities” (see page 206).

The European retail scene: A fertile ground for research opportunities

Marnik Dekimpe, Tilburg University

The European retail scene is often at the forefront of key developments, such as (i) the growing internationalization of retailers’ operations, (ii) the emergence and rapid growth of the hard-discount format, and (iii) the development of multi-tiered private-label portfolios. The availability of multiple (often quasi-public) data sources on the sector offers great research opportunities to academic researchers, while managers can infer early on what may be in store for the rest of the world. In this presentation, we review some recent evolutions, and elaborate on a number of ongoing and expected research opportunities in each of the three aforementioned domains.

Biography

Marnik G. Dekimpe (Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles) is Research Professor of Marketing and Head of Department at Tilburg University (The Netherlands) and Professor of Marketing at KU Leuven (Belgium).


In 2010-2012, he served as editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Research in Marketing, the leading European marketing journal. He currently is an Associate Editor with the Journal of Marketing Research and the Journal of Marketing Behavior, and serves on the editorial boards of Marketing Science, the Journal of Marketing, the International Journal of Research in Marketing, the Journal of Retailing, the Review of Marketing Science, the Journal of Interactive Marketing, and Marketing Letters, among others. In 2007—2013, he was an academic trustee with the Marketing Science Institute. He is currently an academic trustee with AiMark.

His current research interests deal with recession marketing, the impact of product-harm crises, the drivers of private-label success, and the measurement of long-run marketing effects.

He has advised several key players in the CPG and other (automotive, movies, computer games, etc.) industries, especially on forecasting, private-label and marketing-mix effectiveness issues.

Friday, May 27, 14:00-15:30, room C2-080
2016 EMAC McKinsey Marketing Dissertation Award

A new generation of marketing experts is developing the theories and tools that will shape the future of our field. The Marketing Dissertation Award, initiated by EMAC and McKinsey & Company, recognizes and encourages this emerging talent. This distinguished annual award is being presented in 2016 for the eighth time.

The top three finalists are honored with cash prizes:

1st Place: €7,000,
2nd Place: €3,000,
3rd Place: €1,000

The three finalists selected are:

Lisette de Vries, University of Groningen
Effects of traditional advertising and social messages on brand-building metrics and customer acquisition

Jonne Guyt, Tilburg University
Take turns or march in sync? The impact of the national brand promotion calendar on manufacturer and retailer performance

Jannik Meyners, University of Hamburg
The role of mere closeness – how geographic proximity affects social influence

The finalists will present at a special session on Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 10:30–12:00 in room C2-080, see page 107. The winner of the 2016 McKinsey award will be announced during the award session on Thursday, May 26, at 16:15 (A1-040 Finn Øien).
Track chairs

**Advertising, Promotion, & Marketing Communication**
Peeter Verlegh, University of Amsterdam
John Praceius, University of Alberta
Maarten Gijsenberg, University of Groningen

**Business-to-Business Marketing**
Kenneth Wathne, University of Stavanger
Steven Seggie, Ozyegin University

**Consumer Behavior**
Bob Fennis, University of Groningen
Ozlem Sandikci Turdogan, Istanbul Sehir University
Simona Botti, London Business School

**Innovation & New Product and Service Developments**
Gaja Rubera, Bocconi University
Christoph Fuchs, TUM School of Management

**International & Cross-Cultural Marketing**
John Cadogan, Loughborough University
Mark Cleveland, University of Western Ontario

**Marketing Education**
Suzanne Beckmann, Copenhagen Business School
Kerri-Ann L. Kuhn, Queensland University of Technology

**Marketing in Emerging and Transition Economies**
Jaideep Prabhu, Cambridge Judge Business School
Rajesh Chandy, London Business School

**Marketing Strategy**
Peter Verhoef, University of Groningen
Fred Selnes, BI Norwegian Business School

**Marketing Theory & New Paradigms**
Roderick Brodie, University of Auckland
Ajay Kohli, Georgia Tech

**Modeling and Marketing Analytics**
Tammo Bijmolt, University of Groningen
Wagner Kamakura, Rice University

**Online Marketing & Social Media**
Bernd Skiera, Goethe University Frankfurt
Arvind Rangaswamy, Penn State University

**Pricing**
Skander Esseghaier, Koç University
Marco Bertini, ESADE Business School
Product and Brand Management
Gilles Laurent, INSEEC
Marc Vanhuele, HEC Paris

Public Sector and Non-profit Marketing
Patrick De Pelsmacker, University of Antwerp
Gary Warnaby, University of Manchester

Relationship Marketing
Simon Bell, University of Melbourne
Omar Merlo, Imperial College London

Retailing
Jie Zhang, University of Maryland
Els Breugelmans, KU Leuven

Sales Management and Personal Selling
Sonke Albers, Kühne Logistics University
Nick Lee, Loughborough University

Services Marketing
Florian von Wangenheim, ETH Zurich
Anders Gustafsson, Karlstad University

Social Responsibility & Ethics
Joëlle Vanhamme, EDHEC Business School
Valérie Swaen, Université catholique de Louvain & IÉSEG School of Management

Tourism Marketing
Enrique Bigne, University of Valencia
Alain Decrop, University of Namur

Special Interest Groups
Andráš Bauer, Corvinus University of Budapest
Luk Warlop, KU Leuven & BI Norwegian Business School

Film Festival
Alain Decrop, University of Namur

Collaboration and Roundtable Groups
Luk Warlop, KU Leuven & BI Norwegian Business School
Klemens Knoeferle, BI Norwegian Business School
Program overview

Sunday, May 22
13:00 – 14:30  Doctoral colloquium registration (BI main entrance)
14:00 – 19:00  Doctoral colloquium sessions (A2 area)
20:00  Social activities

Monday, May 23
9:30 – 18:00  Doctoral colloquium sessions (A2 area)
13:00 – 14:00  Doctoral colloquium lunch (D6 area)
14:00 – 17:00  EMAC Steering Committee meeting (C4Y-161)
20:00 – 22:30  Dinner for participants of the doctoral colloquium (BI restaurant, 7th floor)

Tuesday, May 24
9:00 – 13:30  Doctoral colloquium sessions (A2 area)
13:30 – 15:00  Doctoral colloquium lunch (D6 area)
10:00 – 16:00  EMAC Executive Committee meeting (A2-095, A2-015, A2-050, A2-059)
13:00 – 18:00  Conference registration (BI main entrance)
18:30 – 20:00  Welcome reception at the Oslo City Hall

Wednesday, May 25
9:00 – 10:30  Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
9:30 – 13:30  Job market (C4 area)
09:00 – 17:30  Booksellers’ market (B2, C2 areas)
10:30 – 11:00  Coffee break (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
11:00 – 12:30  Invited speaker session: Koen Pauwels & Michel Wedel (C1-010)
  Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
  Film festival (B2-020)
12:30 – 14:00  Lunch (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
  Heads of marketing forum (BI restaurant, 7th floor)
14:00 – 15:30  Meet-the-editors session: Main marketing journals (A2-030)
  Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
  Climber community 1st session (A2-070)
  Film festival (B2-020)
14:00 – 18:30  Job market (C4 area)
15:30 – 16:00  Coffee break (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
16:00 – 17:30  Invited session: EMAC as a global organization (B2-060)
  Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
  Climber community 2nd session (A2-015)
  Think-tank “The future of SIGs” (A2-035)
17:30 – 18:30  Board meeting IJRM (A2-075)
17:30 – 19:00  Climber community: Informal gathering (Nydalen Bryggeri, 5 min from BI)
18:00  Optional social events
18:00 – 19:30  Reception at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Nydalen: BMM-EMAC 8th Biennial International Conference on Business Market Management in Association with EMAC at the University of Graz in 2017
Thursday, May 26
07:45 – 09:00 McKinsey breakfast meeting (C4-161)
09:00 – 10:00 General assembly (C1-050)
09:30 – 10:00 Job market (C4 area)
09:00 – 17:30 Booksellers’ market (B2, C2 areas)
10:00 – 10:30 Coffee break (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
10:30 – 12:00 Meet-the-editors session: Behavioral journals (A2-030)
          EMAC McKinsey Marketing Dissertation Award, paper presentation (C2-080)
          Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
12:00 – 13:30 Lunch (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
12:30 – 14:00 EMAC fellows meeting (VIP C6)
13:30 – 15:00 Meetings (A2, B2, C2 areas)
14:00 – 15:00 McKinsey Award jury meeting (C4-161)
15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
15:30 – 16:15 Keynote talk Peter Fader (A1-040 Finn Øien auditorium)
16:15 – 17:00 EMAC2016 awards session (A1-040 Finn Øien auditorium)
17:00 – 19:00 Poster session with food and drinks (BI 1st floor)

Friday, May 27
09:00 – 10:30 Invited speaker session: Aradhna Krishna and Charles Spence (C1-010)
          Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
10:00 – 16:00 Booksellers’ market (B2, C2 areas)
10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
10:30 – 11:30 Coffee with the IJRM editor (B2-050)
11:00 – 12:30 Meet-the-editors session: Domain-specific marketing journals (A2-030)
          Invited session: Journal of Marketing Behavior (C2-080)
          Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
          Film festival, repetition (B2-020)
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
14:00 – 15:30 Invited speaker session: Ming Hsu (C1-010)
          EMAC2016 Distinguished Marketing Scholar session (C2-080)
          Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
          Film festival, repetition (B2-020)
14:00 – 18:00 Job market (C4 area)
15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break (B1, B2, C1, C2 areas)
16:00 – 17:30 Invited speaker session: Uri Simonsohn (C1-010)
          Sessions (A2, B2, C2 areas)
19:00 – 23:00 Conference dinner at BI Norwegian Business School (BI 1st floor)
        23:30 After-party at LaWo (close to Nationaltheatret)
DETAILED PROGRAM
Marketing and innovation

Chairs: Nuno Camacho, Erasmus University Rotterdam
      Stefan Stremersch, Erasmus University Rotterdam & IESE Business School

This special interest group session aims to be a memorable and inspiring session where we invite top scholars to discuss state-of-the-art research and ideas in the fields of marketing and innovation. Therefore, the papers discussed herein cover a broad range of subjects.

**Big data, text mining, and consumer-based service innovation management**

Deb Mitra*, University of Florida
Joseph Johnson, University of Miami
Brent Kitchens, University of Virginia

This paper focuses on how to conceptualize innovation. The authors propose a new method to identify successful innovations. Instead of identifying innovation success ex-post based on sales (which may be prone to hindsight and survivor biases), the authors propose an ex-ante approach that analyzes consumer- and firm-generated content in digital media to measure early indicators of innovation success.

**The value of marketing crowdsourced new products as such: Evidence from a randomized field experiment**

Christoph Fuchs*, Technical University of Munich
Martin Schreier, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
Hidehiko Nishikawa, Hosei University
Susumu Ogawa, Kobe University

The authors examine the effects of marketing new products as “customerideated” versus not mentioning the specific source of the design of the new product. Using a randomized field experiment, the authors show that labeling products at the point of purchase as crowdsourced causally produces a significant and sizable 11-percent increase in sales, as compared with products where the specific source of the design is not mentioned.

**Dynamics of performance in crowdsourcing contests: Time, touch, or talent?**

Gerard J. Tellis*, University of Southern California
Christian Pescher, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Johann Füller, University of Innsbruck

This paper focuses on idea quality in crowdsourcing contests, thereby shifting the attention towards the “fuzzy front-end” of innovation. The authors show that while the quantity of ideas increases exponentially over time, the quality of ideas declines over time. In addition, they test whether prior success hurts future ideation (fixation) or predicts future ideation (talent). They find that talent dominates fixation.

**Customer-centric innovation from the grassroots: Determinants of success**

Stefan Stremersch*, Erasmus University Rotterdam & IESE Business School
Nuno Camacho, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Elio Keko, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Isabel Verniers, Ghent University

This paper focuses on the determinants of success of grassroots innovation. Grassroots innovation enables employees, irrespective of their function, to come up with innovative ideas for new businesses. Using a large-scale survey among 2,176 managers in 14 countries, the authors show that adequately designed grassroots innovation processes pay off. Specifically, such processes help firms generate more customer-focused innovations, thereby increasing their chances of commercial success.
Social influence, brands, and profitability in a changing world

Chairs: Michael Haenlein, ESCP Europe
       Barak Libai, Arison School of Business, Interdisciplinary Center

Social media (Kaplan and Haenlein 2010) and word-of-mouth marketing programs (Libai, Muller, and Peres 2013) have created a series of new challenges for firms in recent years. Customers who used to be considered as unconnected individuals now need to be seen and analyzed as part of a connected structure. This creates a new level of complexity that firms need to respond to and which is augmented by the ever increasing amount of data available to firms. However, despite this managerial relevance, our academic understanding of the specific dynamics that these new type of media offer is still only scattered. The purpose of this special session is therefore to look into some of the challenges that arise for companies in such a new world. Within four presentations the session focuses on fundamental questions such as interactions between social media and traditional media, the ways in which firms should manage word-of-mouth marketing programs and the potential of social media to build human brands.

Evaluating the impact of social media activities on human brand sales
Alok R. Saboo, Georgia State University
V. Kumar*, Georgia State University
Girish Ramani, Drexel University

Brand buzz in the echoverse
Kelly Hewett, University of Tennessee
William Rand, University of Maryland
Roland Rust*, University of Maryland
Harald van Heerde, Massey University

Effects of traditional advertising and social messages on brand-building metrics and customer acquisition
Lisette De Vries, University of Münster
Sonja Gensler, University of Münster
Peter S. H. Leeflang*, University of Groningen

Word-of-mouth program value: A customer equity-focused review and propositional inventory
Michael Haenlein, ESCP Europe
Barak Libai*, Arison School of Business
Value creating sales in business markets

Chairs: Manfred Krafft, University of Münster
       Andreas Eggert, University of Paderborn
       Jan Wieseke, University of Bochum
       Christian Schmitz, University of Bochum

Manufacturing firms increasingly migrate from product centered to value creating business models (Terho et al., 2012). Thus, suppliers do not merely provide products to customers, but proactively support value creation with their products in customers’ business application. This change is triggered by low cost competition, commoditization, and more sophisticated customer demands. Owing to these market developments, only relying on product centered business models is not feasible any longer for manufacturers to prosper in the short as well as long run. The sales function is the most crucial organizational function to successfully accomplish the adoption of value creating business models and, similarly, most strongly affected by this change (Blocker et al., 2012; Ulaga & Loveland, 2014). Despite its relevance, research on this subject is scarce. While initial conceptual articles underline the urgency of investigating value creating sales (e.g., Berghman et al., 2006), little empirical research exists that carves out how manufacturing firms should effectively implement and organize them. This SIG session aims at motivating research on the implementation of value creating sales in business organizations. The session consists of two parts. In the first part, three research presentations will stimulate thinking and motivate discussion. In the second part, a panel discussion aims at identifying high-potential research ideas around value creating sales. Taking an interactive approach, the panel engages presenters and the audience to carve out interesting issues to be pursued in prospective B2B marketing research. At the end, the panelists will summarize the discussion and highlight the most compelling research ideas that emerged.

The role of sales in hybrid offerings
Jan Wieseke, University of Bochum
Sascha Alavi*, University of Bochum
Johannes Habel, University of Bochum
Christian Schmitz, University of Bochum
Felix Brüggemann, University of Bochum

Using an international, large-scale, multiple-source data set, the authors reveal that salespeople achieve a superior financial performance when combining products with services.

Crafting solutions in business markets: The important role of salesperson’s human and social capital
Eva Böhm, University of Paderborn
Andreas Eggert*, University of Paderborn
Harri Terho, University of Turku
Wolfgang Ulaga, Arizona State University & IMD Lausanne
Alexander Haas, University of Giessen

The authors investigate the relevance of human and social capital for building this competence. Using data from 799 B2B salespeople within 29 sales organizations, they reveal the relative importance of salespeople’s customer and technical knowledge (i.e., human capital) as well as their external and internal relations (i.e., social capital).

The ambivalent role of variable compensation in industrial servitization
Jan Wieseke, University of Bochum
Sascha Alavi, University of Bochum
Johannes Habel*, University of Bochum
Christian Schmitz, University of Bochum
Felix Brüggemann, University of Bochum

This study examines the versatile effects of variable sales compensation in the servitization context. Using an international, large-scale, multiple-source data set, the authors reveal that salespersons’ variable compensation has an inverse u-shaped effect on servitization success.

Panel discussion: Identifying high-potential research ideas on value creating sales (30 minutes)
Andreas Eggert*, University of Paderborn
Manfred Krafft, University of Münster
Wolfgang Ulaga, Arizona State University & IMD Lausanne
Jan Wieseke, University of Bochum
and the remaining presenters in this SIG
Activating teaching methods in marketing education

Chair: Anna-Greta Nyström, Åbo Akademi University

One of the challenges marketing teachers face is designing learning environments that allow for deep learning. Traditionally, university teaching has been laid out as lectures and seminars, focusing on learning based on listening, reading and writing. Activating teaching methods offer an alternative way to allow for interaction and develop courses and curricula, as well as the role as teacher. Marketing majors must have an understanding of the way people think, behave and learn. Therefore it is of importance to acknowledge various learning styles and strategies. How should learners be involved in the study subject, and how does the teacher facilitate collaborative learning? Which role does interactivity play in learning and how can it be enabled via, for instance, social media? One focus area is learning together with others, which has proved to be effective in many contexts. However, activating learning methods should be put into context and align with learning goals, expected outcomes, and examination. The 90-minutes session is a workshop including an introductory presentation on the essence of activating teaching strategies that align learning goals with teaching activities (30 minutes). The workshop offers participants the opportunity to learn about and try different activating teaching methods (40 minutes), such as tools for mapping previous knowledge, innovation and ideation tools, problem definition tools, tools for mapping possible solutions, online tools enabling interaction during lectures etc. The methods and their underlying goals will be discussed, i.e., when is one method suitable or more suitable than another. The session thus ends with an open discussion (20 minutes).
Governance and fairness in interfirm relationships

Chair: Erik A. Mooi, Melbourne University

The effects of procedural and distributive fairness in supplier-buyer relationships
Fabio Cassia*, University of Verona
Sven A. Haugland, Norwegian School of Economics
Francesca Magno, University of Bergamo
Marta Ugolini, University of Verona

Fairness has until recently rarely been studied in supplier-buyer relationships. The purpose of this study is to enrich the well-established perceived value – satisfaction – behavioral intention framework by considering the direct and moderating effects of both procedural fairness and distributive fairness. The suggested extended model is tested in the social couponing industry through a survey on a sample of firms purchasing advertising services from a daily deal website. The findings highlight both a direct effect of procedural fairness on satisfaction and a direct effect of distributive fairness on behavioral intentions. Finally, the analysis shows a negative moderating effect of procedural fairness on the relationship linking market performance to satisfaction. High levels of procedural fairness may in part compensate for low market performance and thereby avoiding a reduction in satisfaction.

How do supervision and autonomy affect subcontractors’ commitment? The moderating roles of distributive justice and flexibility norm
Xiaoyun Chen*, University of Macau
Elaine Yan, University of Macau
May Wang, United International College
Xiaofeng Zhang, Harbin Institute of Technology

Commitment from collaborating partners has been identified as one of the most prominent elements desirable to and hence solicited by organizations. To help explain and predict collaborators’ commitment to a focal organization, this study tested two important factors as antecedents: supervisory control and perceived autonomy. After validating the positive link, the boundary conditions for the positive effects of supervisory control and autonomy were explored. Data were collected from 224 subcontractors of the China State Construction Engineering Corporation based in Hong Kong and Macao. Distributive justice and the flexibility norm moderated the relationships between the two predictors and commitment, thus supporting the hypotheses. Specifically, distributive justice accentuated the positive effect of autonomy and the flexibility norm accentuated the positive effect of supervisory control. The theoretical and practical implications in an organizational setting are discussed.

The impact of contract negotiation fairness and contract implementation fairness on business-to-business relationships
Tobias Grossmann*, Free University of Berlin
Michael Kleinaltenkamp, Free University of Berlin

When studying long-term relationships, traditionally the focus has been on purchasing and selling decisions with possible rebuying and reselling efforts. In a B2B setting these decisions typically take place in negotiations between both partners. However, this perspective ignores that the negotiating and signing of a contract is followed by its often long-lasting implementation. In this study, we discuss fairness perceptions in contract negotiations and contract implementations as important drivers of rebuying and reselling decisions in B2B relationships. Based on 29 in-depth expert interviews we develop a conceptual model that features negotiation and implementation fairness perceptions and their impact on relationship quality and future business intentions. We suggest that fairness is not only an isolated important element in B2B negotiation and contract implementation, but that negotiation fairness often sets the stage for the implementation and hence future behavioral intentions.

Governing channel relationships through selective entry and costly exit
Erik A. Mooi*, Melbourne University
Kenneth Wathne, University of Stavanger
Jan Heide, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Alok Kumar, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

We study the governance mechanisms used by firms to manage their reseller relationships. Specifically, we examine mechanisms which purposely shape relationship entry and exit, namely 1) initial reseller selection efforts and 2) reseller hostages. Based on a longitudinal study of supplier-reseller relationships, we examine these mechanisms’ dual roles of 1) motivating a supplier to invest in reseller-specific assets ex ante, and 2) safeguarding the assets from transaction costs ex post. Our specific focus is on the roles that each individual mechanism plays, the difference between them, and the implications of joint reliance on selection and hostages. We use our findings to suggest guidelines for channel strategy, including how to allocate resources across different governance options. Theoretically, we add to the literatures on inter-firm relationships and transaction costs by showing the range of effects that follow from entry- and exit-based governance mechanisms.
Packaging cues and product perceptions

Chair: Jonathan Luffarelli, City University London

Dragon wine: Effects of fantasy themes on food label processing and marketing outcomes
David Jaud*, Massey University
Valentina Melnyk, Massey University
Jan R. Landwehr, Goethe University Frankfurt

Companies spend billions annually for packaging and labelling, yet little is known about the specific features of a package design that influence consumers' responses. Meanwhile, the use of fantasy themes (i.e., a fiction genre using imaginative elements and unreal creatures) is increasing among broad product categories, however it is unclear how consumers actually react to fantasy labels. In this research, we present a systematic set of studies including a pilot study and four experiments which investigate whether, when and why fantasy labels affect purchase intentions. Building on the principle of hedonic dominance (Chitturi et al., 2007), the results suggest that fantasy labels (1) enhance purchase intentions, but only when trust in the product/brand is established, and (2) is sequentially driven by the evocation of the imaginary and positive affective reactions. Our findings have important managerial implications for brand managers and practitioners dealing with package designs.

The effect of natural color package on perceptions of product dangerousness for consumers' health
Veronica Marozzo*, University of Calabria
Maria Antonietta Raimondo, University of Calabria
Irene Scopelliti, City University London
Gaetano Miceli, University of Calabria

This paper introduces the concept of naturalness of colors, that is the property of colors to recall something that has not been treated or processed, and that expresses authenticity, and investigates the relationship between natural colors and product perceptions. We propose that the presence of natural colors on product packaging may affect perceptions of product dangerousness for consumers health. The results show that perceptions of dangerousness for health of the product are significantly lower for products with natural-colored packages than products with non natural-colored packages, and that this effect is mediated by product health halo, that is a mechanism whereby a natural-colored package, addressing aspects of naturalness, suggests that the product itself is natural.

Consistent or not? The role of product visibility in sequential decisions
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This research introduces product-visibility as a factor affecting consistency of product-related decisions, in the context of social and self-identities. We show that when a product involved in a first decision is highly visible, the decision-maker's cognitive-rigidity is enhanced, increasing the likelihood of subsequent decision consistency, especially in individuals with high public self-consciousness.

The exciting-asymmetry effect: The interplay of logo design and brand personality on brand equity
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We propose and demonstrate that logo shape and brand personality can interact to influence brand equity. Specifically, in six studies and through the analysis of a large field dataset that involves 96 real brands and 14,566 consumers, we establish the “exciting-asymmetry effect”—the phenomenon whereby the combination of an asymmetrical (symmetrical) logo and an exciting brand personality boosts (harms) brand evaluations and brands’ financial performance. We also highlight the counterintuitive nature of this effect by showing that commercial designers tend to prefer symmetrical logos for brands with an exciting personality. Our research adds to the literature by identifying an important boundary condition to the well-known positive effects of symmetry, by showing that asymmetrical logos evoke excitement-related notions, and by demonstrating the importance of jointly considering brand elements’ design and brand personality, even if this entails not following “good design” principles.
Internal influences on decision making and choice

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Dilution illusion
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Previous studies show that changes in the nominal representation of choices can affect individual decision-making while neglecting the outcome in real terms (e.g., money illusion, ratio bias and medium maximization). This study explores how the nominal representation of choices affects interpersonal decision-making. Specifically, we measure to what extent the nominal representation of the distribution of an endowment can affect appropriation. We predict that the degree of appropriation is greater if the victim is not affected nominally, which we term dilution illusion. In an experiment the nominal representation of the endowment is disentangled from the representation in real terms. The main finding is that appropriation is more prevalent if the nominal representation of victim’s possessions is kept constant, which confirms the existence of the dilution illusion. On the other hand, appropriation is less prevalent if the nominal representation of Dictator’s possessions is kept constant.

The role of visual attention in product selection
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While pop-up ads are designed to inform consumers, they can interfere with online browsing behaviour. Although our visual system allows this seemingly irrelevant information through its filters, it does not always result in negative consequences. The purpose of this project is to investigate how distracting images can result in favourable or unfavourable preferences for an online product depending on their location, colour, and duration. The theoretical contribution will be made to phenomenon in psychology called Inhibition of Return (IOR), which will be applied in a marketing setting. In experiments one and two, visual attention is measured by reaction time to the location and colour of objects while visual distractions are ignored. The third experiment explores the role of attention on product preference. In sum, by manipulating the location and colour of visual distractions, we showed that this has an effect on the participants’ reaction times and potential product preferences.

The effect of consumers’ sense of urgency on shift of regulatory focus
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Choice overload is a well-known phenomenon that consumers might defer choice when faced with large numbers of choices, as consumers experience frustration associated with processing significant amounts of information. Previous studies have found time constraints to act as a moderator of choice overload: approaching deadlines amplify choice overload by increasing cognitive burden. We investigates the relation between number of choices and deadlines using observational and experimental data on the purchase and search of airline tickets. We find a negative relationship between number of options and purchase probability. However, choice overload cannot fully explain this effect, which is more likely the outcome of a shift in regulatory focus. We find also that consumers’ sense of urgency has a greater impact than choice overload, and that it is the sense of urgency and the psychological time that is associated with shift of regulatory focus. We provide insights for research and management.

Expectation-based effects of non-differentiating attributes on choice
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Theories of decision-making, information integration, and cognitive psychology make competing predictions about the effect of non-differentiating attributes (i.e., attributes along which all alternatives score the same) on choice. In this paper we propose a theoretical account that invokes decision-makers’ expectations to predict the effect of introducing a non-differentiating attribute on choice. Participants in our studies were asked to choose from a set of two options that presented a trade-off between two attributes. For half of our sample, we added a non-differentiating attribute to the two focal attributes. In seven studies we find that a non-differentiating attribute can favor a particular alternative in the set because consumers judge performance on that attribute not based on face value (according to which all alternatives perform the same), but based on the difference between face and expected value instead.
Consumption acquisition: Theory and practice

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Consumption acquisition practices
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This conceptual paper aims to advance a theory of acquisition practices by integrating concepts and theories about resource circulation practices, such as buying, sharing, gifting, access based consumption, into a common framework. While acquisition, the process of obtaining consumption resources, is an essential aspect of consumer behavior, it has mainly been conceptualized in terms of buying. Recent research has begun to identify and conceptualize alternative acquisition practices and theoretical approaches. We build on these works and develop an organizing theoretical framework that integrates these concepts towards the advancement of a theory of acquisition process and aims to provide conceptual clarity in the current literature. We develop a typology of research acquisition practices on the basis of a) the level of market mediation, and b) ownership transfer based on a literature review and theories of exchange. The typology distinguishes six consumption acquisition practices: buying, bartering, gifting, renting, sharing, and borrowing. We conceptualize each practice, discuss associated consumption consequences, and discuss hybrid cases. Our model helps advance the theoretical account of consumer behavior and widen the scope of such theorization to enclose recent phenomena that arise from the sharing economy.

When and why attachment avoidance affects the sharing of personal possessions
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Although existing research highlights the importance of consumers’ participation in the sharing economy, it remains unclear under what condition consumers are more willing to share their personal possessions. This research builds on attachment theory and investigates whether, when and why attachment avoidance - the degree in which individuals tend to avoid closeness and dependency - has an effect on their intentions to share personal possessions. In three experimental studies, we show that attachment avoidance has a negative effect on intentions to share personal possessions. This effect is strengthened for consumers higher in materialism and is reversed when the sharing partner is a stranger. The authors suggest a mechanism by which the consumer’s possession-self link mediates the effect of attachment avoidance on sharing intentions. Avenues for future research and implications for peer-to-peer sharing schemes are discussed.

Wanting ever more: Acquisition procedure motivates continued possession acquisition
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What drives consumers to invest resources to acquire material possessions? We suggest that, aside from the consumption utility and the psychological benefits that possessions deliver, people are motivated by the procedure of acquiring them. In six experiments, we compare two procedures: piecemeal procedure, whereby a quantity of possessions is acquired gradually through repeated small efforts; and lump-sum procedure, whereby more possessions are acquired all at once through a longer period of work. Holding constant the total quantity of acquired possessions and the effort-possession exchange rate, we find that piecemeal procedure is more likely to motivate effort investment to earn rewards in the future than lump-sum procedure, because the former results in a greater sense of achievement. If that sense of achievement is curtailed, piecemeal procedure is no more motivating than lump-sum procedure.

Consumer attachment styles and preference for participating in sharing systems
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This paper suggests and empirically shows that consumers’ attachment styles determine their likelihood to participate in sharing systems. While anxious consumers are more likely to participate in non-market based systems; avoidant consumers are less likely to take part in such settings. Only for anxious consumers, non-market based sharing systems have a self-esteem enhancing role, significantly increasing the likelihood to participate in sharing settings. Only for avoidant consumers, market based sharing systems provide trust, significantly increasing likelihood to participate in such systems. Interestingly, anxious consumers’ likelihood to use a shared item is dependent on its contagion level. Such individuals are more likely to use a shared good when the contagion level of that item is high.
Franchising and subsidiaries

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International franchise performance: An RBV perspective
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This paper investigates the drivers of international franchise performance from the perspective of the resource-based view of the firm. It builds on interviews (N=28) and survey data (N=88) from internationalized French franchisors. A research model is proposed and tested with PLS-SEM. It includes seven drivers of international performance that reflect franchisor-owned resources, relational capabilities, and reconfiguration capabilities. The results indicate that relational and reconfiguration capabilities drive franchisors’ relational performance, while franchisor-owned resources, reconfiguration capabilities and relational performance drive franchisors’ relative performance. The results also validate a moderating role of the age of entry on international markets. Franchisor-owned resources seem particularly important for the performance of the early international franchisors, while relational and reconfiguration capabilities are better leveraged by the late international franchisors.

Market orientation and marketing program standardization in a subsidiary context: Striking a perfect balance
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This study explores the relationship of marketing program standardization and market orientation to the performance of subsidiaries of multinational corporations. The case of a lead-market (Japan) and an emerging market (Turkey) are compared and contrasted. Analysing market orientation at the sub-component level, we find that (1) responsiveness is positively related to revenues (sales growth and market share) but not to profitability in both Japan and Turkey; (2) marketing program standardization is positively related to profitability, but not to revenues in both markets; and (3) in both markets, the interactions of market orientation and standardization are not significant on both performance measures. Our results indicate that subsidiaries that want to enhance profitability and revenues need to nurture both a market orientation and marketing program standardization separately as each drives a different performance dimension.
Marketing leadership

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The emergence of leadership in marketing and non-marketing functions: Which mental representations drive leadership behavior?

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Marketing managers face a specific environment which requires specific leadership behavior in order to adapt firm’s marketing resources to external challenges. When selecting their leadership behavior, marketing managers use knowledge frameworks that reflect experience in a specific environment (= mental representation). Following a functional perspective, this study explores mental representations of effective leadership of marketing and non-marketing managers. Cross-functional comparisons show significant differences in terms of managers’ perceptions on effective leadership behavior. Empirical results show that leaders from different functions select the same leadership behavior for achieving different objectives. In addition, the results of this study show that leaders from different functions select different leadership behaviors for achieving the same objective.

Enhancing marketing capabilities through the use of marketing control systems

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Marketing capabilities are recognized as important determinants of superior firm performance. However, there is a dearth of research on how to build up marketing capabilities through management processes. No previous study has empirically examined the relationship between the uses of marketing control systems and specific marketing capabilities. This study examines how marketing control systems are used to foster both market-linking and adaptive marketing capabilities in order to enhance firm performance. A survey of 209 Irish-based companies demonstrates that the interactive use of marketing control systems is a key driver of both market-linking capability and adaptive marketing capability. This study is the first study of its kind to provide empirical evidence for the argument that management processes serve as the mechanism through which marketing capabilities are developed.

Linking entrepreneurial orientation and small service firm performance through marketing resources and marketing capability: A moderated mediation model

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Mixed findings documented in the literature suggest that the entrepreneurial orientation (EO)–performance relationship is more complex than a simple main-effects-only relationship. The literature offers two approaches in advancing this complex relationship: (1) examining the contingency effect and (2) examining the mediating effect on EO–performance. Through a moderated mediation framework we reconcile these distinct approaches by examining the underlying process through which EO contributes to performance and the specific condition under which this process is facilitated. Data from 469 small service firms indicate that marketing capability mediates the EO–performance relationship; this mediation effect is strongest when marketing resources are abundant.
Marketing communications

Digital attention maps: Unveiling competition for digital attention using online search
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In today’s digital markets, hundreds of firms compete for the attention of millions of consumers. Understanding the competitive environment for digital attention has thus become crucial to managers as basis for strategic decision making. However, digital markets are typically very large, contain numerous business models, and experience rapid shifts of market share, making them difficult to analyze. We propose a new approach called Digital Attention Maps (DAM) to analyze competition among hundreds of firms for digital attention of consumers. DAM uses organic search results to identify firms competing for digital attention in a market, infer about competitive relevance, reveal asymmetric competitive relationships, and identify submarkets structures. In an empirical application to online retail banking, we show how DAMs are not only fast and inexpensive to generate but also offer new insights from a demand side perspective on competitive market structure for digital consumer attention.

The influence of marketing communications on the consumer path to purchase for both online and offline purchases
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There are many different paths that retail customers may take to complete a purchase, such as using only physical stores, searching online before purchasing offline, or searching and purchasing online. This study investigates how marketing communications may influence a customer’s path to purchase. We use a Hidden Markov Model to develop latent states of behaviour based on longitudinal data from a multi-channel retailer. Four consumer purchase states are developed namely offline only, goal-directed online buying, highly active online buying, and research online purchase offline. We find that the transitions between these states are influenced by marketing communications including emails and catalogues. This study extends existing channel migration literature by demonstrating how marketing communications may influence search as well as purchase behaviour, and provides marketers an opportunity to develop communication strategies to influence the consumer path to purchase.

Was this review helpful to you? Determinants of helpfulness voting patterns in the context of online customer reviews
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The rise of the number and forms of user-generated content has attracted scholars and firms to the importance of studying online customer reviews. With this study we propose to shed light on the phenomenon of review helpfulness. While past research focuses on exclusively understanding what makes a review helpful and ignores the fact that some reviews receive more attention than others, we aim to disentangle these two dimensions by differentiating between what drives people to vote and what drives people to vote positively. Apart from well-known variables in the field of review helpfulness, such as review length, we include review sentiment in our research and study the interaction between some of the effects with the variable price. We contribute to the existing literature by adopting a different modelling approach that enables us to separate two distinct effects that so far have been considered to be one and we demonstrate that price is a key determinant to the study of helpfulness.

The role of messaging in display ads in times of programmatic advertising
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This research investigates the effect of different targeting options and ad messages in display ads on conversion behavior (e.g., click, website visit). We model the individual advertising path based on cookie data with a hidden Markov model. The hidden states represent the stage in the purchase funnel. We find that contrary to industry believes, programmatic targeting options like real-time bidding do not work throughout the funnel, but more in the beginning to make the consumer aware of the product. We also show that different ad messages (awareness-, product-, and sales-related) have different effects depending on the customer’s stage in the purchase funnel. Sales-related ads have a rather low effect in the beginning when the consumer has a low interest, but increase their effectiveness when the user is deeper in the funnel. We provide managers a tool to approximate the purchase funnel of internet users and provide implications on the suggested targeting options and ad messages.
Recommendation

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Should online shops explain their recommendations?
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Due to their stochastic nature, automated recommendation systems (RS) are inherently prone to errors. Such errors potentially impair customers’ perception of and loyalty to online shops that employ the RS and can harm the shops’ outcome. Explanations of the reasoning underlying recommendations can help customers handle recommendation errors and so to mitigate the negative effects of erroneous recommendations. This paper presents a work-in-progress study that provides an empirical backup for general usefulness of explanation facilities within RS and examines the effects of different recommendation styles in case of the provision of correct and erroneous recommendations. The results indicate that it is sensible to employ an explanation facility within a RS and that explanations should be generated in a “keyword & influence” style, i.e. explanations should combine an attribute-based description of the recommended item and base on the user’s prior preferences.

The interactive effect of regulatory focus and review valence on helpfulness ratings
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Helpfulness ratings are an important indicator for the impact of online reviews. Helpfulness is often explained in terms of observable qualities of reviews that predict helpfulness ratings. We argue that focusing on the psychological processes that underlie helpfulness voting leads to a more detailed understanding of review helpfulness. Specifically, because goal orientation affects information processing, individual regulatory focus interacts with review valence to determine helpfulness. When review valence matches regulatory focus, consumers are more likely to vote a review as helpful. We predict that this effect occurs because regulatory match increases review engagement, which amplifies gratitude towards the review’s author. Hence, consumers are more likely to reward the author with a helpfulness vote to express their gratitude. Two studies find support for these predictions and suggest that review engagement and gratitude serially mediate the matching effect on helpfulness voting.

Spillover effects of online social cues: Field evidence from the service industry
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Previous research studied the impact of online social cues (i.e., references on websites to persons or social situations) on website perceptions. Here, we study whether online social cues may additionally create a spillover to the physical channel. We propose that online social cues on the website attributed to service employees can strengthen perceived service quality of service employees, and that the strength of this effect is determined by media richness. We test our predictions with multisource data from a sample of 113 service firms, including two samples of customers for each of the firms. We find that the effects of online social cues of service employees are strengthened by the use of rich media, and that online social cues increase customer loyalty through service quality perceptions of service employees but not through service quality perceptions of the website. Thus, the effects of online social cues are underestimated if their spillover to physical channels is neglected.
Online reviews

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Incentives for writing online reviews – differential effects on likelihood and valence
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As online reviews have a noteworthy impact on sales, companies are interested in a high amount of positive online reviews. One possible practice for stimulating online reviews is offering incentives. However, it is not at all clear whether such incentives will have the intended consequences and companies will actually profit from an increase in positive online reviews. Based on an experimental study, we find offering incentives to increase online review publication likelihood. Yet, at the same time incentives can decrease online reviews’ valence. This result is in line with Self-Affirmation Theory which suggests online reviews positivity might decrease because customers do not want to perceive themselves as “being bought”. Therefore, managers must decide if they can accept less positive reviews in exchange for quantity when offering incentives.

On the helpfulness of online product reviews: The interplay of anonymity and self-regulatory focus
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Online product reviews are important to both marketers and consumers. Several studies have addressed the determinants of helpfulness of online product reviews. One important variable in this stream of research is the anonymity of reviewers. Findings on the effects of anonymity on the helpfulness of reviews are conflicting. We suggest that the effect of anonymity is moderated by a variable not addressed earlier: The self-regulatory focus evoked by the product category. We predict that 1) anonymity has a positive effect on the helpfulness of reviews for prevention-focused products, but a negative effect for promotion-focused products; 2) online reviewers will choose to be anonymous more frequently for prevention-focused products than for promotion-focused ones; 3) anonymity has a positive effect on helpfulness for prevention-focused products as anonymity leads to shorter and more critical reviews. Using a subset of Amazon reviews, we test and confirm these predictions.

Cross-referencing in online reviews
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Consumers who write online reviews often make references to other review authors and either agree or disagree with their opinion – a phenomenon that we call cross-referencing. This paper examines how the use of cross-references in online reviews impacts readers’ perceptions. While using references in texts is generally seen as a means to increase persuasiveness, we argue that this does not apply to online reviews. As online reviews are a unique depiction of subjective consumer experiences, readers may not appreciate it when authors focus on arguments of other reviewers rather than their own thoughts. A qualitative pre-study (n=60) as well as an experimental study (N=229) show that the use of cross-referencing decreases perceived persuasiveness of an online review, especially if the cross-reference indicates disagreement rather than agreement with a prior review. We contribute to an under-researched phenomenon in online review research and derive practical implications for managers.

Consumer perceptions of online reviews helpfulness
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The proliferation of consumer review websites available makes it difficult for consumers to easily identify the most helpful reviews. Helpful reviews can affect third-party websites’ sales. It is therefore paramount for these e-retailers to understand the antecedents of online reviews’ helpfulness. However, there is a dearth of studies on the determinants of information helpfulness in the service sector. This study adopts dual process theory to explore the influence of informational and normative cues on information helpfulness whilst considering links with consumers’ purchase intentions. Results highlight that information quantity, information quality, ranking scores, and source credibility are antecedents of information helpfulness, which ultimately will influence purchase intentions.
Gendered brands

Exploring the role of gender identity in consumer response to gender labeled products
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Labeling products targeted to a specific gender audience (sex-typed labeling) is commonplace in the market and reflects the widespread assumption that consumers’ behavior differs simply because they are men or women. Contrary, the results of two experiments show that gender labeling is another area of marketing in which consumers’ gender identity can explain behavior better than biological sex. We show its moderating effect on the relationship between gender labeled products and purchase intention. Gender schematic consumers (masculine or feminine) are indifferent between sex-typed or unisex labeling. They engage in simultaneous evaluation of a product’s gender expressive and functional aspects, which oppositely favor both options. Instead, gender aschematics (androgynous) are less sensitive to gender cues, making their congruity with the self-concept less prevalent and perceived functionality the most relevant mechanism. In consequence, unisex products are their preferred option.

Brand gender: The influence of brand logo, product category, and product design
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The marketing literature suggests that brand personality—human characteristics associated with brands—relates to a variety of relevant consumer responses to brands. The brand gender dimensions of brand personality (i.e., brand masculinity and femininity) significantly influence brand equity and brand alliance success. The current research therefore examines to what extent brand gender perceptions are shaped by brand aspects (i.e., brand logo design), product category and product design and demonstrates that (1) both different brand logos and perceptions between various product categories affect brand gender, that (2) strong gender perceptions increase brand equity, that (3) androgyny, i.e., simultaneously high masculinity and femininity, generates the highest brand equities, and that (4) both different brand logos and perceptions between various product designs within a product category affect brand gender.

Analyzing consumer-based brand equity on Facebook: The impact of brand gender
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In recent years, Facebook and other social media have become key players in branding activities. However, empirical research is still needed about the way in which consumer-based brand equity is created on social media. The purpose of this paper is to study the relationship between masculine and feminine brand personality and brand equity, on Facebook, and to analyze the mediating role of consumer-brand engagement and brand love on this relationship. Data were collected using an online survey with 614 valid responses. The hypotheses were tested using structural equation modeling. Results support 7 of the 11 hypotheses with significant relationship between analyzed constructs. This study confirms the advantages of a clear gender positioning and extends prior research by suggesting that brands with a strong brand gender identity will encourage brand love. Results also highlight that brand love has a mediating role on the relationship between brand gender and overall brand equity.

The impact of different naming strategies on consumer’s evaluation of mixed brands
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Many brands with strong gender identities - either feminine or masculine - are not successful at targeting both men and women, especially in high symbolic product categories, and managers struggle to capitalize on one single brand while trying to maximize their sales on both targets, hesitating between different naming strategies. Building on previous findings regarding brand gender, this research aims at understanding the potential relevance for mixed brands (i.e brands targeting men and women) to adopt a sub-brand/endorsed brand system rather than a single brand strategy. The research uses a before-after experimental design, on four existing well-known fashion brand names, to examine the potential effect of the introduction of a non-congruent gender sub-brand (i.e. feminine sub-brand name for masculine brands and masculine sub-brand name for feminine brands) on the attitude of the opposite gender target. The results underline asymmetrical evaluations of masculine and feminine brands.
Charities and donations
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The empowering role of online collaborative consumption: New opportunities for micro-entrepreneurship in developed countries
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The aim of this paper is to explore how collaborative economy can help alleviate poverty in developed countries. Based on a multi-method qualitative approach, this research emphasizes the empowering role of online collaborative consumption. Thanks to consumer-to-consumer exchange places on the Internet, people living under financial and cultural poverty have the opportunity to create small subsistence businesses that resemble micro-enterprises, commonplace in developing countries. Managing such small businesses improves poor people’s marketplace literacy and well-being thanks to economic, recreational, relational and symbolic benefits. We discuss the boundaries of collaborative economy that, in this case, is more about money than about sharing. We also discuss implications in terms of micro-entrepreneurship in developed countries and marketplace literacy educational programs.

Managing authentic rebranding in UK charities: The challenge of hybrid identity
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Nonprofit organizations that engage in rebranding strategies have difficulty reconciling their normative (social or mission driven) and utilitarian (business driven) identities of their organizations. This research conducts ten case studies in the charity sector to explore how dual identities are reflected in managers’ narratives and subsequently shape rebranding strategies. It extends the theory of corporate rebranding by articulating its relevance and embedded tension in the nonprofit sector and argues the importance of focusing beyond financial outcomes as the principal measurement of success. This research indicates that pressure to secure resources can lead some nonprofit organizations to experience identity drift. Senior managers should be careful in balancing the dual identities when managing the rebranding process.

When the cause fits: Taxonomic vs. thematic similarity in cause-related marketing
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One of the key questions in cause-related marketing is how the cause should be related to the brand. Surprisingly, very little systematic research has been conducted into the relationship between cause and brand, and its impact on fit and skepticism. Drawing on recent psychological literature, we provide a new model of how cause and brand are linked. This model is based on similarity, and details, how taxonomic versus thematic similarity can help companies in deciding which cause to support. Two empirical studies show that similarity (taxonomic vs. thematic) is consequential for perceived fit, consumers’ skepticism and donation size. Counter-intuitively, our findings suggest that even if consumers perceive a lower fit with thematic partnerships, they are less skeptical about them and expect companies to contribute less to the cause. Moreover, we show that the degree of skepticism plays a role as mediator and lowers the total effect of taxonomic/thematic similarity on the degree of fit.

How music affects attitudes towards a charity advertisement
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Music is an integral component of advertising; research shows how it can influence emotions (Oakes & North, 2006), brand attitudes (Morris & Boone, 1998), recall (North, Mackenzie, Law & Hargreaves, 2004) and purchase intent (Alpert, Alpert & Maltz, 2005). This study looks at the impact of music tempo of a charity advertisement on participant recall, emotions and intention to donate. In an experimental design with 158 participants, we compare responses to fast and slow tempo advertisements. The fast tempo advert evokes a more positive mood among respondents, with more positive feelings about the charity’s activities. The slow tempo advert generates stronger sad feelings regarding the charitable need, but also stronger intention to donate. These results suggest that background music tempo can play an important role in charity communications; faster tempos suit brand building activities while slower tempos are a better choice when fundraising is the focus of the advertisement.
Private labels

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Retaining or recovering? Different marketing mix effects on private label consumers
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This study addresses consumer switching between private labels and manufacturer brands. We empirically test the efficiency of product innovation, promotion, and price strategies on two consumer-switching situations: recovering consumers that manufacturer brands lost to private labels and preventing consumers of manufacturer brands from migrating to private labels. We compare the effectiveness of these strategies using a Hazard model to simultaneously measure the effects on each consumer-switching situation. As expected, we find that the marketing strategies studied have different levels of effectiveness depending on whether the objective is to retain consumers or recover consumers lost to private labels. For example, reducing the price gap is a more effective strategy to prevent consumers from switching than to recover consumers from private labels. These results pose interesting managerial implications for both manufacturer brands and private labels.

The impact of adding an organic label for private label brands: An investigation on the effect on perceived value for money and brand loyalty
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Retailers are introducing more and more organic private label (PLB). These brands convey two quality signals both positive and negative. These signals have an impact on consumers’ perception and behaviors towards the brands. Understanding what signal prevails for consumers and for what type of consumers is thus of major importance for retailers and marketers. In this study, we investigate the impact of adding an organic label for PLB on perceived value for money and brand loyalty and the difference of impact for (non-)price conscious consumers. We do it through an online experiment. Our results show that adding an organic label to PLB allows it to reach organic national brand level in terms of perceived value for money and brand loyalty and that these effects do not differ between non-price and price conscious consumers.

Drivers of private label purchase behavior across product categories and private label tiers
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Private labels have not only extended to various product categories, but have also developed different quality tiers. Whereas private labels represented lower-quality products in the beginning, medium- and premium-quality private label products are now appearing on supermarket shelves. By being generally available in a vast variety of categories and quality tiers, which national brands are not, private labels are unique. Accordingly, in order to explain consumers’ general propensity to buy private labels, it is essential for private labels research to look across product categories and quality tiers. We examine the effects that intrinsically induced consumer behavior (private label tier proneness, relationship intensity, and variety seeking) and extrinsically induced consumer behavior (price consciousness and promotion sensitivity) have on the private-label-tier share in a given category. Furthermore, we analyze whether product category characteristics moderate these effects.
Smart services and sharing

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When service turns smart: Implications for customer-firm relationship
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Using a case study approach, this study develops a conceptual framework of how smart service influences customer experience and customer-supplier relationships. Smart service can be seen as an extension of servitized business as it enables customization in previously impossible settings. We argue that smart service can both contribute to a higher or lower degree of interactivity. When more interaction takes place between the customer and smart objects, the interactivity between the firm and the customer decrease. However, the up-side consists of a new era of efficiently delivered customized services, and a new mental model of managing service function in product-based firms. As the trend of service infusion in manufacturing firms seem to continue, there are reasons to believe that managing smart service will be a key-issue in the future. The developed framework contributes to the understanding of how smart service enables interaction between different actors.

Sharing as a new mode of consumption: The case of sharing risks
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The sharing economy has shifted the way how goods and services are consumed from ownership and exclusive usage toward access and collective usage with economic benefits - the so called commercial sharing consumption. This article examines the nature of sharing, reviews existing typologies to distinguish between sharing-like phenomena, and sets the stage for a unified vocabulary. Five dimensions are identified to discriminate between forms of sharing: (1) relationship; (2) rights to resources; (3) market mediation; and (5) motivation to consume. Sharing is explored in the context of risk sharing via an interpretative consumer study. Three main outcomes of the proposed dimensions characterise risk sharing: financial benefits, weak emotional and symbolic values in a controlled environment, and a network of strangers. The theoretical and practical implications of our findings for understanding the nature of new modes of consumption and exchange are discussed.

To rent or own? The impact of renting on the expected speed of product mastery
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A customer's expectation of how easily or quickly they can master a product is an important factor in determining whether they continue using the product after adoption. Since rental services have grown in popularity consumers frequently encounter the decision of whether to rent or own skill-based products. Results from two experiments indicate that renters, as opposed to owners, expect it will take them less time to master a newly obtained product. These results are shown to be mediated by the renter and owner's perceived relative standing among other renters and owners.

Receptivity to self-service technology (SST): A research overview and the way forward
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In a digital era characterised by the need for efficiency and value, self-service technology rises as a delivery interface offered by public and private sector service providers. With the assumption of a win-win situation for both the provider and customers who can 'do it themselves' online/offsite and offline/onsite, stereotypes arise concerning antecedents for positive receptivity and impediments in adopting SSTs. The present paper offers a literature-based discussion of some of the existing and emerging perspectives in this domain; it delivers a contextual review of studies conducted, highlights controversial viewpoints that need to be reconsidered, and suggests future research themes that can make use of the emergent digital sources in data collection and analysis. The purpose is to spark future research on the extent to which SST is a champion for different service types, and to systematically study the customer profile to be targeted for its optimal use in value co-creation.
CSR communication

Chair: Catherine Janssen, IÉSEG School of Management

Does the animal welfare matter for the consumer? A study on the case of clothing brands
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The following study explores the influence of the animal welfare on the consumers’ preference. To attempt this objective, an empirical study mobilizing two brands (Kenzo and Zara) and 237 Italian clothing consumers has been conducted. Findings from conjoint analysis show that despite the increasing concerns of consumers about animal welfare, incorporating faux fur in the clothes affects consumer preferences negatively. Consumers valorize social information only when it doesn’t touch intrinsic attributes of the product. In effect, the results mention that indicating information on a responsible treatment of animals has a positive effect on the assessment of eco-products.

CSR communication and greenwashing: The roles of ethical labels, prior CSR record and consumers’ dispositional skepticism
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Many consumers consider that companies engage in CSR communication mainly for image management—a practice referred to as greenwashing. In the broad context of consumer skepticism, finding ways to enhance the credibility of CSR communication is a question of critical importance. Across two studies, this research investigates whether and how the presence (vs absence) of an ethical label in a CSR advertisement affects consumer evaluations and their perceptions of greenwashing. We also investigate the roles of the company’s prior CSR record and consumers’ dispositional skepticism. Our results suggest that, when prior CSR record is negative, neither company ethical labels nor third-party ethical labels could reduce greenwashing perceptions. However, when prior CSR record is positive, both label types are effective in reducing greenwashing perceptions. Moreover, third-party labels play an important role in convincing highly skeptical consumers about the truthfulness of the CSR claims.

Green emphasis: How strongly should environment-friendly attributes be communicated?
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This research examines how green emphasis, defined as the prominence given to the environment friendly attributes of a green product in a communication message, affects product evaluations. Drawing on self-determination theory, the authors suggest that green emphasis negatively affects autonomous motivation, leading to lower performance evaluations. Study 1 manipulates green emphasis by focusing on environment-friendly (vs. performance-related) attributes, and shows a negative effect on performance evaluations, only when the product’s performance criticality is high. Autonomous motivations are shown to mediate the effects. Study 2 uses the degree of assertiveness of the environmental message to manipulate green emphasis, and shows a negative effect when the green product is bought for someone else. Study 3 shows that the negative effect of green emphasis can be reversed if the environment-friendly attribute is optional.

Enhancing credibility of CSR communication by using infomercials
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CSR communication often triggers consumers’ skepticism; finding ways to reduce consumers’ skepticism is therefore critical for companies wishing to reap the benefits of their CSR efforts. This research investigates the effects that an infomercial, or long-form television advertisement promoting a company’s product or image through information, in comparison with more traditional forms of advertising, may have on consumers’ attitudes in a CSR communication context. Building on consumer responses to two real CSR communication campaigns, this research suggests that using an infomercial to communicate about CSR issues could be a better choice than a standard CSR advertisement, since infomercials appear more efficient in increasing credibility perceptions compared to standard ads, and can thereby generate more positive consumer reactions. This research offers several recommendations to companies on how to communicate more effectively about their CSR activities with their consumers.
Branding issues in tourism

Establishing the development of overall brand equity in the hotel context: The role of brand equity dimensions, integrated marketing communications, and social web

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Brand equity is considered as one of the top issues in the marketing and hospitality literature. However, the nature of the concept still remains unclear and the research on constructs that can influence its creation is rather weak and inconclusive. This paper explores the role of social web and Integrated Marketing Communications (IMC) in the development of hotel brand equity, considering both brand equity dimensions and the overall brand equity concept. The data were collected among 475 hotels guests and the analysis confirms the antecedent role of social web and IMC in the development of hotel brand equity. In addition, two primary dimensions of hotel brand equity are established, i.e. brand image and brand loyalty, and three secondary dimensions, i.e. brand awareness, brand trust, and affective brand commitment.

The impact of customer-based brand equity on purchase intention: The mediating role of brand attitude in luxury hotel industry

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This study examines the role of consumer-based brand equity (CBBE) on consumer attitude towards and behavioral intention of service brands in an emerging market. The conceptual model encompasses four CBBE elements (brand awareness, brand loyalty, perceived quality and brand image) and two consumer responses (brand attitude and purchase intention). The hypotheses were tested using a survey of 327 customers from luxury hotels in Macau, China. It is found that four CBBE elements are all positively related to brand attitude but not all are directly influencing purchase intention. This study advances the theory of CBBE in service brands beyond commonly discussed product brands, enriches existing knowledge by providing new insights on the mediating role of brand attitude, and provides new findings linking a market variable with consumer variables in the CBBE and service literature.

The mediating effect of satisfaction - does it influence loyalty concerning online tourism purchases?

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The online market draws attention from the tourism industry due to its substantial dimension. This paper intends to investigate the influence of relationship marketing dimensions on online tourism customer satisfaction and to analyze the mediating effect of e-satisfaction level, on the relationship between these determinants and the formation of loyalty. A questionnaire was applied to a sample of 3188 regular online buyers. The statistical analyses were conducted within the Structural Equation Modeling framework. The most important results have shown that there are three dimensions that significantly influence e-customer satisfaction – understanding customer needs, service quality and personalization. Also show that there is a complete mediating effect of e-customer satisfaction in the relationship between the relationship marketing dimensions and e-customer loyalty. Thus, research results provide an important insight into how e-companies can pursue and use delight to highlight customers’ loyalty and, with this, to improve their competitive edge.

Destination media coverage: A brand personality approach

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Destination Management Organizations (DMOs) engage more often in media relations in order to influence how tourists perceive their destination. On top of that, destinations started to steer their branding campaigns on a more emotional-based level. The integration of Aaker’s brand personality (1997) dimensions into branding strategies enhances customer satisfaction and triggers behavioral intentions. Given the challenge of big data, destinations have to find new ways to monitor their media coverage and steer if necessary. Hence, this paper presents a visual dashboard that captures a large amount of news media coverage from various tourist destinations in accordance with Aaker’s brand personality dimensions. By a demonstration of the four Scandinavian capitals, the development of public discourse in a year is visualized. The study highlights the need for marketers to synchronize with real-time public discourse and timely respond their positioning strategies.
Invited speaker session: Koen Pauwels & Michel Wedel
Foresight 2020: Marketing data in the next half decade

Briefly introduced by Rutger Daniel Van Oest, BI Norwegian Business School

Marking analytics for data-rich environments
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We provide a critical examination of marketing analytics methods, tracing their historical evolution, examining their applications to structured and unstructured data generated within or external to a firm, and reviewing their potential to support marketing decisions. We identify directions for new analytical methods with a focus on (a) firms, addressing analytics for optimizing marketing mix spending in a data-rich environment, (b) customers, addressing analytics for personalization, and (c) analytics in the context of customers’ privacy and data security. We review the implications for organizations that seek to implement big data analytics. Finally, turning to the future, we identify trends that will shape marketing analytics as a discipline and marketing analytics education.

How to turn better data into better decisions
Koen Pauwels*, Ozyeğin University & BI Norwegian Business School

Experience shows that better data don’t always lead to better decisions. Inspired by the chain of marketing productivity, we postulate that better decisions require to better reconcile the different available data sources and performance metrics, to combine historical data analysis with marketing experiments and to enhance the communication of analytical results to an audience of decision makers who are not themselves analytically oriented. As marketing educators, we can help bridge this gap by integrating the analysis and communication of analytics. The current growth in marketing and business analytics programs offers a clear opportunity in this regard.
The process of multi-stakeholder brand co-creation: Critical reflections

Chairs: Sylvia von Wallpach, Copenhagen Business School
Richard Gyrd-Jones, Copenhagen Business School

Over the last decade, marketing research in general and branding research in particular has increasingly adopted the concept of “co-creation”. Despite or maybe because of the ample use of the term co-creation in different contexts and in relation to a variety of different foci of co-creation (e.g. value, meaning, identity, etc.), the concept today seems blurrier than ever. This special interest group aims to provide a platform for critically reflecting on the concept of brand co-creation from a multi-stakeholder, process-oriented perspective. To this end, we invited four contributions which approach the phenomenon of interest from different perspectives and provide us with a ground for critical reflection by relating their recent findings to extant literature on brand co-creation. Nicholas Ind acts as discussant in order to pull together and critically reflect on the contribution from each paper. He will facilitate a discussion and synthesis of definitions of co-creation in relation to brands.

A new co-creative typology: Corporate brand identity development in SMEs
Richard Gyrd-Jones*, Copenhagen Business School
Minna Törmälä*, Oulu Business School

The authors consider the complex interactions between layers of identities and sense-making in and around the organisation in the stakeholder eco-system. Based on a study of interactive narratives underpinning the emergence of corporate brand identity, the authors propose a typology of brand identity drivers.

Performing LEGO: Co-constructing stakeholder and brand identity
Sylvia von Wallpach*, Copenhagen Business School
Andrea Hemetsberger*, University of Innsbruck
Peter Espersen, Pixable

Sylvia von Wallpach, Andrea Hemetsberger and Peter Espersen illuminate the multi-layered, dynamic process of brand and stakeholder identity co-construction. The authors provide in-depth empirical insights into the performative co-construction of a multiplicity of identities in the context of the LEGO brand.

Brand identity in a context of co-creation: When consumers drive brand identity development
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This study focuses on how the process of co-creation unfolds in brand identity management, looking in particular at consumer engagement with the brand. The findings of a four-year longitudinal case study suggest that brand identity management is driven by consumers’ concern to convey to external stakeholders a favorable image of the brand and, by extension, a favorable image of themselves.

Ethical challenges of brand value co-creation
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The authors explore the ethical challenges of the brand value co-creation process from a managerial perspective. Results show that the main challenges are to develop an authentic brand ethos and to commit and align to this brand ethos the diverse stakeholders that take part in brand value co-creation.
Past – present – future of consumer neuroscience

Chairs: Monika Koller, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
       Nick Lee, University of Warwick

In the search for a biological model of human consumption behavior, consumer neuroscience as a joint discipline between neuroscience and consumer research has emerged over the past few decades. Studies within the area of consumer neuroscience may support, help refine or reject established theories. At the same time, methodological, philosophical as well as ethical questions arise. In our SIG, we want to provide examples of how consumer neuroscience can advance knowledge in marketing as well as discuss the more abstract implications it might have for our discipline. We will kick off our SIG with a conceptual piece on the philosophical foundations of consumer neuroscience (paper 1) to provide a comprehensive frame for the joint discussion. Papers 2 and 3 (both empirical papers) will showcase examples of how neuroscientific methods might help to refine our understanding of established phenomena. The SIG concludes with another conceptual paper discussing the importance of the social context as well as pointing directions into the future development of the field. Taken together, the main objective of this SIG is to broaden our horizon and way of thinking about the field of consumer neuroscience and how it will contribute to our discipline in the future.

Philosophical foundations of neuroscience in marketing research
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Nick Lee*, University of Warwick

Evaluative conditioning of brand attitude - comparing explicit and implicit measures
Peter Walla, Newcastle University & Vienna University
Monika Koller*, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
Gerhard Brenner, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
Shannon Bosshard, University of Newcastle

Using consumer neuroscience to build a better understanding of price knowledge
Marc Linzmajer, University of St. Gallen
Marco Hubert*, Zeppelin University
Peter Kenning, University of Düsseldorf
Mirja Hubert, Zeppelin University

Neurophysiologic measures of advertising effectiveness in social context
Rumen Pozharliev, Erasmus University Rotterdam
Willem Verbeke*, Erasmus University Rotterdam
**Gossip, narrative and point-of-sale effects in advertising**

**Chair:** Stephan Ludwig, University of Westminster

**What do people gossip (more) easily?**

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This paper focuses on the gossip as a form of communication among peers and explores the influence of both its content and the social actors involved on its likelihood of being shared with others. Despite the false myth that a negative form of gossip is spread out more easily than a positive one, we demonstrate the contrary. Through three experiments, we show that people are more likely to share a positive form of gossip in a network composed by the sender, the target of the gossip and the receiver. This research highlights the importance of recognising gossip as a form of communication that needs a deeper understanding.

**The narrative processing of experiential purchases**

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We propose that consumers facing an experiential purchase engage in narrative processing – creating a story or imposing a story-like structure – more than when facing a material purchase. We base this on the fact that experiences, more than products, correspond to the basic elements of narrative – sequences of events structured over time to establish causal inferences, and the increased provocation of imagery. Consequently, narrative transportation – immersion in the world presented by the story – is more important for persuasion in the context of experiences than that of products. One pilot study and four experimentsfind support for our proposition.

**Bringing brand experiences to the point-of-sale by reactivating mental brand images: The case of point-of-sale displays**

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Point-of-sale (POS) displays are important advertising tools for gaining competitive advantages. We analyze whether POS displays that not only attract consumers’ attention but also remind them of related advertising campaigns are more effective than displays that do not refer to the related campaigns. The results of our studies show that using an in-store display that repeats visual cues from a TV commercial (vs. an in-store display that does not feature such visual cues) leads to significant positive outcomes by triggering imagery processes.

**Reviewing the review: A text analysis of the relationship between narrative structure and helpfulness**

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Online consumer reviews are one of the most influential forms of marketing communications. This article answers the following question: What reviews are most helpful for consumers reading them? Prior work regards review content as concatenated sentences expressing evaluations of products. The authors assert instead that consumer stories of hedonic, experiential consumption are built on a common, narrative structure. To test their assertion, the authors mined 198,461 reviews on TripAdvisor of 989 attractions consumed in Las Vegas, adapted contemporary quantitative techniques to this corpus, and conducted an automated text analysis. They find that narrative structure elements of (1) identifiable characters; (2) an imaginable plot; and (3) genres with changing emotional story shapes, are associated with greater review helpfulness. Apparently not every reviewer is equally able to narratively structure reviews. This inequality represents an additional proportion of variance in helpfulness.
How marketing cues affect information processing and choice

Chair: Benjamin Scheibehenne, University of Geneva

The effect of mental intangibility on the size of the consideration set: The moderating role of knowledge and involvement

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The present paper explores the influence of mental intangibility on the size of the consideration set both on tangible products and services. This research also examines the moderating effect of purchase involvement and objective knowledge on the set. Two experimental studies were conducted to examine these relations. Overall, the results indicate that mental intangibility positively influences the size of the consideration set, regardless of the offering type (product or service). This effect is stronger in low levels of knowledge. Consumer involvement does not seem to have a moderating effect on this relation. Implications and recommendations for future research are also discussed.

Advertising channel choice clickstream data to uncover consumer shopping types and the link with purchase behavior

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This study presents a new and innovative approach in developing a typology of online shoppers based on their inherent shopping goal and involvement level derived from the advertising channel choice of consumers. We propose that the use of off-site clickstream data - the sequence of advertising gateways to the firm’s website - can significantly enhance the understanding of consumers’ shopping motivations and actual purchase behavior at the moment the consumer enters the e-commerce website. Based on a real dataset of almost 30 million off-site clickstreams we identify search patterns of consumers and define measures describing these patterns. We find that the higher the goal-direction of consumers on their path to purchase, the more likely they convert on a relatively high proportion of visits. Additionally, we provide strong confirming evidence that consumers who are more involved and engaged also show higher purchasing propensities.

The cognitive processes underlying price estimations in a consumer context - evidence from the lab and from the field

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Towards a better understanding of how people perceive and integrate prices, participants in a lab experiment (n = 40) repeatedly estimated the sum of a sequence of product prices briefly presented on a computer screen. Results indicate a systematic bias towards underestimation that was best captured with a compressive power function. The observed underestimation depended on the sequential order in which the numbers were presented but not on the shape of the underlying frequency distribution. Similar results were obtained in a field study where customers in a grocery store (n = 966) systematically underestimated the total value of their shopping basket prior to checkout. The field study further indicated that underestimation increased with age but was not due to a simple rounding strategy or the systematic forgetting of unhealthy items such as sweet or fatty snacks. The results yield novel insights into the cognitive processes underlying the perception of prices in a consumer context.
“Cause I’m worth it”: Self-serving motives in consumer behavior

Chair: Sangeeta Singh, BI Norwegian Business School

Do I deserve it? Origins and consequences of consumer entitlement
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The current research examines the role of entitlement, or an illegitimate sense of deservingness, in the marketplace. We focus on the antecedents of entitlement and describe a market situation that leads to an elevated sense of entitlement among a certain consumer group. We demonstrate that a sense of entitlement has negative consequences that extend beyond the original circumstances in which it was triggered. Specifically, we argue that when certain customers are afforded preferential treatment, leading to an elevated sense of entitlement, this gives rise to an opportunistic behavior. We also explore the effect of entitlement has on different consumers depending on their prior relationship, if any, with the company or business in question. We show that when preferential treatment is afforded “non-loyal” customers of a company, those customers experience an elevated sense of entitlement and are more likely to behave opportunistically than the same company’s “loyal” customers are.

Brand logo salience as a signal of brand status
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Logos are an essential brand attribute, and can provide a lot of information about the brand’s identity. We argue that the salience of the logo (that is, the attention-grabbing qualities of its design) can act as a signal to consumers. More specifically, we argue that the use of a subtle logo signals to consumers that the brand is credible and does not need to rely upon attention-grabbing tactics to ensure purchases. According to product quality signaling, this tactic should only be profitable for high quality and status brands, as such signals will set high expectations and sacrifice the benefits of attention for low status brands. In accordance with our predictions, we show that luxury brands tend to exhibit less conspicuous logos (Study 1), that a less conspicuous variant of a logo increases status perceptions (Study 2), and finally that the effect on status perceptions is mediated by brand credibility (Study 3).

Loss of sweet taste: The gustatory consequence of handling money
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Recent research suggests that processing of monetary and gustatory rewards activates overlapping neuropsychological pathways. In this paper, we examine the impact of monetary processing on perception of gustatory stimuli. Three experiments show that handling money temporarily impairs gustatory functions. Handling money increases sweetness thresholds (but not bitterness), meaning that more sweetness is needed before people register it. Moreover, gustatory impairment is moderated by people’s subjective valuation of money. This work reveals interwoven processing of monetary and gustatory rewards.

Happy, possessive and loyal: From consumption affect to brand loyalty
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The feelings consumers experience during consumption can have powerful effects, but can they also influence how possessive they feel towards a product? We examine whether the positive affect experienced during consumption can instill a sense of ownership for the consumed product and whether this experience, in turn, predicts intended brand loyalty. In three studies using real and imagined consumption of both utilitarian and hedonic products, we find strong support for the proposed mediation. Additionally, the type of brand (manufacturer vs. private label) as opposed to the product category moderates the proposed mediation. We provide first evidence for the crucial role of affectively attributed psychological ownership, and show that not all types of brands may equally benefit from positive consumption affect. Positive consumption affect may influence consumers in more ways than previously assumed. It turns happy consumers into possessive, and eventually into loyal ones.
Paradoxes in postmodern consumption

Chair: Alain Decrop, University of Namur

Follow me on dead media

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“Follow me on dead media” is a study into an unexpected tendency: while the digital media has become omnipresent in the contemporary society, why some people and subcultures turn back to analog media instead? According to this videography, the digital media count-er-trend cannot be explained simply through nostalgia but rather it seems that the analog media offers a new creative space in a world increasingly dominated by digital media. Insights are offered from an unlikely context: alternative skateboarding scene in Helsinki.

Paradoxes in postmodern consumption

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Postmodernity has brought new consumption trends juxtaposing opposites. This film presents a number of such paradoxes of postmodern consumers, i.e., alone and together, real and virtual, fast and slow, nomadic and sedentary, masculine and feminine, producer and consumer, profane and sacred. We show how a bunch of products and activities have developed around these paradoxes.
Experimental approaches to country-of-origin research

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Examining consumers’ dual-attitudes toward products from a hostile country: Might ethnic product typicality make a difference?

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This study aimed to investigate both consumers’ explicit and implicit attitudes toward typical and atypical products from a hostile country. A 2 (typical vs. atypical) X 2 (high animosity vs. low animosity) between subjects experiment was conducted in Taiwan. China was selected as the possible hostile country of Taiwanese participants in the experiment. This study recruited 124 college students with Taiwanese nationality to participate the project. The results indicate that the moderating effects of consumer animosity on explicit attitudes are prevailing across product categories. Such negative influences can also be found on implicit product attitudes for typical products of the target country, but not for atypical ones. The study also revealed a positive impacts of ethnic product typicality on both consumers’ explicit and implicit attitudes toward products from hostile countries.

Emotions generated by country stereotypes: A facial coding approach

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Using a facial coding system to measure emotions implicitly, this study aims at investigating their role in country stereotyping and examining their impact on consumer behavior. The theoretical background of emotions in a Country of Origin context is also refined using cognitive appraisal theories together with a basic emotion approach in order to provide insights into how implicitly-assessed emotions mediate country stereotypes and consumer behavior. An experimental pilot study was conducted in which three behavioral outcomes (brand attitude, purchase intentions and willingness to pay) were correlated with six implicitly measured emotions (surprise, puzzlement, disgust, fear, sadness and happiness). All behavioral outcomes showed significant results, indicating that there is an effect of the influence of implicitly measured emotions on consumer behavior triggered by country stereotypes. Implications of the findings as well as future steps of the research are identified.

The interplay between brand origin, country-of-design, and country-of-manufacturing in the context of low-familiarity Italian fashion brands

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This study explores the effects of three specific components of the country-of-origin construct (COO), i.e., brand origin (BO), country-of-design (COD), and country-of-manufacturing (COM) on consumer perceptions in a context of low-familiarity fashion brands. An empirical experiment was conducted on a sample of 256 Polish female consumers. The experiment manipulated two low-familiarity brands with different perceived brand origins and two different countries with opposing perceived ability to design and manufacture. Outcome variables included perceived product quality, brand image, and purchase intentions. Results showed that in the context of low-familiarity brands BO plays a dominant effect over COD and COM, and that COD and COM, in turn, exert an opposite effect on the outcome variables under a situation of low vs. high BO. Based on such results, contributions and managerial implications are outlined.
Theorizing about customers

Chair: Roderick Brodie, University of Auckland

Toward a cultural (dis)intertwinement theory: Insights from social media
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Social media provides a space where individuals and groupings with heterogeneous cultural backgrounds interact alongside various corporations. Consumer cultures and marketing cultures interact constantly and create “mixed” cultural spaces. While cultural clash and cultural standardization are the two expected outcomes, we often observe a lasting mixed structure. How is this possible? We propose a theory of cultural intertwinement which is able to explain how tension between standardization and clash is managed in consumption contexts. We use social media as a case from which we draw illustrative examples. Our theory draws mainly from practice theory and revolves around three main concepts: teleology, performativity and deontology. Our main idea is that cultural intertwinement happens when the goals (teleology) of the cultures are different but they still define their objects (deontology) in a compatible way. We explain how two cultures can intertwine but also how they can oppose.

The role of scent in the marketplace: An accessibility-diagnosticity perspective
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Evidences from the marketplace have addressed the growth of the use of ambient scent in retail environments and consumption situations. Despite the proliferation of studies on olfaction, empirical evidences have shown that scent marketing research has still enormous potential to grow from both theoretical and methodological perspectives. The most traditional paradigm applied in much of the published studies on the effect of scent on consumer behavior derived from environmental psychology. However, the application of the Environmental Psychology Model have produced conflicting results regarding the role of scent in influencing consumer behavior. This theoretical paper aims to clarify such inconsistencies and to discuss the role of scent in retail contexts under the Accessibility-Diagnosticity perspective. In particular, we present propositions that may be applied in further studies and marketing practice.

Co-creating stakeholder and brand identities: A cross-cultural consumer perspective
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Extant literature on the co-creation of brand and related (brand-) stakeholder identities reflects a Western perspective. However, to better understand such reciprocal co-creation processes in a global context, an in-depth analysis of how cross-cultural differences can shape identity development and co-construction is required. Processes involved in such a reciprocal co-creation of identity, as well as outcomes, are likely to differ across cultures, especially in the way brands, consumers, and other stakeholders use one another in their respective identity construction processes. The present paper offers a conceptual framework and a set of propositions that unpack how cultural differences might affect the reciprocal co-creation process. Drawing from this framework, we also advance the cross-cultural and co-creation literature by offering several theoretical, managerial, and methodological implications and highlight important – currently under-developed – avenues for future research.

Towards a status signaling-theory of luxury and conspicuous consumption
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In this paper we propose a signaling-based theory of luxury goods consumption. We argue that luxury goods are honest (i.e., non-fakeable) signals of high socio-economic status (SES) through hedonic consumer objects for which demand exceeds supply. This requires that members of both low and high SES groups can identify a particular luxury good as a signal of high SES status. Furthermore, to ensure the ‘non-fakeability’ of the signal (i.e., that low SES people cannot pretend to be of high SES), firms need to be able to constrain the supply of luxury products (for example through the production procedures such as handcrafting) and there must be criteria, which allow consumers to objectively evaluate a product’s quality. Our theoretical framework explains how luxury goods emerge and what distinguishes them from related constructs.
Virtual reality
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The indirect effect of virtual tactile experience in online product evaluation
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The present research investigates the influence of the device-delivered tactile stimulation on product evaluation in an online context. We examine whether products will be better evaluated if product tactile cues are rendered by the technology. We conducted an experiment using two types of tablets (smooth vs. rough surface) and two shower gel products (smooth cream vs. rough exfoliate). We examined whether the type of tactile input enhanced product evaluation and purchase intention. We show that in an online environment, the interface touch is not considered diagnostic from the consumer’s viewpoint in evaluating product attributes (i.e. the touch of the device does not provide useful information for the consumer). We conclude that tactile stimulation is beneficial in an online environment but more for hedonic purposes.

When brands come to life: Experimental research on the vividness effect of virtual reality in transformational marketing communications
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Virtual Reality (VR) provides a gateway for marketers to innovatively reach consumers. This study examines the impact of VR in the context of transformational brand experience appeals, focussing specifically on the determining role of vividness. A three-dimensional conceptual framework is presented, offering a systematic review of the literature on vividness effects in marketing communications, revealing the major gap that most available studies only focus on informational messages. We conducted an experiment to address this gap and demonstrate in the context of a transformational ad that vividness and telepresence are higher in case of VR versus 2D video, with vividness positively affecting attitudes towards the ad, both directly, as well as indirectly via telepresence. Our study also reveals that this in turn elicits a positive effect on brand attitudes which stimulates consumers’ purchase intentions. As such, the strategic potential of VR for marketing communications is highlighted.

The interacting effect of online virtual agents’ gender and dressing style on attractiveness and subsequent online consumer behavior
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While previous research stresses the importance of the physical appearance of Online Virtual Agents (OVA), two variables pertaining to appearance and likely to interact to affect online consumer behavior remain unaddressed: gender and dressing style. This research addresses the two following questions: (1) does the presence of a corporate uniform on an OVA moderates the effects of OVA gender on attractiveness? (2) How does such OVA attractiveness affect online consumer behavior? An experiment with 254 participants is conducted that manipulates the gender and the presence (vs. absence) of a corporate uniform. Results show that when presented wearing a uniform, women OVAs are perceived as more attractive than man OVAs. Importantly, such attractiveness exerts a positive indirect on online consumer behavior through the two mediating variables of social presence and trust. Implications for marketers are discussed.
Price perception and inference

Chair: Nancy Puccinelli, University of Oxford

The signaling effect of price on private label and organic food brands

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Price is one of the most important product attributes that consumers use as a quality cue. However, the price-quality inferences consumers make may differ depending on whether a product carries additional attributes that signify either good quality (e.g., organic products) or bad quality (e.g., private label brands, PLB). Indeed, price may act more as a quality cue for PLB compared to organic food brands. This may then change the effect of price on loyalty toward the brand. We address this issue by testing the effect of price on brand loyalty for PLB and organic food brands through two online experiments. We further test how this effect differs across buyers and consumers with varying levels of quality consciousness. We find that price has a negative effect on brand loyalty for both PLB and organic brands. We further find that price influences only PLB buyers and organic food non-buyers. Finally, quality consciousness has an impact for all groups of consumers except for organic buyers.

The influence of psychological distance on consumers’ willingness to pay

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We posit that psychological distance is an important factor in an online shopping context: Products are just one click away from being shipped to consumers from distant locations (spatial distance), they have differing delivery times (temporal distance), they are recommended and judged by others (social distance), and they have varying availabilities (hypothetical distance). Yet, researchers have mainly focused on temporal distance as an antecedent to profit-related outcome variables such as consumers’ willingness-to-pay (WTP). We extend the scope to spatial, social, and hypothetical distance. Adding to pricing research, we investigate effects of distance on range-based WTP measures: We find that psychological distance leads to higher mean WTP and wider WTP ranges. Applied to an online shopping context, our findings imply that using spatial distance cues in the product presentation leads to a higher and wider range of prices at which a consumer would still consider buying the product.

Which side is right? Visual price dominance under low and high engagement

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We argue that the location of a product’s price can lead to visual price dominance in which price is made more salient. In a field study we suggest that visual price dominance occurs when a price is in the left visual field and leads to higher demand when a price is in the right visual field. In study 2 we find that under low engagement when price is in the right visual field, a product is seen to offer better value. Under high engagement when price is in the left visual field, the product is seen to offer greater value. Support for the salience mechanism we posit is supported by reaction time data (study 3). Further, under low engagement we observe a leftward bias in recall of price location while under high engagement we observe greater activation in the left hemisphere (study 4).
Brand associations

Chair: Néomie Raassens, Eindhoven University of Technology

The link between category characteristics, brand usage and unique brand associations

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Unique brand associations denote that competition for retrieval in consumer memory for a given brand is significantly eased. Here we examine whether category characteristics or brand level consumer experience underpin the establishment of such unique associations. Specifically, we compare the number of unique brand associations for a subscription and a repertoire market. Although the overall number of unique brand associations is relatively low in both categories, they are greater in the subscription market. This is consistent also among customers who use only one brand in the category for both category specific and cross-category consistent attributes. This suggests that unique brand associations are underpinned by category characteristics, not simply brand usage, but their rarity calls into question the overall contribution to brand choice.

Mapping the structure of brand identity element links in consumer memory

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Used as creative heuristics to symbolize the brand, identity elements are a critical component of brand identity that make a brand easy to recognize. To be an effective prompt it is crucial these elements uniquely evoke the brand amongst competitors in consumer memory. To investigate the structure of competitive memory links for different identity element types, the composition of consumer response types was calculated for 258 elements in the chocolate category across five countries (n=2036 respondents). We find that when presented with an identity element, the vast majority of category buyers elicit either a single brand, or no brand; with colour elements receiving a significantly higher proportion of ‘no brand’ responses. Rather than a cohort of consumers who elicit multiple brands, the challenge for brand managers is to create identity elements that elicit a brand in memory, and to ensure that brand is their own. This has implications for how to build a unique brand identity.

Which product features delight customers? An analysis of online reviews

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Online reviews have proliferated in recent years. They are an important source of information for both consumers and companies. From a consumer perspective, they facilitate the decision making process. From a company perspective, they support the marketing controlling process. We focus on the company perspective and show how product managers can use online reviews to identify product features that delight customers. We use online reviews for smartphones as an example. They consist of an overall rating and negative or positive ratings of product features. Based on more than 175,000 online reviews written in the United States and Germany, we calculate effect size relations with a Poisson regression and interpret product features with effect size relations above average as product features that delight customers. We show that results are dynamic as well as country-specific.

Brand perceptions: Measure offline or monitor online? The comparability and differences of brand perceptions detracted from a survey and text mining of social media messages

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Today, a firm’s brand perception can be as important as the goods or services it produces. To measure brand perception, firms often ask customers to participate in interviews or surveys while it is well known that these traditional methods suffer from limitations. Another, more modern approach is to use online user-generated content to investigate what people say about brands. By using the Brands as Intentional Agents Framework (BIAF) this paper examines if it is possible to substitute survey research by brand image research that uses online messages. Results show that people express their brand perceptions on social media and that it is possible to link these perceptions to dimensions of the BIAF model. However, important differences between the two approaches are revealed. Consequently, firms should consider online brand research as a complement and not (yet) as a substitute of existing, more traditional brand research.
Consumption in a not-for-profit context

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How reference information can tame what-the-hell behaviors
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The mere presence of healthy cues can dramatically increase restrained eaters’ subsequent calorie intake. In this research, we examine the role of numerical reference points as a way to tame such what-the-hell behaviors. Results of three experiments indicate that category average reference points are able to assist consumers with high self-control as long as they have sufficient cognitive resource to process the numerical information.

Decision making dynamics in modern spanish families
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The purpose of this paper is to investigate the roles of mothers, fathers and children in family decision making (FDM). Since structural changes have taken place within families the last decades, there is a need to update the theories around FDM. Three research questions were developed related to the potential changes to the role of children and parents in contemporary Spanish families. A survey was distributed to 520 individuals in 183 families. The results suggest that although traditional roles prevail, this depends on a number of factors. Children play a more important role in single parent households, where they substantial influence in FDM for a range of product categories. Mother’s involvement in the workforce as well as parent’s sex-role orientations impact parent’s FDM division. Policy makers concerned with equality should focus on to enabling fathers to more actively participate in household chores, rather than to try to change behaviour through information about equality.
Retail customer behavior

**Chair:** Auke Hunnemann, BI Norwegian Business School

**Indulge yourself! How self-indulgence goals impact consumers’ comparisons of luxury brands in multi-brand stores**

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Marketing managers in the luxury sector strive to isolate their brands from competition. Despite their efforts, in many contexts, such as in luxury malls, airports, and department stores, luxury brands compete directly against each other. The purpose of this research is to study factors that reduce consumers’ comparative judgments in these multi-brand shopping contexts. We show that consumers’ self-indulgence goals can minimize their comparative judgments between brands. This insight has important implications for luxury marketing managers when crafting strategies for multi-brand environments.

**The impact of visual complexity on mobile online shop visitors’ emotional responses**

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This research intends to explore the effects of visual complexity of mobile online shops on consumers’ emotional response. Furthermore, this study seeks to clarify to what extent the effects of visual complexity vary when visitors either use a smartphone or a tablet. Based on an experimental study design, our results show that visual complexity negatively influences individuals’ positive emotions when accessing an online shop with the help of a smartphone. This effect repeals when individuals access the online shop on a tablet. As users are presented with a big choice set of different websites on the mobile Internet in which they can move from one website to another effortlessly, the findings of this research are of interest to managers and web designers because they provide guidelines for website presentation and customization to enhance users’ positive emotional response while browsing on a website.

**The impact of product display formats on consumers’ exploratory search behavior and choice of novel product alternatives**

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This research examines how variations in a product display affect consumers’ choice of more novel product alternatives. We integrate prior work on learning behavior and assortment presentation and propose that an unstructured display format (i.e., via a random arrangement of the product assortment or by presenting familiar products in the non-foveal area of search) provokes greater exploratory search behavior of consumers which increases their (objective) product knowledge and makes them ultimately more likely to choose a novel product alternative. We provide large-scale evidence for this theorizing across various field and lab settings. These findings have important implications for research on exploratory product search and the effective design of product assortments—from both a retail and consumer welfare perspective.

**Minority report at the point of sale? Analyzing the perceptions and consequences of personalized advertising in public environments**

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Although the concept of personalized advertising has been widely discussed among marketing academics, existing studies do not account for personalized advertising in public environments, such as retail stores or shopping malls. In this research, we analyze the perceptions and consequences when individuals are exposed to personalized ads in public, i.e. when other people are present and can see the personalized content. We conduct a scenario-based experiment to show when and how the presence of other people impacts consumers’ emotions as well as attitudes and behavioral intentions when exposed to personalized ads. We find evidence that the presence of others impacts level of embarrassment, moderated by different ad-self-concept congruity states. Further, we find evidence that there is an indirect effect of presence of others on consumers’ attitudes and behavioral intentions, mediated by embarrassment and moderated by ad-self-concept congruity state.
Doing good and the effect of social context

Chair: Gert Cornelissen, Pompeu Fabra University

Cognitive biases in the judgment of ethically charged contexts: Numerosity and solitaire illusion
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The objective of this paper is to investigate whether cognitive biases such as the numerosity effect (i.e. separate units are perceived as more numerous than one large entity) and solitaire illusion (i.e. a small number of clusters containing many entities is perceived as more numerous than a large number of clusters containing few entities) influence the judgment of ethically charged scenarios. We find that the numerosity effect holds for the ethical evaluation of most ethically charged situations (with the exception of charity), yet the opposite is true for the estimation of the impact (negative or positive) of such situations. The same cannot be asserted with respect to solitaire illusion, which exhibits inconsistent results. These results hold important implications for the framing of ethically charged events.

The gift that keeps on giving: Donations appreciation between givers and recipients
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The present paper examines the effectiveness of pairing gifts with charitable donations. To do so, we coupled the literature on mood-enhancement connotation of donations with the literature on divergent gift givers’ and gift recipients’ preferences, proposing that gifts with donations are appreciated differently by givers than by recipients. Five studies demonstrate higher recipient’s preference for donations than givers, employing both donation certificates (Study 1a) and products associated with a charity cause (Study 2a). Studies also demonstrate that the appreciation is amplified when recipients feel guilt for not having reciprocated the gift (Studies 1b & 2b). Study 3 provides evidence that recipients experience higher self-focused emotions, which in turn increases the appreciation of the gift. The findings i) contribute to the existing knowledge on the benefits associated with donations, ii) provide further evidence of the divergence between givers and recipients.

Vulnerable and not normal: The malleability of crafting a consumer identity
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Aspects of consumer vulnerability and normalcy have received increasing attention in the realm of transformative consumer research. Despite recent conceptualizations of the constructs of vulnerability and consumer normalcy, little empirical insights exist as to how consumers experience these concepts, whether they can exist concurrently and what emotions they entail or behavioural reactions they motivate. Against this background, this research looks at consumers at-risk-of-poverty that are eligible to shop for groceries in social supermarkets (SSMs). This marketplace provides products at symbolic prices to allow individuals to feel as consumers, yet at the same time it imposes a set of rules which limits the control individuals have about their own purchasing decisions. This, in turn, gives rise to feelings of being vulnerable and “not normal”. We discuss how consumers align these emotions to reconfigure a sense of self and to construct their identities as a unique type of consumer.

The undercover altruist: When doing good is socially awkward
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Jan Willem Bolderdijk, University of Groningen

Gaining the approval of other people is typically high on our agenda when interacting with others, and much previous research supports the view that in the presence of others, people advertise their virtuous selves. In contrast, we develop the counter-intuitive notion that as one tool in the arsenal of techniques that people use to ingratiate themselves with others, they may choose to hide their virtuous inclinations. In other words, we predict that under certain conditions, people are less likely to “do good” in the presence of others, compared to when they are alone. In three studies, we provide evidence for this phenomenon which we label “undercover altruism”. When observed by others, our participants donated less to the needy, avoided being associated with a human rights campaign, and were more modest in their moral self-descriptions, compared to when being alone. This phenomenon has important implications for the positioning and promotion of ethical product alternatives.
Heads of marketing forum

Chair: Peter Verhoef, University of Groningen

For a couple of years, we have had the tradition to organize the “Heads of marketing forum” at the yearly EMAC conference. In this forum, experiences of marketing department heads are shared. The forum has been very successful in previous years with many participants and lively discussions.

The theme of this year’s forum is “Effectively teaching marketing analytics”. One of the major trends in today’s business is big data. We observe a strong need in marketing practice for well-educated marketing analytics professionals. However, according to agencies such as McKinsey, there is a lack of supply given the demand. Beyond that, teaching quantitative course in business schools can sometimes be a challenge. The questions is thus how can we effectively offer programs and courses focusing on marketing analytics. Notably, this issue arose from last year’s department head forum.

Two scholars affiliated with EMAC will reflect on this theme. We are pleased that Professor Bruce Hardie from the London Business School will share his experiences. Furthermore, Professor Jaap Wieringa from the University of Groningen will discuss how he is teaching analytics courses to regular students as well as executives.

The program for the forum is as follows:

12:30 Welcome and serving lunch
12:50 Reflection Professor Bruce Hardie
13:10 Reflection Professor Jaap Wieringa
13:30 Discussion
13:45 Forum ends
Beauty and aesthetics

Chairs: Elison Lim, Nanyang Technological University
       Ali Faraji-Rad, Nanyang Technological University

Beauty – whether in the form of a physically attractive spokesperson or an aesthetically pleasing product design – is commonly used in marketing. Four papers in this Special Interest Group explore how consumers define, experience, and pursue beauty and aesthetics in diverse contexts (e.g., evaluating potential dates, using appearance-enhancing tools, engaging in pro-social behavior). Collectively, our works highlight the richness of beauty and aesthetics as an emerging topic for consumer research.

Instantaneously hotter: The dynamic revision of beauty assessment standards
Haiyang Yang*, Johns Hopkins University
Leonard Lee, National University of Singapore

Pursuit of beauty: Impact of self-construal on appearance enhancement
Shilpa Madan, Nanyang Technological University
Shankha Basu, Nanyang Technological University
Elison Lim*, Nanyang Technological University & Institute on Asian Consumer Insight
Sharon Ng, Nanyang Technological University & Institute on Asian Consumer Insight

Pro-social behavior as a way to cope threatened physical attractiveness
Xiuping Li, National University of Singapore
Meng Zhang, Chinese University of Hong Kong
Feifei Huang*, Chinese University of Hong Kong

On aesthetic pleasure: The uncertainty-reducing role of processing fluency
Ali Faraji-Rad*, Nanyang Technological University
Michel Tuan Pham, Columbia University
The marketing-finance interface: Interactions between capital and consumption markets

Chair: Arvid O. I. Hoffmann, Maastricht University

There is an increasing interest in the marketing-finance interface, which should be strategically managed to improve marketing accountability (Srivastava et al., 1998). In this regard, a large portion of the marketing-finance literature focused on demonstrating how marketing actions translate into financial performance and shareholder value creation (Srinivasan & Hanssens, 2009). The objective of this SIG is to go beyond the traditional perspective of marketing accountability and bring together a series of papers studying more complex interactions between capital and consumption markets, using advanced statistical and econometric techniques. Each of the papers contributes with specific insights on the marketing-finance interface, while the session as a whole draws out generic insights for a better understanding of the interactions between capital and consumption markets.

What should be the dependent variable in marketing-related event studies?
Bernd Skiera, Goethe University Frankfurt
Emanuel Bayer*, Goethe University Frankfurt
Lisa Schöler, Goethe University Frankfurt

In this paper, the authors argue that ignoring firms’ different leverage ratios inflates the impact of observations pertaining to firms with large debt and deflates those pertaining to firms with large non-operating assets.

The impact of advertising on liquidity risk
Manoj Agarwal, Binghamton University
Ashwin Malshé*, ESSEC Business School

The authors study how advertising reduces liquidity risk by influencing investor behavior.

Negative celebrity endorser publicity and stock returns: How critical are firm reactions?
Stefan J. Hock, George Mason University
Sascha Raithel*, Free University of Berlin

In this paper, the authors show the impact of firm responses to negative celebrity endorser publicity on stock returns.

Does insider trading add credibility to firm product innovation?
Simone Wies, Goethe University Frankfurt
Jeroen Derwall, Maastricht University
Arvid Hoffmann*, Maastricht University
Joost Pennings, Maastricht University

The authors study how the stock market uses insider stock trading prior to firm product innovation to infer information about the innovation’s potential.
An international platform for young academics in marketing: Part 1

Chairs: Sylvia von Wallpach, Copenhagen Business School
Vatroslav Skare, University of Zagreb

The sixth EMAC CC aims to establish a community of early career scholars in Marketing throughout Europe and other continents. Several research organizations and conferences in Europe offer a special program for PhD students and/or networking possibilities for full professors. However, the generation between beginners and successful leaders sometimes seems to be forgotten, although they represent the potential marketing professors of the future. In other words, they are the “climbers” of the European Marketing Academy. Thus, young academics in Marketing at an early stage of their career (e.g., assistant professor, post-doc, research fellow, etc.) are invited to participate in several CC events: A first session featuring a keynote address by Professor V. Kumar, a second session (16:00–17:30, room A2-015) dedicated to networking, and an informal gathering at a bar directly after the second session.

Welcoming words
Gerrit Van Bruggen, Erasmus University Rotterdam, EMAC president

Keynote speech followed by an open discussion by Professor V. Kumar
(http://www.drvkumar.com/)

V. Kumar, Georgia State University

Professor V. Kumar will participate as keynote speaker and mentor in this 6th EMAC CC meeting. In his presentation on “Engaging in the Academic World” Professor Kumar will give insights into his own career path, successes and challenges on his way, and suggestions for successful academic career development. Additionally, he will provide insights into how to publish in highly ranked marketing journals. After the keynote speech, Professor V. Kumar will be available for an extended open discussion and questions from the EMAC CC participants.

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Context matters: Native advertising and placement

Chair: Sara Rosengren, Stockholm School of Economics

An empirical study of the effects of contextual advertising on television

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Placing brand ads in television programs that are related to a product (contextual advertising) can influence demand for not only the product but also other products in the brand’s portfolio (spillover effect). Using data from an online product comparison company, we study the effect of contextual television brand advertising on consumers’ responses to context-related and context-unrelated products of the brand. We find that contextual ads have a higher short-term effect than non-contextual ads on consumers’ responses for the context-related product. However, both effects are comparable in the long-term. We also find that, compared with ads placed in neutral contexts, contextual ads generate fewer online conversions for products that are unrelated to the context. These findings stress the importance of assessing the impact of contextual advertising on the product portfolio rather than just on the context-related product to improve advertising budget allocation decisions.

“How could you or should you react against product placement?” The effectiveness of informational versus evaluative textual forewarnings of product placement

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Several countries allow product placement on the condition that it is clearly identified to viewers. But, how can viewers be helped to effectively identify product placement? Study 1 shows that an explicit textual forewarning helps activate viewers’ persuasion knowledge and induce resistance against the influence of product placement on purchase intention. Study 2 investigates two types of explicit textual forewarnings that differ in the presence of evaluations about product placement and finds that both informational and evaluative warnings counter product placement effectiveness to a similar extent. Study 3 extends these findings by investigating viewer characteristics as a potential moderator and shows that informational (evaluative) warnings are more effective for low (high) self-monitors to decrease purchase intention. In each study, brand recall turns out to be a prerequisite for resistance processes to occur. The article provides theoretical and practical implications.

How do depictions of branded and non-branded alcoholic drinks in film influence viewers?

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This research offers previously unavailable empirical evidence of the potential impact of narrative transportation on behavior change following exposure to a film. In the proposed model narrative transportation, long considered an important psychological driver of the influence of entertainment media, plays a central role in explaining the influence of alcohol depictions in a movie on audience members’ alcohol beliefs and choices. We conducted a field experiment to examine how a movie containing a liquor brand’s placement and positive depictions of drinking influenced viewer choices of the specific brand placed as well as general use of alcohol. The results support most of the proposed relationships albeit with relatively small-sized effects. Evidence that exposure to a single movie is able to change viewers’ beliefs and behaviors has important policy and societal implications regarding the potential social impact of repeated exposure to movies with positive alcohol depictions.

Content or advertising: What difference does it make?

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This paper adds to the scant literature on content marketing by exploring consumer reactions to brand messages conveyed as content with those conveyed as advertising. More specifically, it compares consumer-perceived value (“message equity”, cf. Rosengren and Dahlén 2015) of brand messages communicated as content or advertising. The results of two initial studies show that message equity is higher for brand content compared to brand advertising. The results of two initial studies show that message equity is higher for brand content compared to brand advertising. What is more, the reactions are found to depend on a) the messages as such (study 1) and b) their distribution (study 2). The findings provide insights into future research needs when it comes to understanding content marketing and its effects. They also contribute to the ongoing debate about content marketing and its relationship with advertising.
Services and solutions

Chair: Michael Kleinaltenkamp, Free University of Berlin

Interfirm absorptive capacity: Its dimensions, drivers, and impact on ambidexterity
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This study aims to advance the understanding of interfirm absorptive capacity, its underlying dimensions, its drivers, and its impact on ambidexterity. Our analysis reveals that both from the buyer perspective and the supplier perspective complementarity is positively related to potential absorptive capacity (PACAP) and realized absorptive capacity (RACAP), and to a large degree mediated by the (remaining) determinants of relational rents (viz. compatibility, connectedness, idiosyncratic resources, contracting and relational norms). The effect of the individual mediators, however, seems to be conditioned by the focal dimension of ACAP (PACAP or RACAP), and the characteristics of the database (buyer data, or supplier data). Furthermore our analysis shows that from both partners’ perspective PACAP and RACAP are highly linked to ambidexterity.

Does interorganizational cross-understanding matter in buyer-supplier relationships?
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Mrinal Ghosh, University of Arizona

This paper introduces the concept of interorganizational cross-understanding (IOCU) to research on buyer-supplier relationships. We argue that the concept exists, and that it is different from other, related inter-interorganizational constructs. We examine empirically both antecedents and performance outcomes, finding that it is particularly valuable when products and relationships are complex with products bundled with services. Firms have several options available to encourage the formation of IOCU, including the use of pre-qualification efforts and internal procurement, and choosing purchasing/sales managers with similar background as their counterparts in the other organization. IOCU also supports relational contracting, and it increases the clarity of the relational contract. We test our hypotheses on longitudinal primary data collected from both sides of the dyad in industrial buyer-supplier relationships.

How do manufacturers derive value from advanced services?
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Advanced services have been found to contribute only modestly to service-based revenues of manufacturers. Yet, many manufacturers persist with offering them. Through an in-depth case study of an industrial manufacturer, we seek to better understand why manufacturers invest in particular types of advanced services and how these services create value through interacting with the manufacturer’s existing resource base. In doing so, we explain how advanced services can help to positively impact the manufacturer’s business based on products. We encourage a perspective on servitization that emphasizes continuity rather than change, as we explain how advanced services can help to enhance rather than fundamentally change the manufacturer’s existing business model based on selling products and related life-cycle services. We expect such a perspective to be helpful in mitigating some of the challenges manufacturers experience in deriving value from investments into advanced service provision.

How business solutions create value - insights from an industrial maintenance context
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This article explores what constitutes value for customers from business solutions and how this value is created though solution quality. A framework for solution quality and value-in-use is developed through 36 interviews with usage center members in an industrial solutions context, using a combination of repertory grid technique and means-end chaining. Whereas extant research views quality as a function of the supplier’s products and services alone, the study finds that customers assess the quality not only of supplier resources and processes but also of customer ones, as well as the quality of the joint resource integration process. Moreover, constructs are derived through which the value-in-use of a solution is appraised representing not just collective goals of the organization but also individuals’ goals. Four moderators of the relationship between solution quality and value-in-use are identified, demonstrating heterogeneity across sectors and job roles.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
14:00–15:30
Room: A2-070
Effects of product experiences on judgment and decision making

Chair: Ivar Vermeulen, VU University Amsterdam

One more cup of coffee, please! The role of caffeine in consumer decision making
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The effect of caffeine on decision making is barely researched, especially in the context of consumer behavior. To the best of our knowledge, this is the first study with the goal of showing the effect of caffeine consumption on the consumer decision making process. A 2x1 between subjects experiment shows that the consumption of a moderate measure of caffeine has a positive effect on the mood of consumers, their feelings towards the product and their willingness to buy. From a marketing perspective these results necessitate a broadened view of the indirect effects of caffeine and the development of a new field of study in consumer research. In addition, the ability to influence consumer reactions through the targeted application of the substance is of high importance where the profitability of business practices is concerned.

Contemporary music consumption in a post-ownership economy
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Adopting a consumer perspective, this paper reflects on how music is experienced individually and socially in a ‘post-ownership economy’. We consider the de-materialisation of music ‘products’ as well as the increased use of streaming platforms; establishing the implications this has for using music as a symbol of the extended self and its role in forming social bonds. Using the concepts of technisation and materiality in addition to perceptions of ownership, we reveal how and in what ways music continues to facilitate impression management as well as enhancing sociability. This has important consequences for our understanding of how relative ‘ownership’ of music affects use and experience of music and the consequences this has for the type of self and relationships that are developed in a digital world.

Haptic-to-visual shape priming: Grasping a product affects choice of other seen products
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Consumers often touch products before reaching purchase decisions, and indeed touch improves evaluations of the given product. The present research investigates how touching a given product influences choice of other seen products. We show that grasping a source product increases the choice of a haptically similar product. We also show that visually crowded rather than sparse product displays increase the effect of touch on choosing other haptically similar products, and that individuals’ instrumental need for touch further modulates this effect. Our results suggest that by manipulating or mimicking the haptic features (e.g., shape and size) of objects that consumers grasp while shopping, marketers can develop packaging that facilitates consumers’ visual processing of their products, thereby increasing choice of those products.

Biased reporting of p-values in marketing literature
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Arthur Avramiea, VU University Amsterdam
Camiel Beukeboom, VU University Amsterdam

Prior studies in neighboring fields showed that publication and verification biases result in —intentional or unintentional—p-value misreporting, and a peculiar excess of p-values just below the.05 (“significance”) threshold in journal articles. To examine whether similar distortions occur in the marketing literature, we extracted 3,377 test statistics from 193 recent papers from ISI-rated marketing journals, and assessed prevalence of (1) misreported p-values, and of (2) p-values just below.05. Results show that 8.2% of p-values was misreported (84% was reported too low; 16% too high). 1.9% of p-values were critically misrepresented, stating p.05 (91%) or vice versa (9%). P-values frequencies can be interpreted in two ways: either around 13.7% of all reported p-values was “p-hacked”, or (due to publication bias) less than 1 out 4 non-significant research findings was reported. Both practices cause an abundance of false positive findings in the literature.
Pro-social issues in consumer behavior

Chair: Yasemin Boztug, University of Göttingen

A theoretical framework for maker culture: Negotiation of prosumption at the individual and cultural spheres within the context of food

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The rise of consumers into producers is changing the market sphere. Maker culture is based on the participation of consumers in the production process of products that they consume, known as prosumption. This study investigates prosumption in the food context to understand the major concepts that establish the act and the factors that influence its tenet. Netnography of two communities reveals that concurrent discussions of production, consumption, output, and goal within prosumption are amalgamated in the perspective of consumer identity. Consumers experiment and adapt ways of prosumption that demarcates their identity further within social grounds. In parallel, communal dialogues aim at defining the meanings and practices of prosumption to reach a congregation of meaning at the cultural level. Negotiation of righteous ownership of output and discussion of goals becoming lifestyle are common. Based on these interactions, a theoretical model of prosumption is proposed.

Advance gratitude expressions as a prosocial appeal

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We introduce the novel concept of an advance gratitude expression as a prosocial appeal. Across three studies, we show that a simple expression of advance gratitude enhances consumers’ moral awareness and increases prosocial behaviour, in the form of financial donations and volunteering to charitable organisations. In study 1 (a field study) we demonstrate the predicted main effect of advance gratitude with a real behavioural outcome (donation amount). In study 2, by means of a moderation of process design, we provide evidence in support of the underlying mechanism of increased moral awareness. In study 3, we identify psychological connectedness as a moderator of the effect of advance gratitude on prosocial behaviour, showing that under conditions of low connectedness, in which consumers do not feel engaged with the prosocial cause, enhanced moral awareness is perceived as aversive and advanced expressions of gratitude backfire. Our findings add to the gratitude and morality literature and are of both of theoretical and practical significance.

Health claims can make you fat, but only when they are relevant

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There is general belief that (functional) health claims improve food choices and reduce food intake. In this research, we argue that some health claims can lead to overeating. It is our contention that personally relevant (vs. less relevant) health claims can license subsequent overeating of indulging food among high self-control consumers. A consumption study where we weighed participants’ chocolate bean intake after prior exposure to a product package featuring a health claim lends strong support on our theorizing.
Subcultures of consumption

Chair: Joonas Rokka, EMLYON Business School

A Sunday at the car boot sale: A different kind of exploration of the second-hand item consumption
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The research objective was to explore the second-hand realm through the eyes of used item consumers. Six consumers have revealed to us their motivations, practices, and know-how. One element above all nevertheless attracted our attention: the presence of an underlying tension between discourse and practice that is more divergent than convergent.

Walking with zombies – insights into the subculture of the undead
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We used videography to gain insights into the subculture of the “zombie community” – a specific “subculture of consumption” – by analysing visual material that was collected during the urban performance of the community members during the “Zombie Walk” in Cologne, Germany in May 2015. Our analysis includes naturalistic observations of the performance of the participants in the urban space and it further includes interviews with both the community members as well as with spectators of the zombie walk. In doing so, we show how zombie archetypes have evolved in media over time, especially in movies and computer games. Furthermore, we show how the archetypes have influenced they way community members dress and perform during the zombie walk. Finally, based on our findings implications for marketing are discussed.

Yoga and fashion
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A former investment banker from Singapore, a pornographer from Los Angeles, a University student from Washington D.C., and a former project manager from Tokyo help the author explore how they marry yoga and fashion. While yoga has traditionally emphasized the inner world of its practitioners, its modern devotees place a heavy emphasis on their outer appearance. Not only do many of them turn to yoga because of the expected benefits of a lean body, but they also spend heavily on trendy yoga clothes and mats. Female practitioners, who make up eighty percent of yoga enthusiasts today, drive these tendencies.
Crowdfunding and co-creation

More than just the money: The psychological consequences of participating in crowdfunding
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Crowdfunding has emerged as an alternative form of funding new ventures by relying on a large number of individual project backers. These crowdfunding participants are oftentimes also customers as they typically receive the venture’s new product as a reward for their financial support. Economically, the focal exchange relationship thus mimics the more traditional market exchange mode in which customers get a product in return for paying a predetermined price. However, this study highlights that crowdfunding has some unique and managerially relevant psychological advantages over the classic purchasing process. The novel findings from a longitudinal experimental study indicate that participating in crowdfunding increases the extent to which customers identify with the underlying venture which, in turn, helps to explain a series of effects on managerially important outcome variables.

Thanks, but no, thanks! The pitfalls of inviting customers to co-create with firms
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Research on co-creation activities with consumers so far has mainly addressed positive outcomes. Particularly in activities like idea contests, the rejection of consumer ideas is inherent and may produce negative outcomes as well. In this paper, we draw on social psychology literature to investigate such negative outcomes. In a first study, we demonstrate that ignoring consumer ideas leads to worse attitudes and higher negative WoM intent than rejecting them. In a second study, we can validate these results. In addition, we find that anger mediates the relationship between a firm’s response and the change in attitude and negative WoM intent. We can also show that consumers’ expectations of a firm’s professionalism in co-creation activities moderate the effect between response and anger. Consumers with high expectations are particularly angry when being ignored. The findings emphasize that, while negative experiences in co-creation cannot be avoided, they should be managed carefully.

Minimalistic design made by a maximal talent - the interplay of design complexity and the user design process
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This research project aims to investigate how the perception of varying design complexities depends on the design development process (user design versus professional design). Specifically, we provide an explanation for the popularity of minimalistic design and find an interaction between the design development process and the evaluation of minimalistic designs. An experiment confirms that a low-complexity design created by a user is perceived as being of lower quality than a high-complexity design. However, when a professional designer creates the design, both design complexity levels lead to similar perceptions of the design quality. We argue that the different perceived levels of talent between an external user and an internal designer exerts an influence on the metacognitive interpretation of the fluency experience, which is triggered by the visual complexity level.

Should you really produce what consumers like online? Empirical evidence from an online innovation community
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This research questions the common practice of firms to use votes as an indicator of consumer preference. We empirically investigate voting behavior in open innovation contests where consumers can both generate ideas and vote for others’ ideas. We find that votes are rather a product of online social influence than of consumers’ preferences. A unique dataset composed of 31,110 ideas and the voting and “friending” behavior of 1,823 consumers reveals that ideas of those who solicited more friends and voted more for others received more votes themselves. This reciprocity effect becomes more prominent with increasing levels of competition. We further show that firms indeed use votes to inform their evaluations. A survey among managers who ran innovation contests shows that votes received during the innovation contest cannot explain any variance in the actual success of ideas. These results imply that managers need to be careful in using online votes as an indicator for idea evaluation.
Global versus local brands

Chair: Erik Maier, HHL Leipzig

“Turning the tables”: Building strong local brands to compete against global rivals
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This paper investigates brand localness as a basis for strategy development for brands competing against global rivals. The authors (a) conceptualize perceived brand localness as a multidimensional profile construct, (b) develop hypotheses highlighting the differential effects of the identified localness dimensions on global vs. local brand preference, and (c) identify the preference-generating mechanisms underlying these effects. An empirical study tests the proposed hypotheses using consumer responses to real local brands across six product categories. Results show that brand perceptions of (a) local iconness, (b) domestic production, (c) regional availability and (d) national origin boost local vs. global brand preference by fulfilling consumers’ motivations to acquire culturally-tailored product offerings, support their local economy, feel national pride, and oppose product homogenization. Implications for theory and practice are discussed and future research directions identified.

Beyond reach: Disentangling the global brand effect
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Despite a considerable body of research on potential outcomes of consumers’ brand globalness perceptions, the construct of perceived brand globalness itself remains ambiguous and calls for further conceptual refinement. This study contributes to literature in the field of global and local branding by (a) identifying an extended set of potential determinants of consumers’ brand globalness perceptions and (b) testing its explanatory power in comparison to the well-established perceived brand globalness (PBG) scale (Steenkamp, Batra, and Alden, 2003). The results of an empirical study involving 63 brands across eight product categories show that the extended model predicts relevant outcomes better. Moreover, it provides new insights into the composition of the global brand effect by explicitly discriminating between different facets of brand globalness (i.e. perceived brand reach, perceived standardization, global consumer culture positioning, and perceived brand foreignness).

Local versus global brands: Local brands reduce consumer self-control by lowering construal levels
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In three experiments we show that local as opposed to global brands reduce consumer self-control. Being perceived as lower in cultural distance, local brands induce lower level construals and as such lower consumer’s self-control compared to global brands. In addition to the four dimensions of psychological distance (temporal, spatial, social and hypothetical distance) described by Trope & Liberman (2010), we identify cultural distance as a fifth distance dimension that impacts construal level and self-control. Moreover, we provide a concrete branding mechanism (local versus global branding) to impact consumer’s self-control.

The interaction between consumer ethnocentrism and product category in explaining the domestic country bias
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Research on country-of-origin (COO) effects is aware of an altogether rather high degree of preferences for domestic over foreign products, the so-called domestic country bias (DCB). This effect can be explained through consumer ethnocentrism (CET). We add to this literature by investigating effects that are counter-directional to the DCB; these effects occur because in some product categories, a foreign COO generates positive consumer perceptions. Three empirical studies with varied COOs, products, and consumer nationalities confirm (1) the DCB; (2) its explanation through CET, and (3) counter-directional effects generated by products that benefit from COO effects across countries. In all studies, we use choice and consumers’ willingness-to-pay as dependent variables, to complement extant COO research that heavily relied on “weaker” measures such as attitudes or purchase intentions.
Marketing in emerging economies
Chair: Bilge Aykol, Dokuz Eylül University

Antecedents of faculty’s perception of service quality and job satisfaction in higher education institutions
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This paper explores the factors that impact job satisfaction and service quality of faculty members employed in public and private universities. We developed and tested a conceptual model that presented key antecedents of job satisfaction and service quality. Our sample consists of 372 faculty members in Pakistan. The results provide evidence that all of our independent variables have significant effect on job satisfaction, from those empowerment has the strongest impact. Empowerment and motivation have significant effect on service quality, while market orientation and recognition have no significant effect. On the other hand job satisfaction has the strongest effect on service quality indicating the importance of this relationship. This study is a pioneering effort to explore the role of internal marketing in an emerging economy. The results could guide universities in enhancing job satisfaction and service quality, leading to improved employee performance and student satisfaction.

Re-inventing the wheel? How to develop innovations for consumers at the bottom of the economic pyramid
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Consumer segments at the so-called bottom of the economic pyramid (BOP) in emerging markets have started to appear on the business agenda of multinational corporations (MNCs). Despite the restricted disposable incomes of consumers at the BOP in emerging markets, innovation development for BOP consumers proffers promising business opportunities due to the significant size and future growth potential of this market. Surprisingly, little is known about the drivers of MNCs’ BOP innovation capability and most MNCs find themselves poorly prepared for innovating for the BOP. We address this commonly acknowledged gap in research and conduct an explorative study based on multi-source and multi-country data. Given the relevance of the emerging markets’ BOP segment for MNCs future growth, it is the overall aim of this study to explore the key drivers of BOP innovation capability from a firm perspective, thus, to understand how MNCs can foster the successful development of BOP innovations.

Adaptation from an advanced economy to an emerging market: The case of American TV series in Turkey
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This study explores the nature of adaptations made in the localization of a United States-based TV series to its Turkish adapted reproduction. Based on a content analysis of episodes of two versions, adaptations made for the Turkish market were categorized into three major groups, namely contextual, cultural, and competitive. The contextual ones create the local setting of the reproduction, with adaptations containing territorial changes, religious rituals, daily practices, and products consumed. Concerning cultural adaptations, Turkish version of the TV series is characterized by higher power distance, higher uncertainty avoidance, and higher collectivism compared to the original version. Competitive adaptations involved the inclusion to the adaptation of elements commonly employed by the industry actors in the domestic TV series industry.
Meet-the-Editors Session

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
14:00–15:30
Room: A2-030

General marketing journals

Chair: Peter Jarnebrant, BI Norwegian Business School

In this session, each editor or representative will explain the mission, editorial process, recent submission trends, and other topics of interest for scholars looking to publish their work in their journal. The aim of the session is to help prospective authors understand what it takes to be published in each journal, and why papers get rejected. There will be extensive opportunity for Q&A.

Journal of Retailing
Murali Mantrala*, University of Missouri

Journal of the Academy of Marketing Science
Thomas Hult*, Michigan State University

International Journal of Research in Marketing
Roland Rust*, University of Maryland

Marketing Science
K. Sudhir*, Yale University

Journal of Marketing
V. Kumar*, Georgia State University
Preference and choice
Chair: Pablo Marshall, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

The prevalence of compensatory choice: Are we compensating for the lack of search path data?
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Peter Boatwright, Carnegie Mellon University

Whether consumers use compensatory or non-compensatory choice rules has been a long-standing debate in both marketing and economics. Choice models trying to distinguish these two choice rules typically focus on modeling only the final choices. In contrast, we develop and estimate two competing models that jointly and endogenously model not only choices, but also consumer search. Since consumer search is an inherent component of the choice process, modeling these two aspects jointly provides additional information on the underlying process. While we find strong support that consumers use a non-compensatory choice rule, we more importantly find that including the search information into the model strongly affects the conclusions we draw with respect to the likelihood of the two respective models. Hence, we argue that improving our general understanding of the consumer search process is essential in order to understand the decision process and hence consumer preferences better.

Understanding the consequences of attribute non-attendance in discrete choice models
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Traditional choice models have been used for inferring the underlying product preference of individuals for more than 50 years. These model outcomes are widely used for efficient pricing, new product development and predicting consumer choice behavior. Increasing number of studies, though, streaming from behavioral economics point towards possible violations of assumptions of traditional choice models. In this paper we try to understand the possible consequences of the violation of full attribute-wise information processing and extend the existing standard model to accommodate the case of attribute non-attendance. For this purpose a latent class approach is utilized with further probabilistic inclusion of eye-tracking data. The results suggest that people do tend to limit their attendance to specific subsets of attributes, mostly two to three. Furthermore, not accounting for attribute non-attendance lead to substantial differences in willingness-to-pay estimates.

Quick and easy measurement of attribute importance weights with restricted-click-stream analysis: An empirical comparison with established methods
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Market researchers typically apply established preference measurement methods like choice-based conjoint to determine attribute importance weights. Behavioral researchers established their own methods to analyze the information search process in product decisions. Goal of this paper is to demonstrate that the information on how much attention has been devoted to an attribute in product choice is sufficient to determine attribute importance weights. The authors develop a new preference measurement method, the restricted-click-stream analysis (RCA), and compare it with established methods. The results show that the validity of the new method is comparable with conjoint methods; however, the cognitive and emotional load for respondents is lower. Thus, the RCA offers a valid alternative for researchers hoping to gain insights on top of product preferences within a survey.

Individual estimation of preferences for paired and m-tuple comparison data
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The method of pair, and, more generally m-tuple, comparison is frequently used in marketing studies to assess consumers’ preference for objects and to estimate the importance of attributes. Most of the estimation procedures presented in the literature consider aggregate estimates across individuals and strong assumptions regarding the heterogeneity of preferences. The objective of this study is to consider an estimation procedure for choice shares at the individual level which is computationally simple, requires mild assumptions regarding the data-generating process and differs from previous procedures found in the literature. The proposed estimator is based on a generalized method of moments within a Bayesian framework that considers limited information based on a set of moment conditions. Monte Carlo simulations that compare the proposed estimator with exact Bayesian and maximum (posterior) likelihood estimators show excellent performance of the proposed estimator.
Social media marketing

Chair: Nils Magne Larsen, Harstad University College

Social media geoforensics: An exploratory analysis
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This exploratory research examines a relatively new phenomenon viz., social media geoforensics, i.e. the nature of physical context information available to marketers along with users’ social media posts. The study demonstrates how such information varies by consumers and how such information can be used by marketers in their digital marketing strategies. The key research question for this study is “how do posts on a social network vary by the context in which the consumer is posting as well as by consumer characteristics?” Specifically, this study examines the nature of consumer tweets on Twitter and how they vary by characteristics of consumers as well as context. The research examines four aspects, venue or location, time-sequencing, social context and tweet content by categories of customers and finds a segmentation tool, venue variability.

Good social media marketing: The consumer’s perspective
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Social media marketing (SMM) is an increasingly important element of basically every firm’s marketing mix. Academic knowledge of its effects on consumers, however, is still limited and highly fragmented. Therefore, we conduct 101 extensive means-end interviews with consumers and develop a comprehensive framework of SMM practices offered by firms and other professional marketers on social media platforms and the consumer benefits and basic individual values they are related with. This way we aim to integrate and extend the existing knowledge on SMM. Additionally, a survey of more than 4,000 consumers allows us to empirically assess the general importance of the identified concepts (i.e., SMM practices, benefits, and values) for the consumer and the strength of the relationships between them. This research contributes to marketing theory not only by integrating knowledge on SMM, but also by offering guidance for firms on the selection of SMM practices.

A friend saved is a penny earned or I need a dollar... a friend is what I need – the impact of social linkage on monetary return
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What is the rational for remarkable variations in income/market values among superstars – quantified performance, or simply popularity, or both? Based on two large-scaled field studies, we investigate the effect of income/market value differences in superstar markets. Specifically, we propose that popularity (i.e., reputation) implies notable differences in superstar income creation (market values), and suppresses the role of actual talent and/or performance. The proposed research offers novel insights in the field of superstar theory; specifically, we show that popularity overwhelms the effect of actual quantified performance in superstar markets, respectively, that actual performance and popularity contribute separately to, and in a divergent extent on income (market values). Managers can evaluate which effects explain the income/market value of superstars and which positioning strategies will result in a notable monetary benefit.

Consumers’ fixation pattern on the most important stimuli when shopping apparels on social media platforms
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A growing use of social media marketing among fashion retailers requires new insight on the importance of various attributes and their effect on online purchasing behaviour. This paper reports the results from two studies shedding more light on these issues. In study 1 we identified the salient attributes used by the fashion industry and analyzed their effects on online purchase behaviour using conjoint analysis. The most influential attribute from study 1, price, was then tested in study 2 utilizing an eye-tracking device to examine the total fixation time on a Facebook page displaying a fashion product and the fixation time on the price label. The online interventions included different price visibility, models (e.g. human models vs. mannequins), and price labels. Although price was deemed to be the most important attribute, with a decelerating utility curve in study 1, the findings from study 2 showed a clear U-shape function for both fixation on price and total fixation on page.
Word-of-mouth

Response strategies to negative electronic word-of-mouth and marketing performance: The moderating role of message credibility
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As consumers increasingly base their purchase decision on electronic word-of-mouth (e-WOM), negative comments on Internet platforms can have significant effects on companies’ marketing performance. Nevertheless, the effect of companies’ response strategies to negative e-WOM have not been examined in depth so far. Against this background, this study investigates how different company response strategies to negative e-WOM affect marketing performance and how the message credibility of negative e-WOM influences this effect. This study provides evidence that the company response strategies to negative e-WOM influence its marketing performance. Furthermore, the results indicate that the effect of a company’s response (apology vs. denial) on its marketing performance is moderated by the message credibility of the negative e-WOM. These findings have important implications for future research and companies’ response strategies to negative e-WOM.

Sharing extreme opinions about controversial topics: The moderating role of online communication platforms
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Controversial topics are those topics on which people tend to take different, quite polarized opinions. We investigate the effect of topic controversy on individuals’ tendency to share extreme opinions with others. While we acknowledge that people tend to hold extreme positions on controversial topics, we hypothesize that whether they share their extreme opinions with others importantly depends on the communication channel they use for sharing. Across three experiments, we show that opinion extremeness generally increases tendency to share, but, more importantly, we show this is more likely to occur when sharers use communication platforms that allow them to select specific, identified recipients, thus having more control on their audience. More specifically, we demonstrate that individuals are more likely to share the extreme versus moderate opinions about controversial topics via email, but such a difference no longer exists when sharing via post on social network pages.

Visual electronic word of mouth: A multimodal brand approach and case study
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An emerging activity on internet is to create and share visual content, our understanding of this activity and its impact however is limited. In this paper we aim to define and operationalize the concept of visual eWOM and embed it in the current eWOM literature. Different from existing eWOM research which relies on textual information only, we conceptualize visual eWOM as a multi-modal construct consisting of textual and visual concepts. We test our operationalization on a dataset of 6435 consumer posts crawled from Instagram. We apply state-of-the-art machine learning techniques, convolutional neural networks, for detecting the visual concepts in images posted on Instagram. We use OLS regression to test the impact of textual and visual concepts on image popularity. The results in our case study show that textual and visual concepts provide complementary information and have a different impact on image popularity.

Some determinants of inverse effects of positive and negative electronic word-of-mouth messages on consumer attitude
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It have been claimed that positive eWOM has positive impacts while negative eWOM has negative impacts on consumer attitude with assumption that either positive or negative eWOM message is presented on a single website. However, no research has not identified the conditions for the positive effects of negative eWOM. Thus, we investigate the moderating effects of the types of receivers, reviews, and products. Also, we investigate the moderating effects of the order of positive and negative eWOM messages posted in a single website. With three experiments, this study found that negative eWOM had positive effects on consumer attitudes towards products in the case of hedonic products and expert consumers reading attribute-centric review. Moreover, negative eWOM had a greater positive effect when it was at the top of the website as opposed to at the bottom. This study contributes to our current understanding of eWOM effects on consumer behavior.
Brand attachment and brand engagement

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Brand attachment for life – factors influencing the development of socialized brand attachment
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The success of a brand strongly depends on loyal customers and their repurchases and so companies try to attach customers already at a young age to their brand. During the process of socialization parents exert a strong influence on their children; thus one intention of this paper is to examine the impact of communication style within the family on the development of early brand attachment. Additionally, we shed light on attachment-prone product categories and on the role of consumer personality. Collecting data from 1,652 students and by means of structural equation modeling we show that concept-oriented communication within the family is important for passing over brand attachment from parents to children. Moreover, by identifying that publically consumed product categories with high involvement are most effective for handing down attachment and that specific consumer personalities are more inclined to build an emotional bond, we offer novel insights for research and management.

Oppositional consequences of brand attachment: Moderating role of attachment style
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It has been argued that attachment strength and attachment style are two distinct branding concepts. However, there is currently no research that empirically supports this notion. This study finds that attachment strength and attachment style are two distinct branding constructs. Extant research has examined the positive behaviors as consequences of brand attachment. However, these studies did not examine the link between brand attachment and consumers’ negative behaviors. We posit that brand attachment can also lead to negative behaviors (trash-talking, Schadenfreude and other anti-brand actions). Additionally, we provide evidence that avoidance-attachment style moderates these relationships. The link between brand attachment and brand loyalty is attenuated for consumers with low relationship orientation, whereas the link between brand attachment and anti-brand actions is attenuated for consumers exhibiting strong relationships.
Shopper marketing

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The role of the in-store location of a promotional display for shoppers’ attention and buying decisions

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Empirical studies prove the effects of promotional displays on sales. The role of its location, however, is still under-researched. In a field experiment using observational techniques, we were able to show that displays in an incongruent setting gain more attention but lead to fewer sales than displays in a congruent setting.

Shopper behavior under the microscope: understanding the relationships between shoppers’ in-store physical activities and purchase decisions

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Previous research indicates that the large majority of purchase decisions are made in the store and influenced by shoppers’ in-store behavior. Thus, it is critical to understand the dynamics between consumers’ in-store physical activities and their final purchase decision. However, existing research does not take into account the full range of shoppers’ in-store actions. The present research uses an innovative PDA technology to unobtrusively observe shoppers’ behavior, to capture and time-stamp their shopping paths and actions in front of shelves in high detail and to link them to purchase-related outcomes (purchase, number of products bought, average price). We also consider key factors such as marketing interventions (e.g., promotions, salesperson contacts) and contextual variables (e.g., time pressure, crowding). Results demonstrate that a detailed observation of shoppers’ in-store physical activities generates important insights to better understand consumer choice processes.

Mall shoppers’ segmentation: Differences between Top 2 box satisfaction score and the net promoter score (NPS)

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There has been an extended use of some customer’s satisfaction and loyalty metrics in the managerial context that has increased with the introduction of the Net Promoter Score (NPS). The aim of the paper is to analyze whether the firm’s loyalty strategies differ depending on the metric used for segmentation and in that case, to determine in what aspects they are different. We report results from a study using data from mall shoppers in Spain to create segments based on NPS and on Top 2 Box satisfaction score. The study compares the strategy of the firm to convert potential promoters into promoters with the strategy followed to convert passive satisfied customers into highly satisfied customers. The study confirms that although strategies mall managers should follow about customer experience value and stress are similar, others depend on the metric used. Implications for managers are proposed related to the results obtained.

Dynamic in-store spending behavior

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With retailers’ growing ability to identify and engage customers while shopping, it becomes increasingly important to understand how their sequential spending decisions evolve over the course of a shopping trip. Going beyond end-of-trip spending totals, this research demonstrates that shoppers’ relative spending—the price of the purchased item relative to the mean price of the product category—evolves nonlinearly and distinctly for budget and nonbudget shoppers as a function of the pain of paying experienced while shopping. Specifically, three studies reveal that a shopper’s relative spending evolves convexly for nonbudget shoppers and concavely for budget shoppers. Mediation analyses confirm that these unique patterns in relative spending are driven by distinctive patterns in the pain of paying experienced while shopping. This research offers different theoretical contributions, while also having important implications for practitioners.
Influences on sales Performance

Chair: Paolo Guenzi, Bocconi University

Sales personnel goal orientation and performance: A comparison of B2C and B2B salespeople
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The twofold study purpose is to examine relationships between different types of sales personnel goal orientations and behavior-based and outcome-based job performance, and compare the difference between industrial (B2B) and consumer (B2C) sales. A cross-sectional survey design was used with a sample of 584 pairs of sales reps and their supervisors. Results indicate that different goal orientations lead to different types of job performance. Performance-prove goal orientation (PPGO) salespeople tend to be good in terms of outcome-based, especially in B2C context. Performance-avoid goal orientation (PAGO) individuals tend to be successful in terms of behavior-based performance in B2B context. The relationship between learning goal orientation (LGO) and outcome-based performance is strongly negative in B2C sales.

Sales leaderships’ effects on salespeople’s performance, organizational commitment, and turnover: A meta-analysis on mediating and moderating effects
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Effective sales leadership has a high impact on firms’ market and financial performance. Despite a vast amount of empirical studies on effective sales leadership, results on firm-related outcomes such as performance, organizational commitment, and turnover are inconclusive. Hence, the answer to the question of how sales leadership affects organizational effectiveness remains unclear. A framework depicting effects of sales leadership on individual and organizational outcomes was created. The results of the meta-analysis and structural equation modeling indicate that person-focused leadership behaviors contribute stronger to organizational effectiveness than task-focused leadership behaviors. Tests of reciprocal relationships reveal that objective performance is a driver of job satisfaction rather than vice versa. Moreover, salespersons’ turnover was found to be positively influenced by person-focused leadership behaviors and objective performance.

The mediation impact of selling skills on emotional regulation - sales performance linkages
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This study synthesizes foundations in JD-R theory, Self-regulation, Motivation and skills theory, as well as social cognitive theory to empirically investigate the influence of emotional regulations on natural reward strategy (NRS) component of self-leadership among salespersons, and its subsequent impact on salesmanship skills and sales performance. The authors use structural equation modelling to analyze data collected from a sample of 317 salespersons in an emerging market (India); results indicate that NRS is influenced by salesperson’s emotion regulation abilities, and salesmanship skills act as a partial mediator in the NRS-performance relationship. The study extends the theory on NRS-performance linkages in sales force performance management in the emerging market context using salesmanship skills as a mediator. This paper also discussed the theoretical and managerial implications of the results.

The impact of sales force management capabilities and personal selling capability on performance
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In most companies the sales force and their capabilities play an increasingly strategic role in creating a competitive advantage for the firm. In contrast to marketing capabilities, sales capabilities are not well-defined and are therefore conceptually and empirically overlooked. This study distinguishes between sales force management and personal selling capability and empirically examines their interrelationship, and ultimately, their impact on the firm’s performance. The findings indicate that sales force management capabilities enhance performance both directly, through a well-structured sales force, and indirectly by leveraging personal selling capability through nurturing sales talent and targeting customers. By developing, identifying and empirically validating sales force management and personal selling capability, this study contributes to the literature on sales as well as to the literature on capabilities, in general, and to the connection between sales capabilities and performance.
Extraordinary services and service quality
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The service award paradox
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Service awards are a ubiquitously used marketing instrument. While extant literature has focused on their benefits for recipients and donors, our study unveils the existence of a service award paradox. Our results confirm both bright and dark side effects of service awards on customers’ behavior. While service awards increase customers’ willingness-to-pay through reduced perceived risk, they also diminish customers’ fault tolerance through higher expectations, making it more difficult to satisfy and please customers. Further, our study shows that it does not only matter whether an award is bestowed, but also what type of award is at stake. Our results provide managers with guidance on how to use service awards so that customers’ willingness-to-pay is enhanced, while adverse effects on fault tolerance are diminished.

Smells like bank spirit
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This research aims to validate a specific methodology for creating a scent identity in a service context. Two types of studies have been used, qualitative and quantitative, and 367 subjects have participated. In the first part of this study, we aimed to highlight the values of the company through a qualitative study (n=36). Then, a second part has been realized on the congruency between values and the scent (quantitative study, n=331). Thus, we can show how to create a scent, which can be in congruency with the values of a services company. Limitations and further research are finally discussed.

Is a paying customer always better? The importance of customer orientation towards the “free” customer in two- or multi-sided markets
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In the Digital Economy, managers of free e-service internet platforms face the challenge to address the needs of at least two different market sides. A non-paying market side that uses the service of the platform for “free” and a paying-market side that subsidizes the service offer of the platform. Managers in this setting are especially unsure about the performance effects of customer orientation towards the non-paying market side as this market side does not provide direct revenues. We address this issue using a sample of such free e-services. Our results demonstrate that customer orientation towards a non-paying market side increases platform performance beyond the well-known performance effect of customer orientation towards a paying market side. More specifically, customer orientation towards the non-paying market side leads to enhanced customer satisfaction of both the non-paying as well as the paying market side which in turn positively influences performance outcomes.

Beyond crossover-effects in product-dominant consumption systems
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In a consumption system customers gain multiple value perceptions from both subsystems (product and service). Those value perceptions spill over between the two subsystems and affect attitudes, intentions and future behavior. In the present study, we extend previous contributions by introducing a spillover-effect (impact on perceived value level), next to an already established crossover-effect (value gained in one subsystem directly influencing loyalty towards the counterpart). Using data from the automotive industry our study suggests that value perceptions of the product have an impact on the loyalty towards the service provider, mediated by value perceptions elicited by the service consumed. We conclude, that ignoring spillover-effects on the perceived value level can result in biased findings and, as a consequence, inferior managerial conclusions. In sum, this is challenging news for service providers, as they can both benefit and suffer from this dichotomous market position.
Consumers’ reactions to CSR I

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Investigating the role of religiosity as a deterrent towards digital piracy
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The purpose of this paper is to examine the role of religiosity as a deterrent of digital piracy habitual behaviour. In particular, it will examine ‘religious teaching’ in affecting consumer attitude towards digital piracy and their habitual digital piracy behaviour in a developing market. 400 usable samples were collected from a church congregation in Indonesia. The results indicated that: (i) Facilitating Conditions is a significant driver of digital piracy habit, (ii) Attitude towards piracy is a significant deterrent of digital piracy habit and moderates the relationship between Facilitating Conditions and digital piracy habit, and (iii) Religious teaching is a significant deterrent of digital piracy habit, mediated by attitude towards piracy. Our results suggest that policy makers could involve religious (i.e. church) leaders to combat digital piracy by educating their congregations through formal and informal church communication channels.

Ethical implications of story domain, teller, and receiver for the narrative transportation effect
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Storytelling is on the rise in marketing, including the marketing of risky products such as alcohol. The ethical relevance of stories should attract more attention from managers, policymakers and scholars, as storytelling drives suspension of disbelief, has enduring persuasive effects, is unintentionally affective and can lead to actual behavior. To fill this gap, this article offers a systematic investigation by means of a meta-analysis of how three original study characteristics: (1) story domain, (2) number of storytellers and (3) number of simultaneous story-receivers, may affect the strength of the narrative transportation effect, which manifests itself in consumers’ response to having been transported into a narrative. We contribute to the field of narrative transportation by showing the role of these three variables moderating the relationship between narrative transportation and narrative persuasion, and we uncover ethical implications derived from the power of storytelling.

The bigger the better? The influence of retailer community interdependence on consumer perceptions of social responsibility
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The current research demonstrates that retailers’ corporate socially responsible (CSR) activities positively impact relationships with consumers. However, consumer responses are contingent upon the size of the retailer, and operate through perceived interdependence with the local community. The concept of community interdependence is introduced as a factor that leads consumers to respond more positively to small retailers’ CSR activities. However, we predict, and provide support for, the novel prediction that smaller retailers benefit under conditions where the CSR is motivated by financial sustainability. This suggests that consumers can act as financial stewards for small businesses because of the value they bring to the community.

Determinants of unethical consumer behavior: the role of consumer personality, perceived risk, and the behavior of firms
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Anja Spilski, Saarland University

Previous studies on corporate social responsibility (CSR) found that a company’s ethical behavior can improve the image of that company. Recently, however, research has been asking whether consumers who generally demand companies to be ethical behave ethically themselves. This article focuses on intentional, economically motivated, firm-directed consumer misbehavior. Knowledge of determinants that motivate or inhibit consumer misbehavior may help companies to develop countermeasures. In two behavioral experiments, we analyze whether consumer personality, perceived risk, and firms’ ethical or unethical behavior impact the likelihood of unethical consumer behavior. In addition, we consider the interacting effects between consumer personality and the situational variables to raise awareness of situations that accelerate consumer misbehavior.
Event marketing and destination management

Chair: Enrique Bigne, University of Valencia

Factors driving the participation of international tourists in mega sport events: The case of 2022 Fifa World Cup™
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The aim of this research is to identify and examine factors driving international tourists to participate and attend a hallmark sport event such as the 2022 FIFA World Cup™ in Qatar. Drawing on the attraction process from the Psychological Continuum Model (PCM), seven hypotheses were posited. Factors such as travel motives, attitudes towards host destination, cultural experience, opportunity to increase knowledge, and previous attendance were assessed as drivers of participants’ intentions to attend the event (N=115). Structural Equation Modeling was used to test the model. Results indicate that participants with more positive attitudes towards the host country are more likely to attend the event. Results also reveal that respondents who have previously attended a FIFA World Cup are more likely to attend FIFA World Cup™ in Qatar. Implications and recommendations for policy makers are discussed.

Can they increase perceived variety in life? Event portfolios as strategic tools to attract new residents
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Event portfolios play an important role in shaping city attractiveness. With competition for residents on the rise, cities can use event portfolios as a strategic tool to attract new residents by providing them with higher levels of perceived variety in life. The aim is to empirically explore for the first time the impact event portfolio strategies can have on perceptions of variety in life and on likelihood-to-move to another city. Findings reveal that quality-oriented event portfolios (portfolios focusing on few, but primarily international top-events) were more promising for attracting new residents than quantity-oriented portfolios (portfolios focusing on diverse, but primarily local and non-top-events) by offering them higher levels of perceived variety in life. Furthermore, the superior effect of quality-oriented event portfolios is partially stronger for residents living in large cities, but is not moderated by the type of event offered in the portfolio (sport vs. culture).

Exploring festival impacts and local residents’ subject well-being: In search of the missing link
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Lanlung Chiang, Yuan Ze University
Ngoc-Ai, Jessie Pham, Yuan Ze University

Emphasizing the importance of local residents’ subject well-being, this study investigates the impact of socio-cultural, including social benefit and social cost. Using data collected from the residents of Taipei, Taiwan where the International Flora Festival is held. Structural equation modeling is used to test the dynamics of residents’ well-being and its antecedents. The findings indicated that social benefit has a positive relationship with overall subject well-being of residents while social cost confirmed a negative impact, which is identified as a key foundation for festival practitioners (i.e., local government) designing activities for enhancing residents’ quality of life and subject well-being. The findings of the study contribute to both academia and industry.

Should they always fit? A critical analysis of image-fit between events and host destinations
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Events have become increasingly important as image builders and tourism catalysts for host destinations. Focus has been placed on obtaining high levels of image fit between an event and its host destination, in order to garner long-term image benefits, and increase revisit intentions. The aim of this paper is to empirically explore for the first time values of low-fit image pairings between events and a destination on tourist revisit intentions. The findings of two events reveal that a perceived low-fit image pairing between event and destination increased revisit intentions for event tourists who had visited the destination before. Oppositely, a perceived high-fit pairing between event and destination increased revisit intentions for event tourists who had never visited the destination before.
Dynamics in R&D and advertising

Chairs: Neeraj Bharadwaj, University of Tennessee
Kay Peters, University of Hamburg & University of California-Davis

The SIG aims to discuss novel approaches and insights on R&D and advertising (Adv) dynamics. Each of the unpublished papers provides a new content or methodological contribution, or both.

Dynamic sparse constrained inverse regression for high dimensional analytics
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The authors develop a new methodology, sparse constrained inverse regression (SCIR), which ensures higher construct validity and inference for high dimensional data settings where the number of variables exceeds the number of observations (p>n). They derive the SCIR estimator, conduct simulation studies, and illustrate its application to several data sets from differing marketing domains.

Likeability dynamics effects on consumer intention to share online video advertisements
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Michel Clement, University of Hamburg

The authors investigate how likeability dynamics during online video advertisements relate to their viral potential. Using a theoretical memory-based framework, consumers’ retrospective video evaluations depend on which experiences they can recall most easily. Analyzing 120 video advertisements, results allow identifying the key moments that drive intentions to share: high likeability at the beginning and the end of a video advertisement are important, though the ending effect is greater.

The dynamics of evidence-based strategies in R&D-intense markets
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In R&D-intensive markets, an evidence-based strategy involves investment in the generation and communication of scientific evidence to support superior product and service quality. The authors investigate the dynamics of clinical trials effects, and their interactions with marketing efforts, on new product success. The results provide insights into the return on R&D, key opinion leader selection, and information propagation.

Understanding the role of synergy dynamics in the process of hierarchy of effects
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Kay Peters, University of Hamburg & University of California-Davis
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The authors investigate the role of multi-media advertising and synergies within a Hierarchy of Effects (HoE) process that includes spillovers & feedback across its stages. They propose a dynamic state-space model and estimate it with sparse Kalman filter technology. Novel findings include a new understanding on how the HoE process dynamics and how synergies work at different stages of the HoE.
**EMAC: A global research community**

Chair: **Marnik Dekimpe**, Tilburg University

**Understanding customer experience and the customer journey**

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Understanding customer experience and the customer journey over time is critical for firms. Customers now interact with firms through myriad touchpoints in multiple channels and media, and customer experiences are more social in nature. These changes require firms to integrate multiple business functions, and even external partners, in creating and delivering positive customer experiences. In this article, the authors aim to develop a stronger understanding of customer experience and the customer journey in this era of increasingly complex customer behavior. To achieve this goal, they examine existing definitions and conceptualizations of customer experience as a construct, and provide a historical perspective of the roots of customer experience within marketing. Next, they attempt to bring together what is currently known about customer experience, customer journeys and customer experience management and, highlight key insights and important lessons for marketing practice. Finally, they identify critical areas for future research on this important topic.

**How bad is shopping cart abandonment? An investigation across multiple shopping sessions**

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Shopping cart abandonment is considered the bane of Internet retailing and has received increasing attention in the retail industry. Most shopping cart abandonment metrics used in practice are based on purchase outcomes within a given web navigation session and ignore the fact that online consumers can and often do break up a given shopping task into multiple shopping sessions. In addition, clickstream data collected from online stores record activities during all shopping sessions, including those that did not lead to purchase orders. Such data provide Internet retailers with a unique opportunity to improve their predictions of shoppers’ purchase decisions. In this study, we propose a joint model of cart, order, and spending decisions that takes into account various sources of interdependence among these decisions within and across shopping sessions, and investigate online cart abandonment across multiple shopping sessions and its connections to shoppers’ order and purchase spending decisions. We demonstrate that our multi-session model helps Internet retailers do a better job of predicting consumers’ order and spending decisions than single-session models or models built on data of only purchase outcomes. We also show that ignoring the multi-session nature of online shopping behavior leads to an overestimation of shopping cart abandonment and misleading recommendations for retailers’ retargeting promotion campaigns.

**Dalal street blues: Economic sentiment and the demand for Bollywood movies**

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Bollywood “musicals”—movies with over-the-top storylines and indiscriminate song-and-dance sequences—are an essential part of the social conversation in India. Yet, despite lay beliefs, little is known of the role of escapism (i.e., distraction from reality) and positionality (i.e., prestige) in shaping the demand for Bollywood movies. Using a detailed dataset describing revenue by theatre, movie, and week, for all multiplex (multi-screen) theatres and movies in India, our paper investigates theatrical movie demand in India. Our empirical approach controls for product (movie) quality heterogeneity, market heterogeneity, and heterogeneity in movie availability and seasonality, and controls for simultaneity bias. Across a rich set of attitudinal and economic measures, we find evidence of escapism. And that the clear mandate in the 2014 general elections, which ushered in the “Modi wave” of economic optimism, decreased the demand for escapism. Further, we find evidence of positional consumption, which varies with the scarcity of movie theatres: locations with a fewer number of neighboring theatres show more positional consumption than locations with more neighboring theatres.

**The growth and popularity of digital goods: Evidence from freeware markets**

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Large shares of digital product that enter the markets—in both PC and mobile environments—are launched free to the consumer (which is often labeled freeware). Past research has largely assumed that digital goods spread in a similar manner to the widely examined growth of durables and services. Here we challenge this assumption, using an unprecedented database of the growth of tens of thousands of free digital products, demonstrating intriguing patterns of growth for freeware and exploring reasons for these patterns. We show for the first time that patterns of growth can be strongly related to the product’s popularity, which is especially noteworthy given that almost all we know on new product growth comes from highly popular products, and in light of the ubiquity of non-popular products among digital goods. In particular, we highlight how in the case of free digital goods recent adoptions, and not only cumulative ones (as assumed in classic diffusion models), help to drive the dynamics of the product’s growth, and play a notable role in the relationship between the shape of growth and popularity.
Boundary research: Tools and rules to impact emerging fields

Chairs: Koert van Ittersum, University of Groningen
       Brian Wansink, Cornell University

Most traditional research in academic disciplines is centrist. It focuses on research questions that are central to the evolution of a field. In the behavioral sciences, research areas such as attribution theory, behavioral decision theory, diffusion theory, and regulatory focus are just a few centrist topics that spawned hundreds of field-changing dissertations and articles. Yet not all started out as centrist. Many started on the periphery or boundary of what was then fashionable in their fields. Over time, however, they moved from idiosyncratic to impactful, from fringe to focus. Boundary research can be risky, but it can also move academic disciplines into wider areas of influence. To help reduce the risk and increase the reward, this roundtable will discuss new tools that boundary researchers can use to get started, published, and promoted. These include writing for surprising impact, positioning their research against a larger theme, developing a Research Impact Matrix for promotion, and estimating a 10-year citation record. These tools can help move a boundary research area from fringe to focus. The main objectives of this roundtable are to bring together researchers interested in engaging in boundary research, sharing experiences and best practices with regards to conducting and publishing boundary research, and helping junior boundary scholars navigate their tenure track (full paper: http://dx.doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.1.4437.1288).

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Networking

The second part of the EMAC CC meeting is again fully dedicated to the development of an international research network among participating early career scholars in Marketing. The purpose of this second session is thus to get to know other EMAC CC members more closely, exchange experiences regarding research, research funding, or (inter)national job search processes, find out about potential joint research interests, and ideally establish the foundation for joint future collaborations and/or exchanges across countries.

Feedback and future developments of the EMAC Climber Community

Informal gathering

The networking session will be followed by an informal meeting from 17:30 to 19:00 at the student bar Kroa right next to BI (http://kroa.sbio.no, Nydalsveien 37, Oslo, Norway). We will walk there together, but you can of course also join us at the bar.

Note: This event is not included in the EMAC fee.
Angry Birds: Mobile, gaming and emerging digital advertising

Chair: Michael Schade, University of Bremen

Defining branded content for the digital age: An exploration of marketing communication experts’ key conceptualisations
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This paper aims to provide new insights into the key conceptualisations of the term branded content which practitioners adopt within marketing communications discourse. Based on the findings of a literature review and 30 expert interviews it emerges that two main definition approaches are needed: a holistic conceptualisation and a managerial one. Each of these two approaches makes a contribution to marketing communications discourse. The holistic perspective helps practitioners as well as academics to comprehend the concept of branded content in the digital age as an all-encompassing, socio-technological phenomenon. The managerial perspective makes a contribution by allowing a clear delineation of the term branded content from the concept of advertising. Improving the clarity of this complex concept will support branded content discourse to move forward.

What makes consumers recall banner ads in mobile applications
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The uses of mobile advertisements are increasing their popularity across the world. Companies can gather information about the mobile users based on their locations, lifestyle, and preferences via GPS, cookies and browsing history and embed highly personalized banner ads in mobile applications. However, in the literature there is hardly any work on the effectiveness of these highly personalized in-app banner ads. The aim of the study is to reveal which factors affect the effectiveness of in-app banner ads. An experimental study was designed and 209 subjects were participated in. The results of Ordinal Logistic Regression indicated that Brand Attitude and Attitude towards application have a positive effect on the recall of ads, while brand engagement with self concept has negative effect. Moreover, in-app banner ads are recalled more when they are located in landscape applications and at the top of the screen. This research provides some implications for future studies and practitioners.

The appropriateness of in-game advertising in fantasy games
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The present study investigates how perceived congruity and interactivity of in-game advertising (IGA) in fantasy games affects players’ perceived intrusiveness, game realism and, ultimately, IGA appropriateness as well as how these effects are moderated by their general attitude towards advertising. Two experimental studies with fantasy game players (N = 597/N = 613) following a 2 (congruent - incongruent IGA) x 2 (interactive - non-interactive IGA) between-subjects design were conducted. The results indicate that perceived IGA congruity and interactivity both reduce the perceived IGA intrusiveness and positively contribute to the perceived game realism. Intrusiveness and realism, in turn, influence the perceived IGA appropriateness. The positive effect of perceived congruity and interactivity through intrusiveness is positively reinforced by the general attitude towards advertising, whilst the effect through realism becomes weaker.

The effect of advertising value and privacy concerns on the intention to use location-based advertising: The role of brand trust as brand-related antecedent
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In order to use Location-Based Advertising (LBA) as innovative advertising channel effectively it is very important to identify factors influencing the consumers’ intention to use LBA. Based on an empirical study with 1,121 German smartphone users, the positive effect of advertising value on intention to use LBA is larger than the negative effect of privacy concerns. In addition, entertainment and informativeness positively influence advertising value, while irritation has a negative effect. Finally, brand trust and self-efficacy have negative effects on privacy concerns. Comparing both antecedents, brand trust has a stronger effect on privacy concerns than self-efficacy. The main contribution to LBA research is the integration of brand trust as brand-related antecedent. Brand trust has a negative effect on privacy concerns and thus is able to reduce the perceived risks of privacy invasion, which, in the end, increases the intention to use LBA.
Goals, judgment and decision-making

On the benefits of being a “bon vivant”: The interplay of simple pleasures and small annoyances on goal progress in daily life
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We present a novel snapshot of the interplay of simple pleasures, small annoyances, and how they relate to goal pursuit “in the wild”. We investigated whether simple pleasures mitigated the detrimental effects of small annoyances on goal progress in daily life, through feelings of happiness. Simple pleasures were defined as short positive experiences that are free of conflict and readily available in every day settings at little or no cost. An experience sampling study—where participants reported five times a day, for six consecutive days whether they experienced a simple pleasure, small annoyance, or neither, as well as goal progress and happiness every evening—yielded 2460 unique responses and confirmed our hypotheses. We contribute to the consumer behavior literature by presenting evidence that pleasures and goal pursuit are not always two opposing forces, and simple pleasures may in fact provide boosts in happiness that could help consumers in achieving their goals.

Paying more to save less: The effect of self-selected price bundling on willingness to pay
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Price bundling, the practice of offering a price promotion to consumers buying two or more separate products together, is a prevalent sales promotion tactic. The current study focuses on the “self-selected price bundling”, where consumers can decide which products to include in the bundle and investigates how consumers make spending decisions under this promotion. We compare two frames of price bundling – “buy two items, get a discount on both items” and “buy two items, get a discount on the cheaper item”. Four studies demonstrate that, holding the spending on the first item fixed, the objectively superior “buy two items, get a discount on both” promotion induces lower consumer spending. We propose and test empirically a “gain-loss ratio” account, which shows that in the context of self-selected price bundling, consumers evaluate their spending relative to the savings, and try to keep high exchange efficiency. Theoretical and practical implications are discussed.

The influence of time-interval descriptions on goal-pursuit decisions
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We examine how the description of the time interval allowed for goal completion affects goal-pursuit decisions. Seven experiments show that consumers are more likely to pursue goals when the completion interval is described by durations (e.g., “in 2 weeks”) instead of dates (e.g., “between today and November 17”), and that dates lead people to focus more on the process, whereas durations lead people to focus more on the outcomes of goal pursuit. Participants who consider a date (vs. duration) description rely more on process-related and less on outcome-related considerations when contemplating a goal, and are more sensitive to a change in the effort required to achieve the goal. Furthermore, participants are no longer more willing to pursue duration- (vs. date-) described goals when the outcomes are negative but the process is positive. Interval description has an attenuated effect when the target interval is especially long and it is difficult to envision the specific process.

Consumer responses to sensory goals: A crossmodal compensation framework
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Consumers frequently experience sensations both in their surrounding environments and while interacting with objects, and such experiences can often induce sensory-specific goals. In the current research, we apply a goal-driven, regulatory paradigm to explore situations in which consumers respond to physical sensations in a complementary fashion. Specifically, we demonstrate that consumers exposed to suboptimal sensory stimuli in one modality (e.g., music that is playing too loudly) may strive to compensate across other modalities (e.g., preferring less spicy food and less visually complex products) in order to achieve meta-sensory balance. Further, we demonstrate that this crossmodal spillover only manifests when individuals are unable to regulate within the modality in which the suboptimal sensation is experienced. We document the behavioral consequences of this crossmodal compensation phenomenon on consumer choices, product evaluations, and purchase intentions.
The role of visual and environmental cues on information processing and consumption

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When ambiguity is good: Prestigious stores increase the purchase of ethical products
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The combination of positive and negative attributes in ethical products makes them an ambiguous product category to purchase. Intuitively, one would argue that this ambiguity negatively affects ethical purchases. We acknowledge this and suggest a way where this ambiguity can be leveraged to support ethical purchases. The ambiguity of ethical products makes the preferences for the ethical product more malleable and this makes it possible for prestigious stores to positively influence preferences for the ethical product. Because of this, consumers perceive the ethical product as superior over the standard product which increases the willingness to buy ethically. We tested this in four studies where we manipulated the prestige of the store and measured willingness to buy ethically. Our findings suggest that the positive perception of prestigious stores increases the willingness to buy ethically due to consumers’ perception that the ethical product is superior. These findings can help to transform the ethical niche market into a mainstream market.

Delighted by design: How abstract minds love surface mimicry
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This article demonstrates that products that incorporate visual features of unrelated objects into their visual design (i.e., surface mimicry) evoke more abstract processing. Three studies show that these type of creative designs instigate a higher level cognitive construal compared to neutral designs. Moreover, we demonstrate that people who are placed in an abstract mindset are willing to pay more for products that are designed by the principle of surface mimicry compared to products with neutral design. These effects are more pronounced for people who strongly appreciate the visual design of products in general (CVPA).

“Look at that body!” The influence of anthropomorphic forms in package design of consumer goods
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The current paper investigates the influence of anthropomorphic forms incorporated in the design of consumer good packages on product perceptions and preferences. Specifically, we argue that packages resembling a physically appealing body also look appealing to consumers. In three experiments, we demonstrate that packages shaped after an hourglass (i.e., the ideal female body shape) or after an inverted triangle (i.e., the ideal male body shape) are preferred, depending on the type of product that is being anthropomorphized. In addition, the results of a lexical decision task provide evidence for the claim that anthropomorphism is an automatic process that can be activated merely by a package’s shape resembling a human body. The paper concludes that consumers spontaneously rely on package shape cues for product selection, just as they rely on bodily indicators for the selection of a potential partner.

The influence of container shape on calories estimation and consumption
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Does the curvature of the food container influence consumers’ calorie estimation and consumption volume? And if so, in what way? By means of two studies, we show that the shape of a product container can indeed influence both calorie estimation and consumption. Specifically, our findings indicate that: (a) a food product presented in container curved outside (convex) leads consumers to believe that the food product is higher in calories than when it is presented in a container curved inside (concave); (b) eating from the convex container triggers feeling of guilt for the consumers that try to control their eating; and (c) consumers tend to eat more from a convex container. The findings of our studies are relevant for both marketers and policy makers trying to nudge people into making healthier eating choices.
Open innovation and co-creation

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Internal or external? A meta-analysis on collaboration in the development of innovations
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This meta-analysis examines the antecedents and performance implications of internal and external collaboration in the development of innovations. In a comprehensive model, we test the impact of internal and external collaboration on innovation performance and include three environmental conditions as antecedents. Overall, we synthesize results from 315 primary empirical studies and employ a meta-analytic two-stage structural equation modeling approach. The results reveal that internal and external collaboration positively influence overall innovation performance. Moreover, whereas internal collaboration impacts market performance and innovation speed, external collaboration influences market performance and newness. Additionally, we show that market turbulence affects internal and external collaboration and that technological turbulence affects external collaboration. Competitive intensity positively impacts internal collaboration and negatively impacts external collaboration.

How integrating stakeholders’ communications about co-created innovations improves consumers’ willingness to pay
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This paper assesses the effects of integrating communications by a lead firm and a co-creating stakeholder on consumers’ willingness to pay for a co-created innovation. A first study investigates the effect of mutual reference (both parties refer to the other partner) on consumers’ willingness to pay, a second study the effect of message content integration (both parties mention the same or a complementary message) and the integration of ‘look and feel’ (both parties adjust the lay-out of their communication to one another) of both communications on willingness to pay. Results reveal a positive effect of mutual reference and a negative effect of integration of message content on willingness to pay. We further show that these effects are mediated by corporate credibility and moderated by product category involvement. As such, this paper contributes to both IMC and co-creation literature, by considering the potential positive effects of integrated communications by co-creation partners.

User-designed products and purchase intention: An inverted U-shaped relation
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An increasing number of companies develop products in cooperation with consumers and advertise the resulting products as “user-designed” alongside their “regular” products. Interestingly, prior research has contrasted user-designed products with company-designed products in terms of black-and-white conditions, in which user designs are either fully present or absent. However, in managerial practice, product portfolios are composed of both user- and company-designed products. Using an experimental study, we demonstrate for the first time that more user-designed products are not always better. Rather, there is an inverted U-shaped relation between the share of user-designed products in a company’s portfolio and consumers’ purchase intentions. Our results have important implications for managers relying on user-designed products in their product portfolio.

How to back the right horse: Choosing open innovation activities that support firms’ entrepreneurial orientation for adaptation to market change
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Firms pursuing an entrepreneurial orientation combined with open innovation (OI) activities are more successful in adapting to market change. However, not all OI activities foster the effectiveness of entrepreneurial orientation for market adaptive capability equally. Drawing on dynamic capability theory, this is the first study to investigate the relationship between entrepreneurial orientation and market adaptive capability in combination with a comprehensive set of OI activities as moderators. Thereby, it contributes to the ongoing debate about the potential benefits and drawbacks involved with OI activities. We empirically validate the hypothesized relationships using a large multi-industry data set from managers in 181 companies. The results indicate that co-creation, spin-offs, and cooperations with research institutes foster the effectiveness of entrepreneurial orientation for market adaptive capability. In contrast, joint ventures and in-licensing hinder it.
International firm performance

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Export pricing on export performance: A longitudinal view
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The literature of export pricing is considered to lack sound theoretical underpinnings and empirical support. Based on contingency theory and organizational learning theory, this study develops an integrative longitudinal framework to examine how export pricing strategy influences export performance by focusing on two dimensions of the pricing strategy, i.e., competitive export pricing and dynamic export pricing. We use panel data that tracks Chinese exporting transactions from 2000-2006. The results provide valuable insights from a longitudinal view, and contribute to the understanding of export pricing strategy from dynamic and competitive aspects. The authors find that both competitive export pricing and dynamic export pricing have inverted quadratic influences on export performance. These quadratic links are moderated by export market development. More importantly, good previous export performance leads to consistent competitive but more dynamic pricing strategy in the next year.

The impact of international performance on the exit decision: Internal and external contingency factors
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More and more firms are exiting their foreign markets. However, while this phenomenon is increasingly important in today’s globalized business environment, there has been little empirical research to explore the reasons for firms’ exit decisions. To address this gap in the literature we develop a model to examine the moderating impact of external and internal factors on the relationship between international performance and exit decision. Our results, based on data collected from multiple informants in 180 Chinese outward foreign direct investment firms, generate new insights for academics and practitioners.

Internal market orientation, a novel approach to improve firm performance in China
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This study extends knowledge of internal market orientation (IMO) as a management tool to facilitate employer-employee relation. Employing a quantitative research in China, a conceptual model is presented and tested on 275 companies with 3 respondents from each. IMO is examined as a predictor of firm performance mediated by employee commitment and retention. The results support all the proposed hypotheses and highlight the moderating effect of internal customer-supplier relationships and interdepartmental communication. Ownership type as the third moderator indicates different influence of IMO on the posited causal chain. This study contributes in practice by providing managers and scholars with empirical support of IMO’s effectiveness in firm performance in China. It provides managers from different firms competing in China with a new angle to boost firm performance by inspecting their internal market situation as well as to improve it via understanding internal customers better.

International entrepreneurial opportunity capture and export performance: A contingency-based approach
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International scope – the degree to which firms enter and operate in different foreign markets – is the reflection of international entrepreneurial opportunity capture. While some scholars defend that higher international scope is useful for firms, others argue that the coordination costs which operating in many different markets entails outweigh the flexibility gains that high levels of scope can offer. Not surprisingly, empirical results on the link between international scope and business performance are equivocal. In the present study, we authors develop and test a model of the international scope—export performance relationship. Our results show that, overall, international scope is beneficial for export performance. However, the degree of usefulness of international scope for export performance is tied to multiple contingencies, namely the level of export market dynamism, the degree of interfunctional coordination, and the level of export function dependence.
Marketing in China

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Financial adequacy, psychological needs and life satisfaction among Chinese rural-urban migrant consumers
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The current study focuses on determinants of the life satisfaction of Chinese migrant workers from the perspective of both financial and psychological needs. We explore the effects of their financial adequacy, in terms of personal savings, on their life satisfaction, and find that for migrant workers with a financial inadequacy than their peers, the increase in their financial adequacy has no significant impact on their life satisfaction, whereas for those with a higher income than average, more income predicts a higher life satisfaction. Also we examine the effect of basic psychological needs satisfaction proposed by self-determination theory on life satisfaction, and find that it’s a strong predictor of life satisfaction.

Dynamic capability, external networks, and firm performance
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Under the fierce pressure of fast changing environments that characterize emerging economies, developing dynamic capabilities is a must to survive and sustain competitive advantage. This study examines how a firm’s ability to manage external networks (i.e. network capability and integrative capability) helps build its dynamic capability, subsequently enhances firm performance. A survey of 277 Chinese manufacturers indicates that network capability and integrative capability drive the development of dynamic capability; however, their respective effects are contingent on the level of relational capabilities—the ability to build relational capital with network partners. Additionally, dynamic capability transmits the effect of network capability and integrative capability into firm performance. Traditional wisdom suggests that external networks help firms enhance superior performance, but our findings reveal that the underlying reason is through the development of dynamic capability.

The effect of supermarket literacy on perceived risk and shopping trip satisfaction in China: The mediating role of branding
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Food retailing in China has been under rapid change, with demand moving from traditional wet markets to Western-style supermarkets. Consequently, the necessary shopping skills have moved from personal negotiation and bargaining to skills related to locating and evaluating products in supermarkets, giving a prominent role to branding. We define the concept of supermarket literacy and investigate how it affects perceived risk and shopping trip satisfaction. We investigate the role of branding as a mediator between supermarket literacy on the one side and perceived risk and shopping trip satisfaction on the other. Data are collected from shoppers at four supermarkets in Shanghai. Supermarket literacy was measured using a newly developed 12-item instrument. Purchase of fresh meat is used to investigate the role of branding, as branding of fresh meat is a recent phenomenon. Results support the link between supermarket literacy and shopping trip satisfaction and the role of branding therein.
The optimal marketing mix

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Setting prices in mixed logit model designs
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We investigate different procedures to set prices in designs for choice-based conjoint analysis using the mixed logit model. Besides discrete attributes we include a linear price term in the deterministic utility function thereby treating price as continuous variable. We consider two different price intervals and several price sets which contain either two or three prices. We compare these alternatives to set prices by simulating choices for different constellations. Furthermore, we generate ten designs simultaneously instead of just one. Using these simulated choices we estimate the parameters in the next step. We apply two methods to reduce the needed sample size and computation time caused by accounting for latent consumer heterogeneity. ANOVA with RMSE between estimated and true price coefficient values of individual consumers as dependent variable shows that using more extreme prices as interval bounds and one intermediate price positioned to the right of the interval performs best.

An optimal budget allocation decision support system for balancing short-term market share and long-term customer equity
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Based on the Tsao model, this study explores optimal budget allocation aimed at balancing short-term market share and long-term customer equity. A budget allocation decision support system is developed to provide managers the requisite tools to perform optimal budget allocation by balancing short-term market share and long-term customer equity. Taking Apple’s mobile market as a study case, we present a simulation illustrating how the decision support system works in practice. The system not only allows managers to optimize budget allocation under a limited budget and at a given time, but also provides useful data that can be used as a reference for future decision-making, saving time for managers by helping them assess when and why they need to revise budget allocation.

Investigating the effects of mailing variables and unobserved heterogeneity
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We are dealing with mailing decisions of a direct marketing company and focus on two important aspects. Firstly, we want to model mailing effects. Especially, we will emphasize on (super-)saturation effects. This is done with the help of three different mailing variables that account for types, sizes, and dynamic aspects of mailing variables. Secondly, we add to the literature by comparing different approaches to model unobserved heterogeneity. We estimate a response model under three different methods that control for unobserved heterogeneity, i.e. a finite and a continuous mixture approach and a Mixture of Dirichlet Processes (MDP). Besides, we control for endogeneity with instrumental variables. We use Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) simulation. We find that responses to mailings can differ due to different types and sizes of mailings. A finite mixture approach turns out to be superior to a MDP and continuous mixture approach.
Social media marketing II
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An integrated model of online reputation: A customer perspective
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Although online reputation has attracted significant attention among marketing practitioners, research in this area is still limited. In this paper, the authors examine the antecedents and consequences of online reputation from the customer’s perspective. A structural equation modeling approach is used to test the model based on data from a survey of 1100 French online buyers. The results show the impact of trust and heritage on online reputation, as well as how online reputation affects customer commitment and word of mouth. Several implications either in terms of conceptual or managerial insights are then discussed.

Integrating social media technologies into customer relationship management: A systematic review of its performance implications
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Social CRM—the integration of social media with CRM system has emerged to utilise the power of social interactions to engage customers. Marketing researchers have yelled for advancing a framework that builds on the rich body of CRM literature to explain how social CRM influences firm performance. The systematic review result reveals that relational information processes and social CRM capabilities bridges social CRM technologies and customer relationship performance from both social CRM and CRM perspective. However, literature from CRM also provides a more holistic view of how performance gains can be realised. Specifically, Organisational factors, role of strategy, customer knowledge and competitive environment are being under-represented in social CRM’s scholarship. In addition, a systematic review from CRM studies complements social CRM in terms of measuring constructs, particularly on mediators and performance outcomes. It also sheds light on future research methods.

The role of endorser’s emotion display and social tie in social media communication
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This study investigates the success of social media posts by combining emotional contagion theory and the concept of social tie. Specifically, the study examines the effect of endorsers’ emotion display (smiling vs. non-smiling) in a Facebook post and the level of social tie (higher vs. lower) to the endorser on consumers’ responses. The results show that recipients with higher levels of social tie that are exposed to a smiling endorser express the highest values of electronic word-of-mouth (eWOM) and attitude towards the brand. Although the direct effects of smiling emotion displays and higher levels of social tie on consumers’ eWOM are significant, the interaction of those stimuli noticeably increases eWOM. Perceived source credibility reinforces the effect of emotion display on both response variables. Important implications for management and social network developers are addressed.

Exploring the use of social media by sport sponsors to activate and engage consumers
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This study examines how sponsors use social media to leverage their sponsorship investment and engage with consumers. A primarily qualitative content analysis of 1,086 brand-authored communications on Facebook and Twitter was undertaken, revealing limited overt communication of the sponsorship relationship with a given sport and limited use of real time communication during a sporting event. However, we identified four strategies employed by sponsors to leverage their association with sport and to facilitate interaction with consumers: promotional competitions, celebration of sporting success, stimulating user generated content and prompting product consumption. Sport-linked communications often appealed to aspects of consumer identity and attempted to create a sense of camaraderie around a shared interest in sport. As technology evolves, the use of social media as part of the sport experience will increase providing even more activational leveraging opportunities for sponsors.
Online search and viral marketing

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The role of perceived risk in online information search and pre-purchase alternative evaluation of products with significant experiential attributes

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While it is stated that search and pre-purchase evaluation phases of the buying decision-making process have changed due to consumers’ use of online media information sources, the factors that determine these changes have not been explained. However, an emergent stream of literature suggests that perceived risk has a role in these processes. While it is widely accepted that perceived risk leads to further information search, this relationship is not clear in online environments. This research explores the manner in which perceived risk affects information search and alternative evaluation of experiential products when online media is used as a source of information. The findings highlight that perceived risk in online media leads to further information search offline. However, the amount of information searched offline decreased compared to traditional settings. Therefore, overall information search is done dynamically and consumers’ decision quality improves.

Investigating consumer’s online search and decision-making strategies: An eye-tracking analysis of visual attention on product and review-specific information in a two-stage choice process

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Consumers are highly influenced by product reviews when making purchase decisions online. Product reviews have become one of the most frequently accessed and trusted information sources. Thereby, consumers pursue heterogeneous search and decision-making strategies needing to be considered by practitioners and researchers. In a unique eye-tracking experiment, we investigate which product and review-specific information consumers search for when purchasing a product online and distinguish between choice set formation and choice. Based on gaze durations, we profile consumers into segments and describe them with psychographic characteristics. Overall, review content, rating and variance are considered when forming a choice set. Specifications and price information are relevant for final choice. Four search and decision-making strategies were found: 1) focused review and user-generated content reader, 2) design-oriented consumer, 3) most helpful review reader, and 4) specification skimmer.

Before and after – a managerial application of social network analysis for the planning and evaluation of viral marketing campaigns

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While the academic use of social network analysis (SNA) experiences strong growth in recent years, transferring these new concepts and approaches to actual marketing practice poses a serious challenge given the often highly sophisticated concepts and analytical methods involved. To address this gap, we propose a hands-on four stage procedure enabling marketing managers to employ SNA for answering two key questions: a. how can I determine ex-ante whether the network of (potential) customers will be susceptible for a viral marketing strategy?, and b. how can I determine ex-post whether my viral marketing strategy is actually working? Building on previous academic studies, we derive a simple evaluation process encompassing communication activity, reach, speed and epidemicity that can be applied for both purposes using standard software. An initial test of this approach based on large-scale customer data of a European telecommunication provider indicates promising results.

Arousal emotions and controversy in viral marketing campaigns

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Billions of messages are being shared every day thanks to the Internet and data connection. This research is aimed at shedding light in the understanding of message adoption in the online viral marketing context. We analyze the mediating role of arousal emotions in the relationship between message credibility and message adoption as well as the moderating role played by controversy in such relationship. We selected a real viral marketing campaign, with 3,251 online opinions and over 6 million visualizations. Results show the mediation effect of arousal emotions in the relationship between message credibility and message adoption. Also, controversy significantly moderates this relationship. Under low controversy condition message credibility increases message adoption. Marketers can benefit from this research to design contagious contents considering the design of emotion-driven contents with low levels of controversy.
Managing consumers’ brand judgments when things go wrong: Order-seeking as a response to goal failure
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Things do not always go according to plan for consumers: A passenger who misses an appointment because of unexpected delays on train services. An online shopper unable to wear the outfit s/he ordered specifically for a long-awaited date because it does not fit. As these anecdotal observations suggest, failed attempts at goal attainment based on unsuccessful consumption episodes are known to happen from time to time. But, do consumers automatically blame the brand for making them unable to attain their goals? And then, do they stop buying the brand? In this paper, we argue that, when consumers are not able to achieve a goal for reasons that seem to escape their control, merely being exposed to the notion that the world is an orderly and predictable place cancels out the negative effect of responsibility judgments on brand relationship motivational strength. Four studies support our prediction.

Discovering the ‘since effect’ – how communicating the company age affects consumers’ brand perception
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The goal of our study is to investigate how communicating the company age affects the consumers’ perception of the corporate and product brand. We call this the ‘since effect’. The main finding of our between-subjects experiment (N=282) is that consumers ascribe products from companies communicating a mature age higher quality, supporting the existence of the ‘since effect’. In addition, the ‘since effect’ is moderated by the consumers’ age and the governance structure of the company (family firm vs. non-family firm). From a managerial perspective our findings add to the marketing managers’ toolbox by providing another option to differentiate their brand credibly from the competitor’s brand. From a theoretical viewpoint we add to recent research on brand heritage by shedding light on the perceptual consequences of communicating the company age as an additional informational cue of the company brand.

The roles of product innovation and branding in driving customer value creation and firm value appropriation
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Customer value creation (CVC) alone is insufficient to ensure success, as firms have little incentive to engage in creating value in the absence of opportunities to appropriate the economic return from their value creation effort. Prior literature has overwhelmingly emphasized on firms’ capabilities (i.e. product innovation) as the means of creating customer, to the neglect of firm value appropriation (FVA). We argue that brand equity is the key mechanism that can transform the firm’s product innovation to achieve CVC and FVA. A brand adds value to the product endowed by that brand and at the same time the brand also influences customers’ preferences that favour the brand’s bases of differentiation. We found that brand equity mediates the relationship between product innovation and the dual outcome of CVC and FVA. The results also show that market orientation - brand orientation interaction facilitates product innovation in the development of strong brand equity.

Visiting flagship stores of less exclusive brands – are brand experiences, brand perceptions, and favorable consumer behaviors created?
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Some national brands have begun to engage in direct distribution by operating flagship stores, displaying the brand in its own biotope. From a sample of visitors to a fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) national brand’s flagship store (n = 416), this study analyzes the flagship stores’ effects on brand experience, brand perceptions, and intended consumer behaviors. While demonstrating that a flagship store visit positively influences favorable brand perceptions and intended behaviors towards the brand, the inclusion of one’s visit frequency and expectations of the visit increase the creation of brand experience. Even in a low involvement FMCG context, flagship stores are useful for reinforcing brand meanings and creating consumption leads. This study adds to understanding the brand building processes within flagship stores of less exclusive brands in comparison to high involvement luxury goods, for which flagship stores are common distribution channels and brand building tools.
Loyalty programs

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Enhancing customer participation in loyalty programs
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While customers’ enrolments in loyalty programs (LPs) keeps on rising, they merely participate. This research investigates what types of LP design will be more likely to increase two forms of participation depending on customers’ initial loyalty level: card usage and point redemption. Results show that (1) hard rewards foster card usage (only for loyal customers) whereas soft rewards increase point redemption; (2) personalized communication has a positive effect on point redemption (only for loyal customers). Previous research showed mixed evidence of LP effectiveness on retailer’s outcomes. Customer participation to LPs is certainly a major issue. This research contributes to previous literature on LPs by providing insights on how to keep customers active after enrolment.

What drives loyalty program perception? A cross-country analysis
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In many industries, companies have shifted from a transaction-based to a relationship-based marketing approach, which is reflected by the introduction of loyalty programs. Obviously, loyalty program effectiveness depends on loyalty program design. We relate loyalty program design to loyalty program perception and consider different design elements. Based on a conjoint analysis in fashion retailing in Germany and Switzerland, we find that consumers in both countries prefer cash rewards as well as no direct mailings, no magazines and no payment function. Consumers in Switzerland prefer a card or app and one fashion show per year, while consumers in Germany prefer a card only and no fashion show. We also find that deal proneness has an effect on relative importance values for reward rate and direct mailings, while gender has an effect on relative importance values for reward type and services. Based on these findings, we derive recommendations and discuss limitations.

Evaluating rewards in loyalty programmes - a novel approach to increase user retention
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We study a novel loyalty program of a brick and mortar fast moving consumer goods retailer. Unlike most other loyalty programmes, it builds on immediate and delayed rewards. We study the impact of these reward mechanisms on customer retention using a logistic regression model. We observe that user retention is influenced by both the delayed and immediate reward form. Our results show that well designed rewards lead to significantly higher loyalty and user retention. We find evidence that reward activities applied during early stages of the customer relationship impact long-term retention. Our findings help retailers to design improved loyalty systems and provide guidance for implementing smarter and more efficient reward mechanisms that increase loyalty of customers.

The effects of loyalty programs rewards’ timing, tangibility and image compatibility on value perception and store loyalty
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This investigation examines consumers’ preferred loyalty program (LP) designs across two retail contexts, grocery retailing and perfumery, with varying degrees of consumer involvement. The research employs in-store full profile conjoint analysis in a French grocery retailer and a perfumery store by using the following attributes: timing of the reward, reward compatibility with the store’s image, and tangibility. In sectors with high involvement, compatibility with the store’s image and intangible rewards increase LP preference and loyalty intentions. The time required to obtain the reward (immediate/delayed) has no impact. In sectors with low involvement, immediate and tangible rewards increase LP preference and loyalty intentions. Compatibility with the store image has no impact.
Online retailing
Chair: Kristina Melis, KU Leuven

A new online retail return policy to achieve large order numbers and low returns
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Extant return policies—either restrictive or lenient—cause a dilemma for online retailers. A restrictive policy is intended to decrease returns, but has the unfortunate side effect to decrease orders as well. A lenient policy induces more orders, but bears the risk of heightened returns. We propose a solution to this dilemma by introducing a reward policy, which entails a lenient handling of product returns and offers an incentive for a future purchase if customers keep products. This new strategy relies on the operant conditioning mechanism and helps online shops to achieve large order numbers accompanied by low returns. Results of two experimental studies demonstrate that a reward policy yields a higher order intention than a restrictive policy and a higher intention to keep ordered products than a lenient strategy. Moreover, study results suggest that the effect of a reward policy on the keep decision is particularly pronounced for frequent online shoppers.

Scream for joy or send it back – reasons for (abusive) return behavior
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A growing number of consumers, especially in the anonymity of online fashion shopping, order unreflectively and without having the intention of keeping the ordered items, which may be defined as fraudulent returning. This kind of “shopping without buying” is a widespread, expensive problem resulting in enormous costs for the retailer. The authors of this study examine the role of shopping orientation, perceived risk, and company size for return behavior attitudes. While including motivational and ethical marketing theories, the proposed hypotheses are tested with two analyses of variance. The results offer several highly relevant theoretical and managerial implications. Contrary to previous assumptions, hedonic shopping orientation alongside perceived risk hold a major role in consumers’ orientation toward returns. Furthermore, results differ for small and big companies.

Online channel use: Which product category characteristics increase share of wallet expansion?
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This study investigates whether some product categories are more successful than others in stimulating consumers to increase the share of spending when they start to buy in the online channel of a chain, and how multi-channel grocery chains can capitalize on this effect. To examine our research question, we compare the difference in category share of wallet before and after consumers start to shop online in a chain and explore which category-chain characteristics impact the size of the expansion effect. We find that there is more share of wallet expansion for heavy/bulky and storable product categories and less for sensory and impulse product categories. Also, a chain enjoys higher share of wallet expansion for categories where the chain is perceived to be an expert and for categories where it holds a stronger national brand position. Lastly, a lack of integration in the assortment between the online and offline channel of a chain decreases share of wallet expansion in a category.
Salesperson capabilities and judgements

Chair: Richard Mcfarland, ESSEC Business School

Antecedents of ethical judgments of the sales-force: An empirical study in the retail sector

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Drawing mostly on the review works in the field of ethical behavior in sales (Rest 1986, Ford and Richardson 1994, Loe et al. 2000, O’Fallon and Butterfield 2005, Craft 2013), this research studies the effects from materialism, behavior-or-outcome control system (CS) measures and job insecurity, on job satisfaction, and on unethical behavior. Most of the obtained results are in accordance with the literature, but interestingly, the effect of control on the attitude, ability and effort from sales-people on ethical behavior is of the opposite sign. This result suggests that there is a misalignment of incentives from sellers in delivering service on behalf of customers, in need of further investigation in the literature of business ethics in sales.

Charismatic selling: The impact of a charismatic salesperson on customers’ approach behaviors in personal selling – an experimental study

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The concept of charisma has been studied extensively in the social sciences, but its impact on personal selling has been neglected so far. Based on extant literature, this study derives a hypothesis on the effects of a salesperson’s charisma on customers’ approach behaviors, designs a corresponding experimental research project and collects empirical data. The findings indicate a positive effect of charisma on attitude toward the salesperson, attitude toward the object and purchase intention. In addition, the salesperson’s attractiveness, trustworthiness and expertise were found to have a major effect in this context. This research study shows that charisma is a valuable construct to consider in the marketing literature and provides several areas for further research in personal selling.

Impact without authority: The individual lynchpin capability for creating value with strategic customers

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Strategic account management as a firm’s strategy and approach to jointly create value with its most important customers depends profoundly on the strategic account managers at the supplier-customer interface. They have the mandate to explore and realize new value creation opportunities, often without the power to formally command the resources required to do so. Whether strategic account managers succeed is largely based on their ability to operate deftly in a boundary spanning role and inter-firm context in which they have little to none authority. Based on structured interviews with thirty strategic account managers from different international firms, this paper explores ‘impact without authority’ as a key individual capability for creating value with strategic customers. We conceptualize impact without authority as a complex bundle of distinct knowledge, skills, and routines and then discuss managerial implications for appointing and developing strategic account managers.

A model of trust recovery in the buyer-seller relationship

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This research develops theory on the trust repair strategies used by salespeople following a breach of trust. Based on a qualitative study comprised of in-depth interviews with 18 professional salespeople, four sales executives, and seven purchasing agents, a four-step process model is developed that describes an optimized trust repair strategy. We also examine the importance of coupling verbal strategies (e.g. apology or denial) and behavioral strategies (i.e. actions) to better recover buyer trust.
**Value creation**

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**It is already mine - the effect of customer participation in psychological ownership**

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Services such as vacation trips have to be customized prior to the actual service delivery. In the customization, customers oftentimes actively participate. Despite a vital discussion on the effects of customer participation on evaluation and preference of services, re-search on its effects at the specification stage is scarce. However, since participation in the specification is before the actual purchase is made, customers’ evaluation of this process has important implications for service providers. We build on recent research on psychological ownership and show that increased customer participation in the specification stage increases customers’ psychological ownership towards the service. We find this effect evolving through “the three routes” of subjective ownership feelings with positive consequences for subsequent purchase intentions.

**The dark side of customer participation: The antecedents of customer participation stress**

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While literature often points out the positive effects of customer participation, we shed light on the negative side of customer participation by introducing customer participation stress (CPS) as a new construct to literature. Therefor we examine the factors determining the perception of stress by applying the job demands-resources model to the customer context. With regard to customers as partial employees we both adopt variables from the original model and introduce new customer specific variables. Additionally we consider potential negative outcomes of CPS and therefor examine its influence on customer participation behavior. Our results show that CPS is positively affected by cognitive demands and can be reduced by social factors. We also found that CPS negatively affects customer participation behavior. We conclude, that managers should focus on positive social aspects of the employee-customer relationship to avoid negative outcomes of customer participation.

**How to influence customers’ ability and willingness to participate by realistic service previews – an empirical investigation**

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Although service research acknowledges the role of realistic service previews as a communication tool in pre-encounter stage for enhancing productive service encounters, research on the effectiveness of realistic service previews is scant. This study introduces the construct of service preview quality and sheds light on the relationship between service preview quality and customers’ ability and willingness to participate in service production and delivery. The results of the quantitative study provide empirical evidence that customers’ assessment and perception of service previews affects their role clarity, which in turn enhances their ability and willingness to participate. Based on the findings of this study, we discuss theoretical and managerial implications.

**Managing customer non-receptivity during value co-creation**

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A growing body of research analyzes the elements inherent in value co-creation and capture. However, research is often limited because data do not always take into consideration the customer’s perspectives. The present study is an expansive qualitative inquiry consisting of 101 customer depth-interviews across 53 business-to-business evaluations that aims to examine the strategies suppliers may adopt to enhance the success of their customer collaboration and integration efforts in the value co-creation process. Findings suggest that customers may exhibit varying degrees of receptivity toward supplier efforts and suppliers must actively manage the same. Effective management of customer (non)receptivity requires that suppliers initiate the process of aligning their value system with the customers’, focus their interactions on objectives central to the customers, and proactively go above and beyond to aid customers achieve their objectives.
Consumers’ reactions to CSR II

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Effects of brand reputation and brand love in ethical decision making
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In this research, authors investigate how brand reputation and brand love affect consumers’ ethical perceptions and their intent to defend the brand in the event of negative publicity. The results indicate that brand reputation influences both consumers’ ethical perceptions and their intent to defend the brand to other consumers after such an event positively, while brand love enhances the impact of ethical perceptions on the intent to defend the brand to other consumers.

What happens to customers when a crisis hits the core dimension of corporate reputation? The role of the perception of congruence versus incongruence
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Nowadays, initiatives of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) are fundamental to build reputation and corporate reputation plays an important role in determining the impact of crises on firms. Reputation is a comprehensive construct, but customers may perceive a company as particularly strong on a specific CSR dimension. Through an experimental study, we show that the congruence between that salient dimension of corporate reputation and the dimension affected by a crisis influences customer behavior. Negativity effect, diagnosticity of information, and dissonance theory help explain the different effects of a congruent vs. incongruent crisis scenario. We found that in case of congruence (i.e., the crisis hits a dimension that is not the core of the company reputation) the customers’ attitude toward the company, word-of-mouth, and purchase intention are better than in the case of incongruence (i.e., the crisis strikes the company’s main reputational asset).

Consumer responses to corporate social irresponsibility – does the valence and domain of the pre-existing corporate social responsibility reputation matter?
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This study aims to contribute to the inconclusive debate in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR) on whether building a favorable CSR reputation actually helps or hurts companies when facing accusations of corporate irresponsible behaviors. Moreover, this study adopts a broader perspective by including companies with bad CSR reputations as well. We consider ‘relatedness’ between the domain of the CSR reputation and the domain of the irresponsible behavior as a contingency factor. Our findings suggest that, if the prior CSR reputation is favorable (e.g. in the domain of employees’ working conditions), a related transgression (e.g. sweatshop labor) will hurt the company more than a transgression that is unrelated to its CSR reputation (e.g. environmental pollution), while the effect is reversed for companies with unfavorable CSR reputations. Our findings bear managerial implications regarding the preferential focus of CSR activities.

How do consumers react to corporate social responsibility and irresponsibility in the retailing sector?
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Today companies spend substantial resources in social and environmental programs; yet at the same time, the world has witnessed some of the greatest cases of corporate irresponsibility. In this context, consumers may hold a mixed set of positive and negative information about corporate social responsibility (CSR) and corporate social irresponsibility (CSI), both influencing their reactions with respect to the companies from which they buy products. The purpose of this paper is to explore how consumers’ CSR and CSI perceptions interrelate to impact consumers’ value perceptions and consumer-based brand equity. Our results show that both CSR and CSI perceptions influence how consumers perceive the brand and that consumers do react differently to different dimensions of CSR and CSI perceptions. Quite surprisingly, our results also reveal that CSI perceptions could have a positive impact on consumers’ value perceptions.
Online reviews and their impact on travel behavior

Chair: Gwarlann De Kerviler, IÉSEG School of Management

Same, but different? Comparing the effectiveness of hotel reviews in the contexts of Facebook, travel communities, and Tripadvisor

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Online reviews have become highly influential sources of information for consumers in travel markets. This paper focuses on the perception of online reviews for hotels that are posted in different contexts: Facebook, a travel community, and Tripadvisor. In an experimental study (N=476) manipulating these three contexts, the influence of reviewer characteristics on the relevance of the review for the reader is investigated. The findings confirm the relevance of the context in which a review is posted and the significant role of reviewer characteristics. While ‘perceived expertise’ of the reviewer is most important for the Tripadvisor context, ‘trustworthiness’ and ‘similarity’ have a higher impact when the context has a more personal touch (Facebook, travel community). While travel review sites should reveal information demonstrating reviewers’ expertise, communities should match reviews with regard to reviewer similarity and disclose information related to reviewers’ trustworthiness.

Will you come back? A fsQCA analysis in travel agencies

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The growing development of online reviews and new entrants has radically changed the hospitality industry. From consumer side, engagement emerges as a new concept that might delineate brand loyalty. This paper aims to assess whether consumer engagement and the use of online reviews are affecting loyalty to travel agencies. Our integrative approach also evaluates trust and brand equity as a conditions of being loyal. A novel methodology, fuzzy set/Qualitative Comparative Analysis, fsQCA, is used in order to overcome limitations of traditional regression analysis. This new approach, based on equifinality and causal complexity identifies the presence or absence of a set of conditions (i.e. independent variables) into an outcome variable (i.e. dependent variable). Our findings suggest that all the variables considered are relevant for repurchase intention, but not all are necessary conditions in order to elicit loyalty to the travel agency.

Authors of online reviews and their narrative voice – a qualitative study on Tripadvisor

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Consumers increasingly share their experiences with others, who can then use this information to make decisions and it is important to better understand consumers’ fast-developing review-writing behavior. A few studies have analyzed the motivations for engaging in e-word-of-mouth contributing to answer ‘why’, yet no study has probed ‘how’ consumption experiences are shared in terms of the type of narratives used. This study aims to fill this gap by categorizing and characterizing the different narrative voices present when consumers share experiences of tourist places. We used a structural narrative analysis approach with 448 posts on www.tripadvisor.com about three tourist places and identified four voices (Explorer; Service-user; Coach; Sense-maker) and position them alongside two axes, depending on the depth of processing and the focal actor of the narrative. We also highlight some consistency in the preferred voice such that an author would tend to use one voice across reviews.
Thursday 26 May, 2016
General assembly

Chair:  **Gerrit Van Bruggen**, Erasmus University Rotterdam

**Agenda**

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A new generation of marketing experts is developing the theories and tools that will shape the future of our field. The Marketing Dissertation Award, initiated by EMAC and McKinsey & Company, recognizes and encourages this emerging talent. This distinguished award is being presented in 2016 for the eighth time. In this special session, the finalists for the award present their work.

Effects of traditional advertising and social messages on brand-building metrics and customer acquisition

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This paper examines the relative effectiveness of traditional advertising and social messages, generated by firms or consumers, for brand-building and customer acquisition efforts. We thereby consider firm posts on its social media page (F2C social messages) and conversations among consumers on social media (C2C social messages). Our contribution to the extant literature is twofold: (i) we consider traditional advertising, F2C social messages and C2C social messages simultaneously and compare their effectiveness; (ii) we consider both brand-building metrics and behavioral data that allows for richer insights. To a unique data set from a European telecom firm, we apply vector autoregressive modeling. The results show that traditional advertising, F2C and C2C social messages differ in their effectiveness and complement one another in their efforts to build a brand and stimulate acquisitions. The findings of this paper, thus, help managers to leverage the different types of messages and their complementarities more adequately. Despite diminishing investments in traditional advertising, it is most effective for both brand building and customer acquisition. The traditional advertising efforts are complemented by a firm’s social media page. Moreover, firms can stimulate C2C social messages through traditional advertising that in turn affect brand-building metrics and customer acquisition. Given the effectiveness of traditional advertising, managers should be careful when considering shifting marketing investments away from traditional advertising. Furthermore, the results indicate that thoroughly orchestrating traditional advertising and F2C social messages is beneficial.

Take turns or march in sync? The impact of the national brand promotion calendar on manufacturer and retailer performance

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Featured price cuts are a popular tool among brand manufacturers and retailers. However, there is increasing concern about the net sales and revenue gains from these promotions, because retailers and manufacturers may simply be subsidizing consumers who shop around. Thus, the (co-)occurrence of a brand’s promotions across retailers has been placed high on the promotion-planning agenda. This article examines the mechanisms underlying out-of-phase versus in-phase schedules, and empirically demonstrates their sales and revenue implications in four product categories (beer, chips, liquid detergents, and coffee). Our generalized extreme value model analyses purchases of a national panel of households across eight years. The results reveal that calendar effects primarily materialize in categories in which the chosen retailer is driven by brand promotions. In those categories, alternating the timing of featured price cuts across chains substantially increases the manufacturer and retailers’ immediate sales lift. However, with regard to net gains, striving for out-of-phase promotions—the dominant approach among chains—is not necessarily the best practice, because retailers observe the revenue advantage diminish, and manufacturers may even earn less.

The role of mere closeness - how geographic proximity affects social influence

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In the past years, two major trends have created new challenges for marketers. First, consumers have grown to rely on advice from other consumers, for instance through online reviews. Second, consumers increasingly provide marketers with personal data by using their mobile devices for shopping or product search, especially geographic data. Despite their increasing availability and relevance, companies are uncertain about using geographic data to actively manage product recommendations. This paper provides insights into the role of geographic proximity for recommendations and online reviews. In three studies that cover both extensive field and experimental data, we show that geographic proximity increases social influence and demonstrate its interdependency with social closeness. Furthermore, the results indicate consumers’ willingness to pay more for products recommended by someone geographically close and show that the effect of geographic proximity is mediated by perceived homophily between consumers. The results imply that geographic location may increase social influence as it raises the perceived value of customer recommendations. Companies can use these findings to manage the order of reviews or to enhance social media ads.
Bridging the gap between consumer behavior and marketing strategy

Chair: Elisa Maira, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Consumer behavior research studies the mechanisms behind consumer decision making. Yet, this line of research sometimes offers little actionable insights to marketing practice. Conversely, marketing strategy research focuses on practically relevant issues but can lack insight into the psychological processes driving consumer response to marketing actions. In an effort to increase the impact of consumer behavior research on external constituencies, this session features papers that apply a consumer behavior approach to topics that are highly relevant for marketing. The papers examine consumers’ response to how companies use technology, execute strategic operations and engage consumers in production. The papers speak to challenges and opportunities faced by marketing practitioners and provide relevant and actionable managerial recommendations.

Haptic product configuration: The influence of multi-touch devices on experiential consumption and sales
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Based on a large-scale field study and a series of experiments in field and lab settings, we show that the use of multi-touch devices promotes the choice of more hedonic, affect-rich product features and renders consumers’ product configuration experience less instrumental and more experiential.

Consumer reactions to acquisitions
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Stefano Puntoni, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Despite being a popular growth strategy, acquisitions can backfire in terms of consumer response. We show that attitudes towards the acquired firm can decrease substantially after an acquisition. We propose identity loss of the acquired firm as the main account for this effect. Our results are relevant for managerial practice because they show that being acquired can damage the asset that motivated the acquisition in the first place.

Customization can improve your performance: The motivational consequences of the self-expressive customization of a product
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Martin Schreier, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business
Chris Janiszewski, University of Florida

This research suggests that infusing personal identity into a product via self-expressive customization can improve task performance independent of beliefs about the efficacy of the product. Five studies show that the effect is robust across different types of tasks (e.g., anagrams, dart throwing, coaster catching) suggesting that the self-expressive customization of a product increases motivation.

Understanding the effects of gamification on product recognition and purchases
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Kristina Klein, University of Cologne
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Gamification has recently become a popular topic in marketing practice. It is perceived as a promising way to improve customer experience and behavior. Surprisingly, only few empirical studies on this topic exist in marketing. In an experimental setting, using a (non-)gamified brand website, we examine the positive and negative effects of gamification on product recognition and purchase. Building on dual process theory, we explain these effects by respondents’ cognition and affect during the website visit.
Big data and privacy

Chair: Peter Verhoef, University of Groningen

Big data is one of the major themes within business and marketing. Big data seem to offer huge opportunities to create value for firms through analytics. In their book, Verhoef, Kooge and Walk (2016) discuss how firms can actually create value for customers and firms. However, there are also strong concerns about big data. Both governments and consumer organizations worry about privacy consequences. Companies, such as Facebook and Google, are blamed for not sufficiently taking care of privacy issues. In the Netherlands, the Dutch bank ING received strong negative publicity about their announced initiative to use their data for personalization of offers of other firms, such as retailers. As a consequence, they had to retract this initiative. Privacy may also impact analytics, as firms may choose to collect less data from customers, or store less (i.e. shorter time horizons) of their customers. In this SIG we have three aims: 1) To briefly discuss how big data analytics can create value and how privacy should be considered in this context; 2) To discuss how consumer value privacy and how this impacts their behavior towards firms; 3) To discuss new methodologies that can be used to benefit from big data without affecting consumer privacy.

Privacy calculus: Developing a scale to predict when consumers are willing to disclose personal information
Frank T. Beke*, University of Groningen
Felix Eggers, University of Groningen
Peter Verhoef, University of Groningen
Jaap Wieringa, University of Groningen

Towards an improved understanding of the privacy paradox
Mirja Bues*, University of Münster
Wayne D. Hoyer, University of Texas
Manfred Krafft, University of Münster

No future without the past? Predicting churn in the face of customer privacy
Nils Holtrop*, University of Groningen
Jaap Wieringa, University of Groningen
Maarten J. Gijsenberg, University of Groningen
Peter Verhoef, University of Groningen
Using Bayesian statistics for analyzing data: A hands-on tutorial

Chair: Benjamin Scheibehenne, University of Geneva

The goal of the tutorial is to introduce Bayesian statistics as a viable alternative to conventional Null-Hypothesis significance testing (NHST) and the calculation of p-values. The tutorial consists of two consecutive parts. The first part provides an overview of the main advantages of Bayesian statistics over NHST. Based on this, the second part introduces a hands-on approach for analyzing various empirical data using Bayesian statistics by means of readily available and easily accessible software. The tutorial provides participants with the necessary skills to evaluate and interpret the results of published Bayesian analyses and to use the method for analyzing their own data.

The first part of the tutorial summarizes and highlights the major downsides associated with the use of NHST and the calculation of p-values. This includes examples showing that p-values are often misinterpreted as evidence or probability for or against the Null or the research hypothesis and that NHST can increase the risk of false positive findings. It is further shown that the results can be biased by implicit assumptions of the researchers conducting the analyses, thus lending itself to questionable research practices such as the infamous p-hacking. Fortunately, many of these problems can be solved by means of Bayesian approaches to analyzing data. The tutorial introduces this method and highlights its advantages over NHST. Based on concrete examples, it is shown that Bayesian methods, (1) allow quantifying the evidence for and against hypotheses (including the Null hypothesis) through calculating Bayes Factors, (2) yield easily interpretable, intuitive results, (3) permit repeated testing “as the data comes in”, (4) do not inflate the risk of false positive results, (5) allow incorporating prior knowledge through the choice of priors, (6) make underlying assumptions transparent and traceable.

Based on this introduction, the second part of the tutorial focuses on the concrete application of Bayesian methods for hypothesis testing and parameter estimation. Through several practical examples, it is demonstrated that the approach is viable and readily accessible for scholars in the field without requiring sophisticated mathematical or computational expertise. In line with this, the tutorial features Bayesian alternatives to common statistics including t-tests, linear regression, and anova designs and it briefly discusses its hierarchical extensions. To conduct these analyses, relevant, up-to-date software tools are introduced, including JASP (https://jasp-stats.org/), simple Web-applets (e.g. http://pcl.missouri.edu/bayesfactor), Bayesian R-packages (e.g. Morey et al. 2015), and readily available approximation techniques that built on the output of conventional statistical tests (e.g. Andraszewicz, Scheibehenne et al. 2015). The tutorial will conclude with recommendations of literature and online resources that provide relevant and easily accessible further information.
Framing, processing fluency and mental accounting

Chair: Tahir Nisar, Southampton University

The fluent story: A meta-analytic review of processing fluency
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Findings from this quantitative examination of processing fluency articles show that processing fluency has a sizable impact on attitudes and behavior across many contexts ($r = .28$). We distinguish between five cognitive processes that relate to processing fluency experiences. Among those, processing fluency experiences related to bodily sensations have the strongest effects on attitudes and behavior. Moreover, effects of disfluency are stronger than processing fluency effects. This finding adds to the conceptual understanding of processing fluency. Surprisingly, we found that all techniques used to create the experience of processing fluency are equally effective. This means that processing fluency is a robust phenomenon free of measurement artifacts. Moreover, we identified a number of significant contextual moderators. A comprehensive conceptual framework on processing fluency is introduced which guides the analysis as well as the discussion of the results.

Designed to exceed: How attribute presentation influences mental accounting in online product configurators
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Dennis Vogt, University of St. Gallen

This research examines how attribute presentation in online product configurators influences mental accounting when consumers exceed their budget limit. To justify budget exceeding, consumers either stretch it (budget extension), or assign the exceeding amount to an alternative account (budget switching). We argue that attribute presentation influences justification strategy. A laboratory study shows that a holistic (vs. atomistic) attribute presentation makes budget extensions more likely. This occurs as consumers can better mentally simulate that an attribute is part of the product. Higher post-choice satisfaction of these consumers supports this claim. We also identify spending self-control (SSC) as boundary. Mental simulation leads to budget extension for consumers low in SSC and to budget switching for consumers high in SSC. Thus, configurator design affects budgeting decisions. Further, presenting attributes to drive mental simulation can be detrimental for high-SSC consumers.

Manufacturing consent: How refutational two-sided messages steer ambivalent attitudes
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Nico Heuvinck, IÉSEG School of Management

This research introduces attitude ambivalence as an explanation for prior inconsistent results on the efficacy of one- versus two-sided messages. The results of study 1 indicate that two-sided messages only yield more positive attitudes and purchase intentions when ambivalence is low (vs. high). However, study 2 shows that including a refutation in the positive direction (vs. no refutation) in two-sided messages helps uplifting attitudes, purchase intentions, positive WOM (and lowering negative WOM) again, even when ambivalence is high (vs. low). Study 3 tests this mechanism also in the opposite direction by including refutation in the negative direction in two-sided messages.

Trains and Twitter: Firm generated content and framing effects
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Twitter, a micro-blogging website, is one of the fastest growing social networks on the Internet. In this paper, we examine the impacts of Twitter content on train users’ performance risk and how train providers’ message framing moderates these relationships. Framing regards the way in which messages are worded concerning a particular object. In many consumer markets such as train journeys, firms frame messages in both a positive and negative light to persuade individuals to make purchase decisions. We thus go beyond the literature’s current focus on consumer generated content, and bring into contention the important role that marketer generated content plays in shaping the contour of effective social media communication. Specifically, we analyze commuter tweets about 14 train operators, along with the companies’ Twitter feed. The findings, obtained using sentiment analysis tools, suggest that both sentiments and frames play important roles in impacting consumers’ risk performance.
Health, well-being and the bright side of consumption

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Healthy food ads ‘prevent’ whereas unhealthy food ads ‘promote’: Time for a change? A content analysis of healthy and unhealthy food magazine ads

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The present research is intended as a preliminary examination of the characteristics of today’s healthy and unhealthy food ads. It highlights the importance of examining the elements used in advertising in order to gain a clear view on which perspectives are taken today and which are more promising future directions. As healthy food ads today are mainly prevention focused, whereas the Western consumer is rather promotion focused, we reveal a misfit in today’s healthy food advertising. Unhealthy food ads, on the other hand, do apply a promotion focus and, as such, can provide some inspiration for future healthy food advertising.

Do we all perceive food-related wellbeing in the same way? Results from a cross-cultural study using a new wellbeing questionnaire

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In the present work, a new questionnaire was developed and tested for its ability to reveal product-based and cross-cultural differences in how consumers perceive food-related wellbeing. An on-line study in seven countries was carried out with 1,400 participants, who evaluated nine food products with varied degree of expected impact on individual wellbeing dimensions. Answers differed largely across products, countries, as well as through their interaction. The largest differences among products were for items of physical and intellectual wellbeing, whereas the largest differences among countries were for items of emotional and spiritual wellbeing. These results contribute to the understanding of how marketers should devise positioning strategies based on the wellbeing dimensions that different product categories promote or obstruct.
The role of product and brand cues in consumer judgment

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Swiping is the new liking: How product orientation shapes product evaluation conveyed through swiping
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New apps that require consumers to evaluate products by swiping them right- or leftward pop up like daisies. This work explores whether product orientation affects product evaluations made via swiping movements, compared to those made by pressing onscreen presented buttons. As product orientation cues a certain horizontal direction (left-to-right vs. right-to-left), we propose that this facilitates a swipe movement in the congruent direction. Four studies indicate that when swiping movements are used to evaluate objects, evaluations are indeed influenced by object orientation, but this effect is eliminated for both extremely appealing and extremely unappealing objects.

The Achilles heel of centrality: Attraction to the group makes the central susceptible to influence
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Are central consumers (i.e. ‘connected’) more susceptible to group influence than marginals? And why? Four studies examine the psychological mechanism that underlies the association between centrality in small to medium-sized groups and susceptibility to group influence. We find that compared to marginal members, central group members are more attracted to the group because the group offers them a greater sense of belonging. Due to this heightened attraction to the group, the central becomes more susceptible to group influence compared to the marginal. We demonstrate the role of group attractiveness as a mediator of the effect of centrality on susceptibility to group influence. In addition, we demonstrate that self construal, an established antecedent of attraction to the group, moderates the effect of centrality on susceptibility to influence.

Consumer reactions to brand arrogance
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Arrogant brands have a multifaceted influence on consumers: Although people appreciate arrogant brands as reflecting high status and quality, arrogance can also induce feelings of inferiority. Consumers whose self is a priori threatened may consequently decide to avoid arrogant brands. Results from six experiments using fictitious or actual arrogant brands show that when consumers experience prior self-threat, they may decide to avoid brands that convey arrogance in favor of a competing, less-arrogant alternative. The decision to avoid arrogant brands, in turn, helps self-threatened consumers restore their self-perceptions and feel better about themselves.

The unit bias: A general consumer categorization bias in estimating quantities
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Five studies were designed to provide evidence for what we call “the unit bias”—a general bias that occurs when consumers estimate various quantities (such as distance and time to purchase, product quantity, and the length and weight of products). When information is presented as part of units (or categories), consumers perceive two units to result in a greater combined numeric value than one unit even though, in reality, both may have the same numeric value. That is, for the two units compared to the one unit, consumers will provide longer time estimates, farther distance estimates, higher product-quantity estimates, longer length estimates and higher weight estimates. We propose that the unit bias results from the very nature of consumer categorization because categorization is perceived to include quantitative information. Consumers then use this subtle quantitative information to anchor their estimation judgments.
Brands and design
Chair: Matteo De Angelis, LUISS Guido Carli

**A crossed influence of usability and aesthetics on interactive device evaluation: Studying exposure versus use effects**

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This paper studies the exposure and use effects of interface aesthetics and usability on an interactive device evaluation (i.e., pleasantness, playfulness, and perceived value). Based on an experimental study where aesthetics and usability are manipulated, results show that interface aesthetics only improves an interactive device evaluation after a mere exposure, whereas interface usability only increases its evaluation after a use experience. In addition, the predictive validity of the use effects is tested via its impact on intention to recommend, ‘like’, and add the website to bookmarks.

**Enhancing parent brand images – how innovations strengthen parent brand evaluations through positive spillover effects**

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Innovations have become the key driver of companies’ growth. While branding has long been recognized essential for market entries of new products, it has yet had a minor role in the context of innovation research. This paper empirically examines the potential enhancement effect of innovations on parent brand images that, so far, has only been suggested conceptually in extant research. The results of a large-scale experimental study with real-world brands indicate that the benefits for parent brands are twofold: innovative products induced more favorable overall brand evaluations by consumers and even strengthened specific attributes associated with the brand. Positive spillover effects even increased when innovations were similar to the parent brand’s product category rather than when they were consistent with the parent’s brand beliefs.

**Aesthetic designs and the cognitive lock-in phenomenon**

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Aesthetics is considered to be a significant factor in consumers’ buying decisions. How it influences actual consumption behaviors, however, has not yet been thoroughly investigated. The present research addresses this gap by drawing from literature on aesthetics, on procedural skills, as well as on the cognitive lock-in phenomenon. Our study shows that aesthetic designs provoke more intensive product usage patterns, which result in the development of incumbent-specific usage skills. These skills provide the basis for a cognitive lock-in effect. The conclusion is drawn that design aesthetics can be used to influence consumers’ product usage intensity, proficiency as well as skill-based product loyalty. The underlying cognitive mechanisms of the identified effects are also disclosed.

**Similar to myself or to the green? The effect of introducing different types of green new products on luxury brand evaluation and purchase intention**

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Luxury brands’ increasing commitment toward sustainability, alongside luxury consumers’ growing attention toward environmental issues, suggest that luxury and sustainability are incompatible concepts. However, academic research suggests that sustainable luxury is still seen by consumers as a contradiction. We investigate the type of environmental sustainability practices that luxury brands should adopt in order to galvanize consumers’ interest in sustainable versions of their products by studying the differential effectiveness of two strategies that luxury brands might adopt when introducing green new products: First, the green product might be similar in design to a luxury brand’s established, non-green products. Second, the green product might be similar in design to models made by non-luxury brands specializing in green products. Across three experiments, we show that these two strategies can be differentially effective depending on both consumer-related and product-related factors.
Marketing capabilities

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**Marketing dynamic capabilities: A latent analysis of firms’ heterogeneity**

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Companies follow different strategies, market participation, product launches, marketing competitive moves and locate activities, to improve their results in terms of market share, revenue, profit or cost reduction. Our aim in this work is to identify which decisions are related to higher levels of competitive advantage considering that companies are different, compete in different markets and, in consequence, the investments that are successful for one type of companies are not for others. We try to capture the heterogeneity of the companies to understand the relationship between their strategies and their results. 1584 companies operating in nine different industrial activities in Spain from 1993 until 2011 have been analysed. Our results confront current theories from marketing and management with the real results of the companies over time providing some highlights about how to operate fitting the resource allocation and the development of capabilities to efficiently compete.

**Development and impact of strategic marketing in a nordic country - a longitudinal study 2008-2014**

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This study investigates the development of three key strategic marketing constructs – market orientation, marketing-related business process capabilities and marketing performance measurement – as well as their performance implications over six years in a Nordic setting. The study builds on a national survey study conducted among Finnish companies of various sizes, industries and market positions in 2008, 2010, 2012 and 2014. The study supports the notion that in contemporary markets market orientation represents a cost of competing; it sheds light on the varying role of individual market-based capabilities over the changing business cycle; and it demonstrates the consistent impact of marketing performance measurement capability on business performance. To the authors’ best knowledge, this is the first comprehensive study on a national level that longitudinally investigates the role and impact of the three key strategic marketing constructs.

**Capabilities for market-driving strategies**

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Viewing markets as socially constructed, and thus consciously reconstructable, systems opens up interesting avenues and possible new tools for strategists. Decisions regarding markets are no longer limited to market selection but markets themselves can be shaped for higher value creation, growth and profitability. In this paper we investigate what kind of capabilities firms need in order to drive the development of their markets. Based on an explorative case study of 21 firms from four countries, we identify 45 firm-level market-driving capabilities. These first-order capabilities are further categorized into six capability-sets: market visioning, value sensing and development, business model development, credibility building, championing change, and transformative leadership. These findings contribute to the emerging discussion on market-driving strategies by illuminating the “black box” between previously explored antecedents and outcomes of market-driving strategies.
Behavioral journals

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In this session, each editor or representative will explain the mission, editorial process, recent submission trends, and other topics of interest for scholars looking to publish their work in their journal. The aim of the session is to help prospective authors understand what it takes to be published in each journal, and why papers get rejected. There will be extensive opportunity for Q&A.

**Journal of the Association for Consumer Research**
Joel Huber*, Duke University

**Journal of Marketing Behavior**
Klaus Wertenbroch*, INSEAD

**European Journal of Marketing**
Nick Lee*, University of Warwick

**Journal of Advertising**
Shintaro Okazaki*, King’s College London

**Journal of Consumer Psychology**
Amna Kirmani*, University of Maryland

**Journal of Consumer Research**
Stijn van Osselaer*, Cornell University
Mobile Marketing I

Chair:  May Wang, United International College

**appSQUAL – measuring service quality of mobile apps**

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Managers’ awareness of perceived service quality of mobile applications (apps) is essential to understand how customers evaluate mobile apps and based on this understanding, offer superior mobile apps to customers. To date, many instruments exist, that allow measuring service quality in an offline or online setting. However, no instrument has been developed that allows measuring perceived service quality of mobile apps in general. This study seeks to conceptualize, construct, and refine a multiple-item scale for measuring perceived service quality of mobile apps (appSQUAL). Using a sample of 242 respondents, a formative second-order construct of perceived mobile app service quality is proposed and tested. The resulting scale is a 30 item scale comprising eight dimensions: app handling, privacy, up-to-dateness, aesthetics, reliability, presence, findability, consumption. The scale demonstrates good psychometric properties as confirmed by a series of reliability and validity tests.

**Is contextual mobile advertising effective? The correct formula of image complexity and users’ processing styles**

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This study investigates the effectiveness of ad–context congruency and considers the moderating role of image complexity and mobile users’ processing styles on their intentions to click advertisements on a mobile device. The results indicate that when mobile advertising uses low complexity images, analytical thinkers show higher click intentions towards those with ad-context congruency than they do for others with an incongruent context. In contrast, when mobile advertising uses high complexity images, holistic thinkers show higher click intentions towards those with ad-context congruency than they do for others with an incongruent context. The findings of this study can help advertisers and marketers to create better mobile advertising designs. Mobile advertising networks can refer to this research to advise their clients and offer effective solutions.

**Technology leadership, brand equity, and word of mouth marketing through online social networks in mobile banking**

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Mobile banking services has been considered as a critical factor for bank selection and becomes increasingly prevalent. Almost all the banks are engaging in the development of their mobile banking services. Many banks provide multiple channels in online marketing. At a post-adoption stage, how to build customer loyalty in a competitive market with rapid technology evolution attracts increasing attention in both research and practice. Based on brand equity theory, this study proposes a research model to articulate the relationship between technology leadership, brand equity, word of mouth marketing through online social networks, and customer loyalty. A survey from users of two mobile banking service providers was conducted to empirically examine the proposed research model and hypotheses. The results show that technology leadership and word of mouth positively affects brand equity which in turn positively affects customer loyalty.
**Price-setting**

Chair: Daniel Halbheer, HEC Paris

**Category comparability: The missing link between retailer’s assortment and pricing strategy**
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The authors investigate the link between retailers’ assortment and pricing strategies by studying the effect of category comparability on retailers’ price levels. The basic idea is that category comparability indicates the strength of price competition between rivaling retailers. The authors test the proposed measure of competition using a unique dataset covering 17 retailers and 7 categories in the Spanish grocery market. Our key finding is that category comparability provides a valid link to retailers’ category price levels in competitive settings. Discounters and supermarkets, however, are distinctively affected by category comparability: While supermarkets lower their price levels with increasing category comparability, discounters increase their price levels if their categories are perceived as more comparable. Given the lack of competitive measures integrating the assortment and pricing perspective, retail managers can use the proposed measure to plan their pricing strategies.

**Export pricing processes and related marketing and pricing capabilities in the fast moving consumer goods sector**
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As a result of dynamic and globalized markets, firms need to set and implement their prices strategically. Whereas a number of researchers focused on single dimensions of pricing, this study aims at exploring export pricing from a holistic process-oriented perspective. Another goal is to identify marketing and pricing capabilities and their relevance in the different phases of the process. The applied data collection method is semi-structured expert interviews with representatives of the Austrian fast moving consumer goods sector. Regarding the findings, export pricing processes are divided into three phases. For each of them the interviews revealed main management tasks. Moreover, a number of capabilities that are supported by literature can be merged with the above mentioned phases and management tasks. Therefore, this study contributes to theory as it deepens the knowledge about specific capabilities. In addition, findings should contribute to international management practice.

**Measuring customers' sensitivity towards price promotions in leaflets and loyalty card programmes across categories – insights from a large-scale field experiment**
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Price promotions are important for retailers and manufacturers in the fast moving consumer good industry for increasing sales (short- and long-term) and store traffic as well as purchase acceleration. We have analysed how price promotions work in a loyalty programme at a German retailer. Over seven months we conducted a large-scale field experiment in which over 550,000 individualised coupons were given to more than 40,000 customers in more than 30 product categories. We compared the price promotion elasticities in the loyalty programme with those of leaflet promotions measured using store level data from the same retailer. The average price promotion elasticity is $-2.8$. While we did not find a significant difference between the channels’ average elasticities, we did for some categories. The findings in this paper directly contribute to a better understanding of price promotions and empower retailers and manufactures to plan and execute price promotions more efficiently.

**The protection economy: Occasional service failure as a business model**
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This paper models occasional service failure as a source of profit for the firm when protection against the resulting customer misery can be marketed. The firm chooses the probability of service failure and sets the service price and the protection fee. Consumers self-select and buy protection if their expected damages from service failure exceed the protection fee. We show that profit orientation provides incentives to introduce occasional service failure. We also show that adopting such a protection strategy inflicts a calculated misery on unprotected customers and wastes resources in order to secure protection. Despite these inefficiencies, such a protection strategy can lead to market expansion and social welfare gains because of lower prices.
Hated, illegitimate, and underdog brands

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Understanding how brand hate develops over time
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The aim is to explore the phenomenon of brand hate by adopting a dynamic perspective. To do so, we conduct a series of qualitative interviews during which participants are asked to graphically trace the course of their feelings toward their most currently hated brand. We find five types of trajectories of brand hate (“Negative all the way”, “Down-up”, “Downward slope flattens”, “Roller coaster” and “Steady decrease”). By relating them to the most common antecedents and consequences of brand hate mentioned by participants, we identify three categories of trajectories of brand hate: product-related antecedents with positive/negative outcomes, ethical/image-related issue with negative outcome, and hybrid antecedents forging a complex emotional journey. Implications for both marketing theory and practice are discussed.

When not to position a brand as an underdog: Role of perceived risk associated with the brand in brand biographies
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Underdog brand biographies—narratives emphasizing a brand’s passion and determination in the face of external disadvantages—are often associated with increased consumer preferences. This research explores perceived risk associated with brand choice as a boundary condition of this effect. Two studies show that when perceived risk associated with brand choice is low, underdog brand biographies enhance brand attitudes. When perceived risk is high, however, topdog brand biographies result in more favorable brand attitudes. Results further reveal that differences in processing styles (narrative vs. analytic) at high vs. low levels of risk associated with brand choice underlies the findings.

Illegitimate identity, illegitimate markets: Ideological contradictions and the prevention of the emergence of a plus-size fashion market
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Why do plus size consumers think that plus size fashion brands are not legitimate to their identity project? In this work, we study the process of legitimacy of a new emergent market, the Brazilian plus-size fashion market, and the challenges to institutionalization that it faces. We conducted seventeen interviews, performed netnography in four Brazilian plus-size fashion blogs and analyzed a website that sells plus size fashion clothes in a semiotic fashion. Our results indicate that despite having legitimate actors promoting these plus size fashion brands, the plus size fashion field is still perceived as a shameful version of the fashion field. We argue here that the fact that one of the logics of the plus size fashion field being stigma, it affects derogatorily consumers’ identity projects in a way that prevents them from engaging in in-field cultural capital practices.

Antecedents and outcomes of brand hate
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Most research focuses on positive relationships consumers have with brands and very little has been done on negative brand relationships. This is astonishing as several studies in psychology, consumer behavior, and neuroscience point out that negative experiences have a stronger impact on consumer behavior than positive ones. The purpose of this study is to investigate negative brand relationships by focusing on the antecedents and outcomes of brand hate. A survey with German participants was carried out. Hypotheses were tested by means of structural equation modelling. Our findings show that brand hate is activated by three antecedents (negative past experience, symbolic incongruity, ideological incompatibility) and leads to three behavioral outcomes (brand avoidance, negative word-of-mouth, brand Retaliation).
Customer participation

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Drivers of customer brand engagement
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Customer brand engagement (CBE) as a driver in the customer decision-making process, become a key role in a new customer-centric marketing approach and a priority in branding strategies. The goal of this study is to identify the main drivers of CBE process by examining its antecedents and testing whether and how they impact CBE. The study analyses CBE as three-dimensional concept, outlining as its relevant antecedents customer involvement, customer participation, customer interactivity and customer flow experience. A survey of 244 customers from Portugal provided data for empirical testing. The preliminary results show that a high level of customer flow experience or customer participation will conduct to a higher level of CBE. Moreover, the greater the customers prior level of interactivity with the brand, the greater the effect of the customer flow experience on CBE.

Why customers engage themselves in terminating the relationship with their main bank? An investigation into the drivers of customer exit in retail banking
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The management of customer relationships necessitates the analysis of customer engagement manifestations through the different stages of customers’ lifecycle. That implies among others an understanding of the factors that trigger customer defection. This study carries out an investigation into the drivers of customer exit in day-to-day retail banking, where financial crisis has brought the banks at a particular disadvantage, having lost much of the trust of their customer base, seeking anxiously means and opportunities to re-establish their traumatized customer relationships. The results from an exploratory factor analysis are discussed, highlighting the key role of trust, customer orientation and employees’ credibility in customer management.

Customer co-creation: Does the stage of the life-cycle matter?
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The present study analyzes how the relationship life cycle moderates the link between relationship quality and customer co-creation. As customer-firm relationships pass through different stages (exploration, buildup, maturity and decline) characterized by distinct customer behaviors, to develop this analysis we draw from the Theory of Relationship Dynamics. The framework is empirically tested applying a Partial Least Squares (PLS) for a sample of 2000 customers. Results demonstrate that the relationship life cycle plays a key moderating role in our conceptual framework revealing that, in the buildup and maturity stages, the influence of relationship quality on customer co-creation is stronger than in the decline stage. However, for customers in the exploration stage, relationship quality does not lead to co-creation behaviors.
Technology and retailing

Adoption of smart retail services: An UTAUT and technology readiness perspective
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With the rapid permeation of smart technology in retail services, this study integrates technology readiness and UTAUT model to examine the customer adoption of smart retail services. Analysis was done on data obtained from 348 actual retail shoppers show that technology readiness plays a key role in determining the customers’ adoption of smart retail services. The findings also show that performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, facilitating conditions, adaptability and enjoyment determine the customers’ attitude and intentions to use smart retail services. These findings provide key insights for retail managers in enhancing the adoption of smart retail services.

Are consumers ready for m-payment? Using Tri 2.0 to investigate consumers’ acceptance of in-store mobile payment
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Despite the growing usage of mobile devices for a number of everyday tasks, diffusion of in-store mobile payment (M-Payment), i.e. proximity payment, is still low and customers’ acceptance is sparse. While in a technology-driven retail environment, different mobile payment technologies are available and some retailers already offer M-Payment at the point of sale, it remains unclear whether consumers are generally ready for M-Payment adoption. To clarify this topic, this study combines the individual disposition to adopt and use M-Payment technologies with system-based evaluations in an extended Technology Readiness and Acceptance Model. By applying our model to a representative sample (N = 3,250) in a large European country market, we provide evidence for a general effect of technology readiness on consumers’ behavioral intention to use in-store M-Payment and discover a significant effect on actual M-Payment usage.

A research agenda for the multi-device customer journey of online retailing: Introducing the multichannel e-commerce framework
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A comprehensive review of the online retailing literature indicates a gap in current research on the subject of examining fundamental changes concerning online consumer behavior and the multi-device customer journey. Based on the multichannel retailing approach and theoretical considerations, we suggest an enhanced perspective of the online retailing environment and propose a multichannel e-commerce framework. The multichannel e-commerce framework provides insights into how the expanding number of e-channels and e-channel touchpoints changes the online retailing landscape and delivers knowledge that is useful for further investigation of online consumer behavior (e.g., the design of experiments, surveys or modeling approaches) and for marketing practice decisions (e.g., the relevance of devices and touchpoints). This work might also provide a first step toward an e-channel theory, which would be helpful in understanding consumer behavior in a multichannel e-commerce environment.

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Mobile self-scanning devices are increasingly offered by retailers worldwide. Despite the increasing adoption of self-scanning devices by retailers, little is known on how the use of a self-scanner influences a customer’s trip spending behavior, and consequently a retailer’s performance. When using a self-scanner, grocery shoppers scan their purchases during the shopping trip, allowing them to track their spending and save time at the checkout. We use GfK household panel purchase data including unique information on whether or not a household used a self-scanner during a specific shopping trip for all trips during three subsequent weeks. Preliminary insights show a positive effect of self-scan usage on trip spending, number of products bought, and private-label share. Given that private labels provide higher retailer margins than national brands, further expanding and stimulating the use of a self-scanner seems a very interesting opportunity for retailers.

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Word-of-mouth

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Return to sender: Exploring the consequences of WOM on the person who articulates it

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Past research on word-of-mouth (WOM) has focused on the impact of WOM on the recipients. This study redresses the balance by examining the sender, the neglected participant in the dyad. We research the consequences of articulating offline WOM on the sender within two services contexts. Affective commitment (AC) and future WOM intentions (FWI) are firm-related outcomes, whereas self-enhancement (SE) is a self-related outcome. We provide evidence that singular episodes of WOM hold implications for the firm as well as psychological implications for the sender. Findings suggest that the WOM behavior is likely to affect the sender’s FWI about the service provider and will also influence their SE, irrespective of WOM valence. We note that the effect of WOM on AC is service context dependent. Additionally, AC mediates the relationship between WOM behavior and intended WOM behavior. Finally, the relative impact of PWOM and NWOM varies between the sender’s firm-and self-related outcomes.

The mere request approach in the service encounter and its impact on customers’ word-of-mouth activity

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This study examines two cost-efficient employee behaviors in the service encounter with a potential to have a positive impact on customers post-encounter word-of-mouth (WOM) activity: a mere-request-for-WOM approach and a mere-mentioning-of-other customers’ WOM approach. In addition, we examine if signaling of effort related to the two employee behaviors may contribute to our understanding of the impact. A between-subjects experiment was employed in which both (1) a request for WOM and (2) information about other customers’ WOM were the manipulated factors. The findings show that the request (but not information about other customers’ WOM) enhanced WOM activity.

When similarity trumps expertise: Differential effects of peer and expert ratings on hospital choice

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Increasing numbers of patients consult online rating platforms before making healthcare decisions. These platforms often provide ratings from other patients, reflecting their subjective experience, as well as expert ratings based on statistics. This article presents three studies to analyze consumers’ trade-offs when considering both types of ratings simultaneously. Studies 1 and 2 illustrate that consumers generally favor patient over expert advice. They perceive that other patients judge hospitals mainly on care-related factors, whereas expert ratings focus on procedure or equipment quality. According to Study 3, this stronger influence of patients stems from their greater perceived similarity, which outweighs their lack of perceived expertise compared with expert sources. This preference for peers can be mitigated if consumers deliberate on both sources’ abilities, because doing so makes their implicit perceptions more accessible for subsequent consideration.

The effect of strong vs. weak ties in online word-of-mouth: How closeness to the service provider affects customers’ online reviews

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Online ratings are an important tool for customers to share their experience with a provider. Drawing from social impact theory, this study examines how customers’ online reviews are influenced by the closeness to the service provider and the importance of prior online ratings. Using a scenario-based online experiment, we show that socially close providers exert a strong influence on customers’ online rating behavior, whereas socially distant providers do not. Moreover, we find that customers of a socially close provider contrast more to prior negative ratings and assimilate to prior positive ratings. This is in contrast to prior studies, which show that customers generally assimilate or show a negativity bias towards prior ratings. Overall, our study thus underlines the importance to not only consider the social influence of the online group of prior raters, but also the social influence of the service provider when looking at customers’ online reviewing behavior.
Drivers of sustainable consumption

Chair: Patrick De Pelsmacker, University of Antwerp

The effects of consumer mindfulness on sustainable consumption
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Overconsumption is a main driver of environmental degradation and climate change. This research argues that mindfulness—a mode of consciousness capability—may mitigate overconsumption through more sustainable consumption patterns. Mindfulness has been found to affect individual health and wellbeing but has not been researched extensively in marketing, consumer behavior or sustainability-related disciplines. Based on a survey of 546 consumers, we find that individuals’ degree of mindfulness is positively associated with voluntarily simplistic lifestyles, product sharing practices and emission-reducing behaviors. These associations are mediated by environmental concern, perceived consumer effectiveness and materialism. Considering the demonstrated positive effects of mindfulness on more sustainable consumption practices, consumers should be encouraged to live and act more mindfully. Efforts to increase mindfulness offer business opportunities for transformative service providers.

The negative footprint illusion - perceptual bias in sustainable food consumption
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The current research introduces the negative footprint illusion: Although adding a green to a non-green food product necessarily increases total environmental impact (footprint), consumers will sometimes erroneously estimate the total environmental impact of the combination of the green and non-green product lower than the same non-green product alone. The negative footprint effect is demonstrated in two between-subjects survey experiments among consumers responsible for purchases in their household (N = 536, N = 580), is partially supported in a student sample (N = 219), but does not show up in a within-subject experiment (N = 477). Our findings contribute to the understanding of how consumers deal with environmental impact information and how such information can be subject to biased processing.

Exploring the interplay of consumers’ gain, hedonic and normative goals and the role of perceived social norm related to pro-environmental behavioral intentions
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Recent literature review studies identify gain, hedonic and normative goals as three categories of motives for pro-environmental behavior. However, empirical understanding of how these categories of goals interact and affect the pro-environmental behavior is lacking. Moreover, the influence of perceived social norms, as a situational factor, on the relationship of goals and behavioral intention has not been explored. The empirical findings of this study show that consumers’ hedonic goals partially mediate the effect of normative and gain goals on pro-environmental behavioral intentions. For consumers who perceive high social norms, the direct effect of hedonic goals on behavioral intention is stronger and the direct effect of gain goals is insignificant. The results highlight targeting consumers who perceive high social norms with regard to pro-environmental behavior and communicating the hedonic and normative aspects of pro-environmental behaviors.

Self-identity and electric car adoption: The moderating role of personal values
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We assess the effects of green self-identity, environmental concern and green moral obligation on electric car usage intention, and we test the moderating role of personal values on the intention formation process in a sample of 2,005 Belgian, Danish and Italian car drivers. Green self-identity drives intention, both directly and indirectly through environmental concern and green moral obligation. The stronger self-enhancement values, the stronger the direct effect of green self-identity, and the weaker the indirect effect through green moral obligation. The stronger conservation values, the weaker the indirect effect through green moral obligation. The stronger self-enhancement values, the stronger the direct effect of green self-identity and the indirect effects through green moral obligation, and the weaker the effect through environmental concern. The stronger openness to change, the stronger the direct effect of green self-identity and the indirect effect of green self-identity through moral obligation, and the weaker the effect of green self-identity through environmental concern.
Personal and contextual factors in tourism decision making

Chair: Nikolaos Stylos, University of Wolverhampton

Travel behavior of Malaysian Muslims to non-Muslim countries: A conceptual paper
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Many Muslims express that their travelling experiences may be challenging and stressful at times, particularly to non-Muslim countries. This is mainly due to the lack of facilities available to support their religious obligations pertaining to consumption of halal food, performing prayers and such like. This conceptual paper employs two complementary theories, Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) and Constraints Negotiation Theory (CNT), and proposes an integrated framework to understand the extent to which Muslims are willing to negotiate perceived religious travel constraints to allow travel feasible. The integrated framework contributes to theory by incorporating decision making process that was previously lacking in TPB.

Context factors in choosing free peer-to-peer accommodation sharing
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Research has shown that Airbnb’s market entry changed travel patterns and significantly affected the tourist market. Still, little is known on the relevance of free peer-to-peer accommodation sharing (e.g. Couchsurfing.com) for the tourism industry. This paper aims at understanding how users of the Couchsurfing platform experience free peer-to-peer accommodation sharing in comparison to paid accommodation alternatives such as tourist hotels, hostels, and vacation apartments. Results of a qualitative study show that budget traveling and flexibility, authentic experiences of travelers. The first category reflects feelings such as happiness, pleasure and satisfaction. The second category reflects feelings such as engagement, interest and absorption. With questionnaire data from 505 visitors to two popular sites in Northern Norway, the current study investigated the degree to which visitors’ on-site feelings of happiness and engagement predict intentions to revisit, or recommend to others, the destination. Results showed that engagement, but not happiness, predicted the visitors intention to revisit. Engagement further predicted intentions to recommend the site to others. Feelings of on-site happiness also predicted recommendation intentions.

The emotional traveler: Happiness and engagement as predictors of behavioral intentions among tourists in northern Norway
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Recent theories on emotion suggest that a limited set of core feelings are the cornerstone of subjective experiences. The article proposes to bring this perspective more deeply into the study of tourist experiences and behavioral intentions. It argues that two distinct categories of positive feelings are of particular importance when analyzing the experiences of travelers. The first category reflects feeling such as happiness, pleasure and satisfaction. The second category reflects feelings such as engagement, interest and absorption. With questionnaire data from 505 visitors to two popular sites in Northern Norway, the current study investigated the degree to which visitors’ on-site feelings of happiness and engagement predict intentions to revisit, or recommend to others, the destination. Results showed that engagement, but not happiness, predicted the visitors intention to revisit. Engagement further predicted intentions to recommend the site to others. Feelings of on-site happiness also predicted recommendation intentions.

Beliefs and perceived social factors as antecedents of tourists’ intention to revisit a destination: The role of need for variety and alternatives
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Recognizing the key role of reference groups for the decision-making process of tourists, this study investigated the mediating role of perceived social factors (PSFs) in the relationship between normative beliefs, role beliefs and tourists’ intention to revisit a destination. The study took place among 1612 responses of British tourists who were departing Greece. Our findings suggest that PSFs fully mediate the relationship between role beliefs and revisit intentions but the relationship between normative beliefs and revisit intentions only partially. Apparently, tourists’ need for variety and alternatives (NVA) does not have a moderating but a control effect on the relationship between PSFs and revisit intentions. On the practical side, our findings suggest that Destination Management Organizations (DMOs) could leverage communication strategies to focus on tourists’ significant reference groups in order to effectively affect tourists’ visitation patterns.
Consumers’ visual behavior: New insights in commercial and social marketing

Chairs: Sophie Lacoste-Badie, Rennes 1 University  
        Morgane Minvielle, Rennes 1 University

The goal of this session is to emphasize the role of attentional process on several aspects of consumer behavior. Specifically, four papers present field and lab experiments and analyze attention using eyetracking device, on the one hand in a commercial marketing context (What is the influence of repeated exposures to products on brand consciousness and visual attention to brand for light and heavy consumers? What is the influence of repeated exposures to products and ads on attention, memory, and choice?), and in a social marketing context on the other hand (Does attention to nutrition and health claims on food label predict purchase behavior? To what extent are health warnings on TV and print ads effective?). Together, the four papers offer new light on the contribution of objective measurement of attention using eye-tracking procedures to better understand consumer behavior both in commercial and social marketing contexts.

Light and heavy usage consumers’ brand consciousness and visual attention: An eye-tracking study  
Bridget Behe, Michigan State University  
Jing Yang, Michigan State University  
Patricia Huddleston*, Michigan State University

Behe, Yang, and Huddleston present an original research on the influence of previous usage/consumption of a product class (herb and vegetable plants) on brand consciousness and visual attention devoted to brand cues measured by eye-tracking. Their results highlight that repeated purchases, and therefore exposures to the product class, prompt higher brand consciousness but not brand’s visual capture nor visual retention.

Effects of repeated views: An eye-tracking and shopper behavior tracking study  
Enrique Bigne*, Valencia University

Two studies (one using eye-tracking, and one using a novel device recording both eye movements and shopper movements, that is shopper behavior tracking) investigate the influence of repeated exposures to a print campaign (study 1) and to products at the point of sale (study 2) on consumers’ visual attention and subsequent behaviors. The findings suggest a detrimental effect of repetition on attention but a positive overall effect on consumer behavior.

The use of eye tracking to investigate the relevance of nutrition and health claims on consumers' purchase behaviour  
Andrea Groeppel-Klein*, Saarland University  
Stephanie Leick, Saarland University

The authors present two new studies showing how health and nutrition claims on food labels can impact consumer behavior. In a field experiment (study 1), they identify attention on claims as an important variable that mediates the relationship between claim type and choice. A lab experiment using eye-tracking (study 2) confirms that attention is a valuable measure for predicting purchase behavior.

Promoting healthier behaviors through health warnings displayed on food ads: What effectiveness?  
Olivier Droulers, Rennes 1 University  
Morgane Minvielle*, Rennes 1 University  
Sophie Lacoste-Badie, Rennes 1 University

In this study, eye-tracking is used to analyze attention devoted to health warnings displayed on TV and print food advertisements in France among adults and children. The results show that adults and children (who are the main target of this measure) pay very few or no attention to health messages and highlights therefore the extremely limited effectiveness of this regulatory measure.
The consumption of technology

Chairs:  
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Advances in digital technologies and artificial intelligence are changing the world. However, despite the transformational impact on everyday consumption of recent technological progress, we know surprisingly little about the interaction between consumers and technology. This SIG brings together papers spanning different technological contexts to showcase this exciting research domain. The papers feature research on man-machine interaction, automation, digital media, and robotics. This SIG will contribute to the marketing literature by providing insights into the value of technology.

The consumption of technology

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Customers increasingly interact with machines instead of humans in today’s service encounters. This research examines if, how and why customers react differently when they interact with a machine instead of a human during a service encounter. Drawing from the person-sensitivity bias and attribution-biases in human cognition, we propose and find that customers react more extremely to a personal, “high-touch” encounter than a technology-based, “high-tech” encounter.

The value of automation

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Automation is an increasingly prevalent phenomenon in the marketplace. Technology is transforming consumption across different product categories. Innovations such as food processors or GPS automatize tasks that would otherwise be performed by consumers. Although automation certainly improves the efficiency of product experiences, we show across five studies that it might be detrimental for identity-based consumption. Automation reduces consumers’ opportunity to attribute the outcome of product experiences to themselves, resulting in lower preferences for automated products.

How consumer reviews and social media posts affect new product success

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This research responds to calls for a better understanding of the differential roles of different digital WOM types, using a dataset of video games and weekly information on both social media posts (i.e., over 13 million tweets from Twitter) and consumer reviews (i.e., more than 33,000 consumer articulations from Amazon.com) for a period of 22 weeks. Analyzing a system of equations reveals that the two digital WOM types exert different influences on new product success, which change over time.

The psychological consequences of being replaced by humans versus robots

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With technology rapidly progressing, workers in industrialized economies cannot only be replaced by other workers, but increasingly also by robots. In our first study, we show that being replaced by a machine elicits different psychological reactions compared to being replaced by another worker. Building on a social comparison framework, our second study documents that from a consumer perspective people prefer replacement by humans. From a worker’s perspective, however, people prefer being replaced by robots.
Current topics in online and social media marketing

Chair: Bernd Skiera, Goethe University Frankfurt

The aim of this session is to draw together current research that explores different ways in which changes in online and social media market impacts consumer behavior as well as firm’s profits.

How social media amplify negative brand spillover: effect of car recalls on online chatter, sales, and returns
Abhishek Borah, University of Washington
Gerry Tellis*, University of Southern California

The authors analyze perverse halo, also called “negative spillover”, defined as the phenomenon whereby negative chatter about one nameplate increases negative chatter for another nameplate. Their results show that perverse halo is extensive and asymmetric. It occurs for nameplates within the same brand across segments and across brands within segments. It is strongest between brands of the same country.

The consideration process: Insights from modeling clickstream data
Yifan Zhang, Penn State
Arvind Rangaswamy*, Penn State
Daniel M. Ringel, Goethe University Frankfurt
Bernd Skiera, Goethe University Frankfurt

The authors investigate the evolution of consideration, and the online triggers that either expand or reduce the consideration sets of consumers. They propose a discrete-time Hidden-Markov model in which different degrees of consideration are specified as ordered hidden states, and consumers transit from one state to another by maximizing utility. They use clickstream data from thousands of consumers for two product categories (cell phone, and coffee maker) and a Bayesian specification as well as “data augmentation” to estimate their model.

Television advertising and the impact on online customer value
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Burkhardt Funk, Lüneburg University

This study investigates whether conversions generated by TV advertising are as valuable (in terms of their online customer value) as conversions that were not attracted by TV advertising. The authors use a unique data set provided by an international online pharmacy that covers four months of data, more than 60 million website impressions generated by 5 million unique users, 700 minutes of TV advertising, and tracks users’ reaction to ads on all three devices (i.e., tablet, smartphone, and desktop/laptop). They combine this data set with a TV advertising data from a tracking company another data set that covers users’ onsite browsing and shopping behavior in the form of customer journeys.

Optimal bidding in real-time display advertising
Steffen Försch, Goethe University Frankfurt
Bernd Skiera*, Goethe University Frankfurt

The authors analyze optimal bidding in an auction for each impression in online display advertising. They calibrate their model on 240 million of auctions that were collected over the period of 20 weeks for a campaign in the automotive industry.
More than just consumption: Social, charitable and political advertising

Chair: Even Lanseng, BI Norwegian Business School

Does sparing the rod spoil the child? How praising, scolding, and assertive tone can encourage pro-social behavior

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To encourage pro-social behavior marketers sometimes praise (Good job!) and sometimes scold (We’re not there yet) consumers. Two field and two lab experiments demonstrate that assertive praising and non-assertive scolding are the most influential on pro-social behavior. This effect is mediated by guilt (for scolding) and optimism (for praising).

Experiencing a warm-glow during charity giving: The correct formula for execution style and goal proximity

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This research elucidates on the execution styles in charity advertising which are most effective in influencing whether people experience a warm-glow, their attitudes toward charity giving, and their donation intentions, and also considers the moderating role of goal proximity. The results show that when charities are far from accomplishing their goals, any warm-glow feelings, attitudes toward charity giving, and donation intentions will be higher when the images in their advertising are dissimilar cause-focused rather than similar cause-focused and product-focused. In contrast, when charities are close to reaching their goals, feeling of a warm-glow, attitudes toward charity giving, and donation intentions will be higher when any images in their advertising are product-focused rather than dissimilar cause-focused, but not similar cause-focused. A match (vs. mismatch) between the execution style and cause framing leads to systematic changes in the effectiveness of charity advertising.

In good times and bad times... A longitudinal analysis of Greek election campaigns

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In light of the prolonged recession in Greece, a longitudinal study attempts to analyse the content of 584 political advertisements aired over a decade of economic social and political turmoil. The purpose of the research is to identify variations in the type of the advertisements, the focus of the campaign and the use of emotional appeals used by majority and minority parties. A comparison of the pre-recession (2004-2009) to the recession period (2010-2015) highlighted that comparative advertising seems to hold sway among major political parties in times of recession. Variations in the emotional appeals were also identified with majority parties focusing on negative emotions such as fear and anger, whereas minor parties’ humorous advertising seems to evoke feelings of joy. Additionally, the pre-recession period campaigns conveyed the public’s warm acceptance of leader whereas during the recession, both major and minor parties focused on portraying a leader with a vision for the future.

Sales effects of cause-related marketing campaigns and their moderators

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Cause-related marketing (CM) has strong momentum in marketing practice. By evoking warm glow, CM does not only aim to improve company reputation but also to increase sales. So far, the actual sales effect of CM remains unknown as scientific research is limited to experimental studies. To overcome potential social desirability biases we combine comprehensive data on 70 CM campaigns in the German FMCG market with chain-level data on weekly brand sales over an eight year period. We find an average sales multiplier of 1.05 with an average donation amount at 3% of the product price. Further, we show that product type, NGO awareness and donation framing are important moderators of the CM effect on sales. Also, our results show that CM becomes more effective over time, resonating with increasing ethical consumerism. Overall, this research suggests that CM can be a cost-effective instrument complementing classic promotion strategies as even small donation amounts can have a significant Impact.
**B2B communities**

**Chair:** Jon Bingen Sande, BI Norwegian Business School

**Consequences of alliance portfolios for systematic and idiosyncratic risk**

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Firms engage in multiple alliances with different purposes, thereby forming alliance portfolios. Despite the increased interest in alliance activities, little is known about the effect of alliance portfolio on firm value. This research focuses on the value creation effect of alliance portfolio composition through stock risk, a key aspect of firm value. We argue that differences in alliance type and partners are sources of heterogeneity in terms of resource endowments associated with alliances. To capture such differences, we distinguish between marketing versus R&D and between horizontal versus vertical alliances. To capture firms’ overall access to external resources through alliances, we adopt a portfolio perspective and examine the emphasis firms place on these different alliances in their portfolio. Our examination of alliance portfolios of 211 US firms over ten years shows that alliance portfolios can either decrease or increase risk, depending on the emphasis of the portfolio.

**Termination of R&D alliances: The role of formal and informal governance**

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Despite the existing consensus in the literature regarding risks of knowledge appropriation in R&D alliances, little is known about the governance forms that prolong alliance life by lowering incentives of knowledge appropriation. To address the existing gap in the literature, we develop and test a conceptual framework that explains the interplay of formal and informal governance in unplanned termination of R&D alliances. We find that when R&D alliances involve equity, relational governance and network governance (i.e., alliance embeddedness and partners’ joint brokerage position) contribute to the decrease in the propensity of alliance termination. When R&D alliances are non-equity based, certain informal governance structures (i.e., prior partnerships and partners’ joint brokerage position) increase the propensity of alliance termination. Therefore, our analysis shows that formal and informal governance play a complementary role in decreasing the propensity of alliance termination.

**Building incubatees’ social capital: The role of the incubator manager**

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The current work analyses how incubator managers can foster the development of incubator and incubatee social capital and the success of incubatee businesses. The study focuses on the specific case of University Business Incubators (UBIs). Results indicate that incubatees’ relationships with external agents (bridging social capital) are more relevant to their businesses than internal relationships (bonding social capital). Moreover, the role of the incubator manager proves critical to building common values, trust, and a sense of identity amongst incubatees.

**The role of online brand community in value co-creation in B2B context: An exploratory study of SAS**

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Online B2B brand communities (OBCs) contribute to build strong relationship with engaged stakeholders. An abundant literature exists on OBCs and Value Co-creation (VCC) in B2C context. However very little addressed on the role of B2B OBCs in VCC. This study investigates the effect of brand community interactions, brand community trust, brand loyalty, brand community identification, and brand community engagement, attachment and Customer satisfaction on VCC. Data were collected using a questionnaire administrated on Statistical Analysis System (SAS) online brand community. 150 SAS customers participated to the survey. The paper presents the findings of an exploratory analysis using SPSS. Simple regressions were carried out. The hypotheses were validated. Results showed a positive and significant effect of on line brand commitment and brand loyalty on VCC. A virtual community of committed and engaged members is valuable for VCC and brand loyalty. Firms have to keep members engaged and have to raise their commitment for VCC.
Cognition and thinking styles

Chair: Nico Heuvinck, IÉSEG School of Management

Different approach to the theory of cognitive dissonance: Perception of a dissonant consumer depending on her group belonging

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Although marketers have long been interested in the theory of cognitive dissonance, we found evidence that it may have been misused in marketing practices. This is due to a lack of interest for the way inconsistent consumers are perceived. Our findings suggest that a consumer that changes her attitude in favor of a product will be seen as lacking competence. This is especially true if the inconsistent consumer is an ingroup member. Our study implies that marketers should use a spokesperson that is seen as an ingroup member and that is behaving in a consistent manner.

The absolute more, the merrier the effect of dispositional greed on thinking styles

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Two thinking styles exist that explain choice behavior: absolute and relative thinking. Though the first is in accordance with rational economic theory, the second is more predictive of real-life economic behavior. We propose dispositional greed as a moderator for thinking style. In four studies we show that greedy people exhibit an absolute thinking style whereas non-greedy people display a relative thinking style. Furthermore, greedy people do not necessarily think more rational, as in specific situations it is their absolute thinking that leads towards suboptimal decisions. Finally, this difference in thinking style is explained by a difference in diminishing sensitivity.

Thinking creatively through hands

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Through four studies, this research empirically demonstrates that physical hand movement and the elicitation of the embodied metaphor of hands enhance creativity and unveils its underlying mechanism. To test our prediction about the positive influence of hand use on creative cognition and judgment, we conducted four experiments. Using various measures of creativity and experimental manipulation of hand use, we demonstrated that hand use increases creativity through the activation of the symbolic metaphor of the “craft-making”. We also investigated the roles of “curiosity and imagination” as a potential mediator, and “the belief of hands as tools” and “engagement” as the boundary conditions for the effect of hand use on creativity. In addition, the current paper verifies that the mediation and moderation effects found in the studies could be applied further to actual consumer setting and influences purchase intention of the featured product.

“Looking back over your shoulder”: Nostalgia and embodied cognition

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This paper shows, based on embodied cognition theory and the metaphorical relationship between time and space, that performing backward head movements (i.e. looking back over your shoulder) lead to more nostalgic feelings compared to forward head movements (i.e. looking straight ahead). Furthermore, individuals performing backward head movements express a stronger preference for nostalgic products (over non-nostalgic products), evaluate nostalgic products more favorably (over non-nostalgic products), and are willing to pay more for nostalgic products (over non-nostalgic products) than individuals performing forward head movements.
The pull of the crowd: Social influences on consumer behavior

Chair: Vivian Strehlau, ESPM

The majority effect: When and why majority consumers are perceived as more competent than minority consumers
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Observers infer consumers’ features from consumer behavior. Impressions about features differ depending on the product, the observer and the situation. In this paper we show how majority consumers (i.e. consumers purchasing products framed as bought by a large majority) are perceived to be more competent than minority consumers in a variety of products, brand names and price points. We find that the positive effect of majority consumption on perceived purchasers’ competence is mediated by expected product quality: the majority option is considered to be of higher quality than the minority option, and its purchasers of higher competence than minority purchasers. This effect is only detectable, however, when the product is typically judged on the base of general opinion, and does not show if the product is typically judged on the base of personal taste. Theoretical and managerial implications are discussed.

Let’s talk! The effects of power on WOM generation
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Research in the domain of power suggests that power holders act more in line with their actual states and feelings compared to those who hold no such power, amongst other reasons because they do not have to be so concerned about their social image: They have already conveyed their place in the social hierarchy. In the domain of word-of-mouth (WOM), research has found that people are biased to talk more about their own positive than about their own negative experiences. This finding is explained by the common motivation to self-enhance through WOM behavior. Because WOM has a very strong effect on people’s purchase decisions this bias, that leads to a misrepresentation of people’s actual feelings about certain products and services, can be very harmful for consumer competence. In four studies we show that power reduces this tendency to refrain from negative WOM about one’s own experiences, and that power holders are motivated by helping others.

Resource scarcity, socioeconomic status and conformity: The impact of resource scarcity on conformity depends on childhood environments
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We investigate the impact of resource scarcity on conformity using life-history theory, a framework developed to provide insights on how organisms deal with resource-allocation trade-offs. This framework suggests that the impact of resource scarcity on conformity depends on one’s childhood socioeconomic background. In three experiments we find that resource scarcity increases conformity to social influence among people who grew up in low socio-economic status environments but decreases conformity among people who grew up in high socio-economic status environments.

Nostalgia as influence of collecting: Scale development and validation
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This paper presents the construct Nostalgia in Collecting and seeks to develop and validate an appropriate scale to measure it, since nostalgia influences the act of collecting nerd themed statues and action figures. The facets that define the construct were built on assumptions based on theoretical review of the act of collecting and exploratory survey with collecting experts, to ensure adequate criteria for reliability assessment and construct validity (content and face validity).
Innovation culture

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The fit effect between service innovation and market orientation on business performance

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Currently, fit issue for service innovation and market orientation research are not clearly discussed. Market orientation can be treated as the key for enterprises to pursue creative advantages and create customer value. Service innovation is the channel for business development and usage of technology. With their consistency, different enterprises can adopt effective responsive and proactive market orientation strategies to focus on innovative strategies that result in consistent goals and actions. Therefore, the purpose of this study focuses on service innovation and market orientation in a system integrity fit analysis. Empirical data for hypothesis testing are collected from top-ranked companies in Taiwan, yielding 140 valid samples. Performance implications of fit are examined using fit as covariation approach. The findings indicated that the fit of market orientation and service innovation plays an important role in explaining business performance.

Developing value proposition design: An organizational approach to online service innovation

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Value creation offers significant potential for firms aiming to improve their online customer experiences and engagement. The purpose of this study is to develop a strategic value proposition design. The aim is to offer a tool for managers that develops firms’ processes related to value creation. A design thinking methodology was chosen since it aims to involve participants from multiple disciplines. The process between theory and practice draws insights that especially enhances innovativeness. This study addresses these priorities in making two contributions. First, integration of recent service literature and dominant marketing terminology offers deeper understanding of the main concepts. Second, a detailed framework which incorporates prior literature and empirical data, was developed. It can assist managers in combining the findings in different ways. New combinations may create new capabilities and resources in the organization and may reveal new value proposition opportunities.

Conceptualizing culture of innovation: A research synthesis

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Despite great interest from researchers and practitioners alike, the question of what exactly constitutes an organizational culture conducive to innovation, a so-called “culture of innovation”, remains unanswered. Prior literature posits that elements as contradictory as conflict and harmony or chaos and clear structures are part of cultures of innovation. This lack of consensus as to what a culture of innovation actually encompasses impedes both further research and the derivation of concrete practical implications. Thus, further theory-building is paramount. To overcome this deficiency in the literature, this research conducts a metasummary based on over one hundred studies to derive a comprehensive concept of culture of innovation. It consists of set of concrete values, which can be employed for future research.

Delegating decisional power to objects: A consumer value model in the context of autonomous driving

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With the “Internet of things” development, consumers have more and more opportunities to delegate decisional power to intelligent objects that will accomplish daily tasks that they were used to do themselves. In this article, a conceptual model explaining the value awarded to such a delegation is developed based on the ideas that (1) decisional delegation to a nonhuman entity may be viewed both as an opportunity to emancipate and a source of anxiety (2) capacity of delegation to improve well-being is a key determinant of value in this context. This model is empirically tested for the case of a self-driving car. On the positive side, we find that value is more particularly influenced by the perceived capacity of driving delegation to free time and to overcome human weaknesses. On the negative side performance risk and fear to lose driving skills significantly impact perceived value. The anticipation that driving delegation will improve well-being mediates most of these effects.
Values, identity and consumer behavior

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Power distance, uncertainty avoidance and the effect of source credibility on health risk message compliance
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The present study explores the relationship between perceived source (spokesperson) credibility and message compliance in response to health risk messages, and the moderating effect of power distance and uncertainty avoidance on this relationship. Based on an experiment in Ireland (n = 406) and Belgium (n = 410), we test two moderated mediation models. A source that is perceived as more credible is found to increase message compliance. Perceived efficacy and perceived threat mediate this relationship. This effect is further moderated by the degree of power distance and uncertainty avoidance. The effect of source credibility on perceived efficacy and indirectly on message compliance is stronger for individuals with lower power distance and higher uncertainty avoidance.

How service managers can shape frontline employees’ organizational values to reduce person-role conflicts
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Role conflicts are a common problem of frontline employees (FLEs) in service settings, thus, identifying leadership behavior that reduces role conflicts of FLEs is important. This study tests the effectiveness of transformational leadership (TFL) styles on person-role conflict, organizational values (customer and team orientation) as mediating factors, and the moderating effect of uncertainty avoidance (as one cultural value) in the context of service occupations. Results show that the effectiveness of TFL styles differs, while organizational values mediate the TFL styles – person-role conflict link and uncertainty avoidance moderates it. The study suggests that, contrary to general assumptions, not all TFL styles are equally effective. The inclusion of organizational values provides a new explanation for the effectiveness of TFL. In addition, individual cultural values appear to be relevant in terms of handling role conflicts in order to ensure a high level of job performance.

UK consumers’ perceived risk of buying products from emerging economies: A moderated mediation model
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Although much research relating to consumer attitudes toward foreign products has been conducted, most studies investigate the attitudes of Western and Eastern consumers toward Western products. Using UK as a focal Western country, the study investigates the effects of consumers’ national identification and culture sensitivity on their perceived risk of buying products from developing countries. Taking China and India as focal emerging economies, our consumer survey (n=308) produced the following results. First, UK consumers’ national identification is positively related to their perceived risk of buying Eastern products through consumer ethnocentrism, whilst their cultural sensitivity is acting as a negative role. Second, the effect of consumer ethnocentrism on the perceived risk of buying Eastern products is moderated by consumers’ value consciousness. The moderated mediating model suggests implications for marketing strategies of products from both developed and developing nations.

Drivers and outcomes of macro and micro country image
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This study develops a comprehensive model which investigates the interactions among foreign-country related factors, home-country related factors, macro country image, micro country image, attitudes toward foreign products, and intention to buy foreign products. The model was tested with the data collected from 464 consumers through a self-administered questionnaire in Greece and analyzed with structural equation modeling. The results highlight the instrumental role of foreign country-related (i.e., product and country familiarity) and home country-related factors (i.e. ethnocentrism, patriotism, and animosity) as antecedents to macro country image, which in turn affects the development of micro country image. Micro country image is found to have an influential role on the attitudes toward foreign products, which, in turn, have a positive effect on the formation of buying intentions.
Marketing education

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Social capital: A framework for innovative marketing pedagogy?
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The goal of this paper is to demonstrate how social capital theory can provide a guiding framework for marketing education, resulting in both disciplinary knowledge and communities of learners equipped for the modern business environment. A review of the literature reveals three types of social capital: bonding (between individuals who know each other well), bridging (between individuals who know of each other, not necessarily well, but in the same social or cultural demographic) and linking (vertical connections to ‘other’ or ‘outside’ communities). Two pedagogic innovations have been evaluated and findings from two sets of qualitative data suggest that pedagogic innovations which require students to take responsibility for their own learning can have benefits for the students which go beyond developing discipline knowledge and as a result increase the social capital of the student participants, preparing them well for a future after university.

Predicting students’ attitudes and behavioral intentions towards an online business simulation game: The role of enjoyment, flow experience and innovativeness
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This study aims to empirically predict the degree of acceptance of an online business simulation game in an educational context. To do so, we propose an extended TAM model that includes relevant variables such as perceived enjoyment, flow experience and word-of-mouth. In addition, we analyse the moderating role of the students’ personal innovativeness in the technology field. The framework is empirically tested applying Partial Least Squares (PLS) to a sample of 266 students. The results reveal that perceived enjoyment is a key variable in explaining students’ motivations, attitudes and behavioural intentions. Perceived ease of use is not significantly related to flow experience. However, this relationship is moderated by personal innovativeness. Indeed, results indicate that the higher the personal innovativeness, the more attenuated is the effect of perceived ease of use on the attitude towards the game and on flow experience.

Exploring ‘flipped classroom’ effectiveness as perceived by marketing students
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This paper explores the perceived effectiveness of the ‘flipped classroom’ technique in terms of skill development, knowledge generation and improvement of learning motivation in a higher education course. A model is also tested, using SEM, in order to understand how the perceived effectiveness of ‘flipped classroom’ and students’ satisfaction with this technique can be affected by students’ engagement in ‘flipped classroom’ activities as well as the complexity and task orientation of such activities. Our findings confirm that the perceived effectiveness of the ‘flipped classroom’ can be calculated by its contribution to the improvement of students’ general skills, knowledge and learning motivation. Students’ engagement in the ‘flipped classroom’ activities is the key factor influencing perceived effectiveness and satisfaction, while the complexity and task orientation of the ‘flipped classroom’ also has an indirect influence in determining perceived effectiveness and satisfaction.

Aligning analytics curriculum through alumni survey
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Current technical developments are having profound effects upon marketing professionals. New data sources combined with new analytics tools are pressuring colleges and universities to prepare students better for a data analytical world. Establishing a set of learning objectives for an analytics program is required. Given a set of good learning objectives, teaching approaches that align students in active learning and assessment procedures are needed. However, obtaining that set of learning objectives requires identifying market professional needs. This must be done before curricular changes are made. This paper reports development of a survey and preliminary results from alumni respondents to that survey for a U.S. AACSB undergraduate program. Analysis of the results so far indicate confirmation of 15 out of 16 objectives are required for our undergraduate Marketing majors.
The peculiarities of the customer orientation in the Russian market: The results of empirical research
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The purpose of this paper is to broaden current view of customer orientation by exploring the specific forms of customer orientation in the Russian market. The new complex scale to measure the customer orientation consisting of 24 indicators was adopted from the different customer orientation scales used in the developed markets. The article is based on a quantitative study of 313 Russian companies and includes a factor and cluster analysis that shows that forms of customer orientation are common for the Russian market. Empirical results of cluster analysis shows that some specific forms of customer orientation are widely found in emerging Russian market and the characteristics of the customer orientation differ dramatically from those on developed markets.

International outshopping behaviour: A cross-country study in Eastern Europe
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International outshopping is no more limited to a privileged few as most people are now able to shop at foreign physical or internet stores. In the EU, international outshopping has been driven by the processes of economic and political integration that facilitate trade and travel in member states. In the marketing literature however the issue of international outshopping remains a largely understudied area despite its importance for retailers and policy makers. Understanding the drivers of international outshopping and determining cross-country differences in this important aspect of consumer behaviour have become key issues in strategic retail management. The purpose for this empirical study is to examine cross-border shopping by Eastern European consumers and consider the drivers of such shopping patterns. Our analysis reveals interesting relationships in the empirical data and identify similarities as well as differences among the six countries.

Empirical model of trust and privacy concerns of social networking websites’ users willingness to disclose personal information online
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In an age when social networking websites report ever growing incomes from targeted advertising, we have reached a point when traditional privacy concerns and risks associated with the disclosure of personal information online are no longer in the realm of possibility – they have become one of the hard realities of everyday life. However, users are starting to fight back and provide fake or incomplete data whenever they build an online profile, thus rendering inaccurate a significant portion of the targeted advertising budgets spent online. Our study, which started with the Privacy Calculus Model and Ajzen’s Theory of Planned Behaviour in order to explain users’ willingness to provide personal information online found significant predictive power for variables such as perceived benefits, perceived risks, perceived behavioural control and privacy concerns. Our model’s hypotheses were all validated using PLS structural equation modelling with good model fit indices.
Accountability and analytics in the era of big data

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The effect of marketing accountability on business performance
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The main aim of this paper is to provide a better understanding of the effect of marketing accountability on the business performance of a firm. The study is grounded on a resource-based view and uses distinctive capabilities framework, since the ability of firms to understand and adapt to market changes depends on their capabilities. We measure marketing accountability using a multidimensional self-reported measure, composed of marketing metrics, marketing-related firm capabilities, and marketing manager’s competences, based on qualitative research, bibliometric analysis and validation with the use of two quantitative studies. Our results show that the overall marketing accountability is of strategic importance to firms as it positively impacts on business performance, measured both subjectively as self-reported by firm’s representatives, and objectively, using performance-related income statement indicators.

Advanced analytics in marketing: Investigating competencies for exploiting the full potential of available data in the marketing organization
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The marketing organization needs advanced analytics competencies to overcome the challenges of the digital transformation. Recent studies show that the development of advanced analytics has a positive effect on firm performance, since valuable customer insights can be derived. However, scholars do not reveal which advanced analytics competencies the marketing organization needs in order to generate customer insights more efficiently and effectively. Thus, we investigate in a qualitative study how the marketing organization can develop these competencies. It needs to enhance basic, business-related, and specific analytical competencies. These competencies help the marketing organization to derive significant customer insights from data. Further, a cross-functional cooperation at the marketing and IT interface is necessary for the deployment of advanced analytics competencies in the marketing organization.

Too much of a good thing? How big data changes managerial decision making in marketing
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The digitalization of business processes generates massive amounts of available data sources. Whereas organizations aim to generate actionable customer insights from Big Data, researchers want to understand human decision processes and develop increasingly sophisticated models. Surprisingly, potential negative consequences of Big Data are widely unexplored. Addressing this research gap, the results from a controlled experiment with executives show that Big Data tends to lead managers to blindly trust respective recommendations for action. In a product and innovation management setting, managers were found to accept managerial outcomes derived by Big Data compared to market research or personal experience and also to contribute less their own ideas. Interestingly, this relationship seems to be particularly evident for top managers resulting in important implications for research and practice.

Performance implications of customer analytics: Perception vs. reality
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Moorman’s (2015) Chief Marketing Officer (CMO) survey reports a near doubling in expected spending on customer analytics over the next three years. Yet, the responding CMOs report considerable skepticism about the performance implications of that spending. That skepticism contrasts with several recent research studies showing a strong positive correlation between spending on customer analytics and firm performance. We reassess and extend the academic research on the topic using a global sample of firms. Our findings generally replicate the earlier academic findings, showing a strong positive effect between spending on customer analytics and firm performance. Moreover, we reconfirm that top management support is critical for effective deployment of customer analytics, indicating the CMO skepticism may prove self-fulfilling; that is, lack of top management support may lead to ineffective or insufficient spending on customer analytics.
**Measurement**

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The calibrated sigma method: An efficient remedy for between-group differences in response category use on Likert scales

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We introduce the calibrated sigma method, a procedure designed to correct for between-group differences in endorsement likelihood of response categories, which are unrelated to the content of the items. The method uses information derived from heterogeneous control items to reweight the responses to substantive items in a group-specific way. The advantages of the calibrated sigma method are that it avoids the arbitrariness in the assignment of particular numerical values to response categories; that it is compatible with the commonly used linear model; and that it does not require the estimation of additional measurement parameters. We demonstrate the calibrated sigma method on a simulated cross-linguistic data set, an empirical data set collected from respondents of the same nationality but from different language groups, and an experimental data set using two different response scale formats.

Measuring design typicality – a comparison of subjective and objective approaches

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Design typicality plays a major role in consumers’ reactions towards a product. Assessing a product design’s typicality thus is vital to predict consumers’ responses to a design. However, directly asking people for their subjective typicality experience may yield a biased measure as the rating arguably contains the overall aesthetic impression of the product. Against this background, we introduce four unbiased objective measures of design typicality (two based on feature points and two based on grids) and demonstrate their capability of capturing the subjective typicality experience. We validate the proposed measures in the context of car designs with ratings of aesthetic liking, processing fluency, and cumulative sales data by analyzing 77 car models from 4 segments ranging from subcompact cars to SUVs. Our findings emphasize that objective measures should be included in design research, and the proposed objective approaches provide convenient means to easily assess design typicality.

Predicting consumer insight from open-ended text responses: An extension to lda based approach

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Textual data sources such as open-ended survey responses and consumer generated online content potentially contain insight into consumer opinions, perceptions, sentiment, and behavior propensities. We propose, develop, and demonstrate a novel adaptation of latent topic model output that enables extracting, explaining, and predicting the topical structure of consumer generated text on brands, goods and services. We empirically validate topic presence and interpretation by examining human-machine concordance in classifying text responses into topics for the two largest primary data sources for marketers - online product reviews and open-ended responses in survey data. In addition to the standard topic model output our approach systematically, robustly, and scaleably achieves holdout prediction ability of topical structure for previously un-analyzed documents. We thus present the consumer researchers with a set of tools to glean insight from a raw, semi-structured mass of text.

Automated facial analysis using ValenceRecorder: When recognition drives emotion

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This paper focuses on a new data source available to marketing researchers, ValenceRecorder, a software for automated facial analysis recently developed by GfK Verein. It uses a parallel approach: on the basis of specific features of a respondent’s face, a first classifier has been trained to identify positive expressions while another classifier has been trained to identify negative emotions. Subtracting the negative emotion score from the positive emotion score produces an overall valence score, at a high frequency (15 frames per second). We analyze how the “net valence” (mean overall valence during exposure minus “baseline” valence just before exposure) of the emotion triggered by a positive stimulus (a photograph of a male or female movie star) is higher when the star is recognized. Further, stronger emotions during exposure lead to a more accurate recall of having seen the stimulus.
Valence dispersion, source credibility, and movie lifecycle
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Research in marketing suggests that dispersion in product review valence has a positive (negative) impact on product performance when the review valence is negative (positive). In this research the authors show that the moderating role of valence dispersion depends on the credibility of the source giving the reviews. For low (high) credibility sources, high (low) dispersion in product review valence is helpful for products with positive (negative) review valence. Further this effect varies depending on the stage in the product lifecycle. Using a dataset of 69 movies, critical reviews, and social media valence, the authors show that valence dispersion for low credibility sources is helpful for movies with positive review valence only pre-release. On the other hand, valence dispersion for high credibility sources is helpful for movies with negative review valence only post-release. Finally, the authors find that Twitter valence acts as an influencer for opening weekend revenues.

Marketing in the age of piracy
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This paper seeks to explore the motivations behind piracy, as there have been largely conflicting previous findings. Anonymous semi-structured interviews were done with eight pirates to collect real-life experiences with piracy. It was found that pirates mixed legal and illegal consumption, implying that the decision to pirate is done on a media to media basis. Piracy motivations were grouped into three categories: 1) Market factors where legal and illegal channels are seen as direct competition 2) Relationship and attitude factors suggest that guilt over piracy is related to the relationship a pirate has to a content creator 3) Individual factors show that pirates use piracy to consume over their ability to spend. These factors make pirates prone to substituting legal alternatives with illegal ones if dissatisfied, limiting the rights-holders ability to wield market power. This would increase the need for market orientation.

Price elasticities in a “free” world: An analysis of music downloads
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Although the Internet has been a market place for digital products for years, our knowledge about factors that shape price elasticities for digital products is incomplete. This research contributes to our knowledge on the online marketplace and investigates how the availability of free sampling opportunities (video streaming and piracy) and marketing activities (advertising expenditures) shape the price sensitivity of consumers. To this end, we use a large panel data set from the German market comprising the sales and various control variables of more than 100 music albums over a period of more than two years. Our results show that the availability of free illegal and legal consumption options (i.e., piracy and on-demand video streaming) increases the price sensitivity, which suggests that consumers do not use these sampling tools to reduce their uncertainty prior to consumption, but rather as a substitute for purchases. Advertising, however, positively moderates the price elasticity.
Mobile Marketing II

**The effectiveness of individual targeting through smartphone application in retail: Evidence from a field experiment**

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Smartphone applications are becoming an important marketing channel which provides an opportunity to individually target users with different offers, taking into consideration their characteristics and purchase history. However, little is known about the effectiveness of such practice. We use a natural field experiment with 11,338 customers of a large Russian retail chain to study heterogeneous influence of mobile push notification on purchase behavior. We find that the impact of conducted advertising campaign either on number of purchases or purchase amount is slightly negative on average that can be explained by low discount offers. Consistent with the literature, the effect of advertising depends (nonlinearly) on RFM characteristics of customers. Obtained results can help a retail chain to elaborate rules for individual targeting that assure more profits.

**The effects of perceived visual online shop complexity on users’ satisfaction in a mobile shopping context**

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Prior research on website complexity effects exclusively focused on computer-based website access; here medium levels of complexity have been found to optimally satisfy users. Although mobile-based website access undergoes steady growth, the effects of website complexity during mobile website use remain unexplored. Hence, this study seeks to answer to which extent the aforementioned findings endure in constrained mobile interfaces. At the example of mobile online shops, an online-based survey was conducted among mobile online shop visitors. Structural equation modelling uncovers the negative effect perceived visual online shop complexity (PVC) has on cognitive and affective satisfaction and on individuals’ loyalty towards the online shop, regardless of the pursued goal during mobile online shop visit. The analysis of a curvilinear relationship between PVC and satisfaction led to a non-significant result supporting the overall negative effect of PVC during mobile online shop use.

**A mixed-method approach to understanding the willingness to participate in context-related mobile surveys**

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Market research experts from science and industry agree that smartphones open up promising opportunities for data collection right at the moment-of-truth. Nevertheless, little is known about factors that influence people’s willingness to participate in context-related mobile surveys. By means of projective techniques, we explore (unconscious) drivers and constraints with regard to participating in QR code-based surveys. Based on these findings and related theoretical and empirical results, we develop a structural equation model that includes both reflective and formative constructs. The model is validated with data from 640 German smartphone users. The results suggest that our framework explains the willingness to participate in QR code surveys well, though perceived enjoyment and usefulness are most influential. The insights gained through formative constructs are used for concrete recommendations on ways to influence people’s decision to participate in context-related mobile surveys.
Personal brand connections and brand value
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Omni-channel brand communication: The curvilinear effect of channel multiplexity on consumer-brand relationships
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While the proliferation of media prompted marketers to connect with the customer by an increasing number of channels, research has yet to investigate the effects of brand communication in the omni-channel environment. To address this shortcoming, we embed omni-channel communication in a social network theory framework. Collecting data on 255 consumer-brand relationships via experience tracking, we find that the number of communication channels (i.e., channel multiplexity) has an inverted U shaped effect on the strength of the consumer-brand relationship. While this result directly contradicts current management belief in terms of 'a lot helps a lot', we illustrate that marketers can resolve the inverted U-shape by aligning the channels with the brand’s positioning. Our results offer novel insights, as we extend brand communication research in the omni-channel environment, unveil the moderating role of channel-brand alignment, and provide actionable implications for marketers.

The fine line between me and mine: Brand psychological ownership as a distinct and powerful construct
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Marketers often aim to make consumers experience a brand as “my” brand. In other words, they hope that consumers develop psychological ownership for it (brand PO). Given that marketers also strive for consumers to become attached and connected to a brand, we investigate whether brand PO exists as a conceptually distinct and managerially relevant construct. In study 1, we demonstrate that brand PO is indeed conceptually different from related constructs such as brand attachment, self-brand connection and brand identification. In studies 2a and 2b, we show that brand PO acts as a powerful driver of consumer intentions across different contexts. Importantly, this holds even when controlling for attachment. The current findings contribute to both theory and practice and open up an abundance of PO-inspired research opportunities in the field of marketing and branding.

Understanding the complex interplay between evaluative social identity, negative anticipated emotions and self-esteem on a child’s commitment to brand communities
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Applying social identity and subjective group dynamics theory, this research sought to empirically examine the influence of evaluative social identity, negative anticipated emotions and self-esteem on children’s brand community commitment. Results obtained from an online survey of 394 Australian children aged 6 to 14 years revealed that evaluative social identity has a conditional indirect effect on brand community commitment. Specifically, for children with low self-esteem, the effect of evaluative social identity on community commitment was found to be mediated by negative anticipated emotions; however, this mediated effect was not observed for children with high self-esteem. This paper provides a unique insight into the under-researched area of children and brand communities, with findings useful for both academics and practitioners.

Testing brand value measurement methods in an equilibrium framework
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Based on a demand and supply model, the paper proposes a structural model that enables testing the structural effect of brand equity (demand side effect) on brand value (supply side effect). Using Monte Carlo simulations, we study which of the three widely used brand value measurement methods (price premium, revenue premium and profit premium) is more suitable from the perspective of the structural link between brand equity and brand value. We find that when the marginal costs of production do not depend or negatively depend on brand equity, profit premium shows the highest correlation with brand equity. When marginal cost depends significantly on brand equity, we find that price premium exhibits the best structural link.
Lost customers due to unavailability or more customers due to scarcity? How stockouts and scarcity information impact brand value and repurchase intention in the luxury industry

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Based on two experimental studies in the luxury industry, it has been determined that stockouts induce conflict which, in turn, negatively influences brand hedonic value and, ultimately, future brand repurchase intention. Conflict is attributed to the brand as customers believe that the manufacturer is at fault for stockouts. However, it is also demonstrated that conflict due to stockouts is not likely to damage a brand’s reputation when selling limited editions as customers do not criticize the brand but, instead, themselves for delaying to make a decision. Contrary to the expectations, stockouts do not appear to positively influence a brand’s uniqueness value. The results indicate that stockouts not only have an immediate effect on sales but also negatively influence brand value and, as such, future brand repurchase intention. Communicating the limited availability of products seems to be an effective means to prevent damage to the brand’s reputation due to stockouts.

Who is David and who Goliath? Consumers’ variety and complexity perceptions as opposing drivers of assortment attractiveness and choice satisfaction

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This paper examines the dual and seemingly contradicting effects of assortment sizes. Building on prior work on choice architecture, this research establishes that simultaneous versus sequential object presentation formats drive complexity but also enhance variety perceptions of consumers. Follow-up studies reveal that the experienced complexity in a simultaneous presentation format can be attenuated by simplifying comparisons among options while preserving all advantages of a greater perceived variety, increased attractiveness of the assortment, and, ultimately, greater satisfaction. We provide consistent evidence on the substantially stronger effect of perceived variety relative to complexity across studies in both field and lab settings. The findings have important implications for research at the intersection of assortment presentation and consumer choice, the consequences of attribute-rich information processing, and the effective design of product presentation formats.

“Stick and click”- how new e-retailers can influence browsing behaviour

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Although the effects of interactivity and personalisation tools on browsing experience has been the subject of previous research, the impact of variable levels of such features on buyers’ evaluations of trust, attitudes towards websites and feelings of decision satisfaction has received relatively little attention. To address this gap, this study conducts an experiment with 273 subjects to examine these relationships in the context of complex, high risk purchase situations where the seller is new to the market and buyers demonstrate variable risk preference. Findings identify a positive association between website design features and browsing outcomes, and the effectiveness of such features higher for buyers with lower risk preference.

Effects of exclusive new products on consumers’ assortment perceptions

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The objective of this research was to examine (1) whether the availability of an exclusive new product in the assortment does have a positive influence on consumers’ perceptions of the attractiveness, variety, and uniqueness of the assortment, and (2) whether this effect is moderated by the number of facings and the vertical shelf position of the new product. An online experiment was conducted in the soft drinks category with a 2 (exclusive / non-exclusive new product) x 2 (few / many facings) x 2 (low / high shelf position) between-subject design. The sample consists of 278 students. The study provides evidence that new product exclusivity has a positive influence on the perceived variety of an assortment, and to a lesser extent also on the perceived attractiveness and uniqueness. Further, these positive effects appear to be stronger if the exclusive product is placed at a high shelf position. In contrast, the number of facings doesn’t have a significant moderating effect.
Selling and the firm

The value of the sales function in organizations
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The wide disparities of sales compensation plans observed across firms and industries imply that organizations do not value their sales organizations similarly. More to the point, sales compensation research does not take directly into account the compensation of other functions, as if sales compensation policy decisions were isolated from other compensation decisions. Needless to say decisions regarding salesforces are included in wider strategic plans. Curiously, literature on the relative value firms attribute to various functions does not include the sales function. This paper investigates organizational (innovativeness, marketing resource endowment) and environmental (market uncertainty) factors that can affect the pay level of sales jobs as compared to jobs in other functions. We test our theory with a unique data set of all large firms (i.e., with more than 25 salespeople) in one of the major OECD countries. Our results shed new light on pay practices of sales organizations.

Sales forecasting by utilizing big data from both internal and external sources
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Firms, such as online retailers, typically have plenty of information on the visits and transactions made by their own consumers. Yet, their efforts of applying Big Data technology in sales forecasting is limited by the lack of information from external sources. Some third party data collectors have seized the opportunities by providing firms with information from external sources. A challenge, however, is that the value of such external data is largely unknown. In this paper, we propose a novel framework and conduct a series of tests to examine the value of consumer behavior information from external sources in the context of individual-level sales forecasting. The empirical results suggest that higher forecasting accuracy is achieved by combining data from both internal sources and external sources, yet the values of external data vary by their sources and may not increase monotonically with the size of the data.

Aligning marketing and sales: The case of sales lead management
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Firms engaged in personal selling often invest substantial portions of their marketing budgets on lead generation. In getting leads generated such firms hire marketing agents, like telemarketers. These generated leads then get forwarded to sales representatives for follow up and conversion. However, such an arrangement of marketing-sales interface creates the moral hazard in teams or the lead management problem. We study the ability of various contractual mechanisms used within firms to resolve this lead management problem, i.e., we ask what type of contractual mechanism should the firm use when it obtains sales leads from a marketing agent. We find that incentive contracts involving profit sharing, lead qualification and autarky leave a gap between the first best and the achieved solution, but a contest with an endogenous prize for marketing agents and a bonus plan or a sales contest for individual sales employees achieves efficiency when uncertainty is within a certain range.
Service failures

Towards a conceptual framework for understanding customer evaluations of service failures within service delivery networks

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The aims of the study are to examine customer perceptions of and responses to service failures in service delivery networks in order to develop a conceptual framework within the service networks. While service failure literature provides numerous insights into dealing with service failure in single firm settings, less guidance is given for service failures occurring in service networks. Thus, this study focuses on service failure incident within service delivery networks since this is a neglected area of research in service failure literature. Based on literature review in the fields of service failure and service network, this study derives several propositions about how relational and network characteristics impact on customer's attribution of service failure. This study gives recommendations how future research should proceed when testing the conceptual framework to gain a better understanding of customer perceptions of and responses to service failures in service delivery networks.

Customers’ emotion regulation strategies in the case of service failure

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Emotion regulation and expression during service encounters has been studied primarily from service providers’ viewpoint addressing for example employee burnout and employee job satisfaction. However, emotional regulation has rarely been explored from the customers’ perspective. This qualitative study seeks to understand the reasons customers engage in emotion regulation when interacting in a face-to-face service encounter, as well as to identify the emotions evoked and approaches used to regulate emotions when service failure occurs. The findings reveal that customers apply different approaches to regulate their emotions when they attribute the cause of service failure to themselves, the front line employee, other employees in the organisation or uncontrollable factors. The findings will be used to develop a conceptual model to further investigate the concept of customer emotional regulation in service contexts. The paper concludes with implications and future research directions.

Service failure, recovery offer, and recovery performance – a moral judgment perspective

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This research examines effects of recovery offer on recovery performance as a function of consumer moral judgment of service failure. Research findings of two studies reveal that consumers’ response to recovery offers anchors on the magnitude of recovery but these responses are adjusted according to consumers’ moral judgment of service failure. Specifically, consumers react more positively toward expected recovery than high recovery and these effects are pronounced when the consumers are low in moral judgment of service failure. When consumers’ moral judgment of service failure is relatively high, although high recovery (compared with expected recovery) lessens the likelihood of negative word of mouth but this effect does not transfer to repurchase tendency.

Service failure and social distance influencing third party consumers

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Transgressions by companies, characterized by service failure are a frequent theme for marketing scholars. Its impact on consumer loyalty is on the highest interest of research. Although, when assessing the influence of that events on third party consumers the literature still lacks. The goal of this study is to explore how social distance mechanism explains the reaction of third close and distant consumers when learning from one event of service failure to other consumer. We analyze anger as driver of this process. Two experiments were conducted in order to test this prediction. The results showed that socially close consumers (third close) react in a similar way compared to the victim. They experience anger and the evaluation of the relationship decreases. Contrary, socially distant consumers (third distant) react differently, they feel less anger and the evaluation of the relationship keeps more stable. Companies could benefit developing better tactics following service failure.
Ethical issues related to food consumption

Chair: Jessica Aschemann-Witzel, Aarhus University

An investigation of factors contributing to consumer confusion at point of sale regarding sustainable food

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This study is the first to investigate the impact of consumer confusion on sustainable food consumption in a quantitative study. Using a representative online survey with 1171 German consumers, the study shows that a positive store atmosphere reduces both consumer confusion in general as well as eco confusion when shopping organic or fair trade products. Moreover, high perceived variety, information deficits, complexity, product similarity, novelty and conflicts at the point of sale increase eco confusion. Therefore, this study gives first insights how sustainable consumer behavior is affected by in-store factors.

Consumer’s concern for food waste: Conceptualization and proposition for a measuring scale

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This article proposes a conceptualization of concern for food waste and a measuring scale validated by empirical studies. After a literature review of the concept of environmental concern, we precise the construct of concern for waste and build a reliable and valid scale to measure this construct. On the basis of two quantitative studies (224 and 1018 respondents), two dimensions are distinguished and confirmed: a concern for food waste at a rather global level, and a sensibility to food waste at an individual level. Studying the predictive power of the sub-scales shows these two levels have distinct effects on food wasting behavior.

Psychological discomfort and additional cognition in the process toward behavioural change intention: The case of meat consumption

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Many western consumers become sensitive to the negative effects of their consumption level in many product categories. How do these new attitudes compete with the previous attitudes and behaviour in the process toward behavioural change? This study proposes a conceptual model supported by cognitive dissonance theory, which introduces psychological discomfort as an important mediator toward behavioural change. Furthermore, it posits that psychological discomfort is also partly induced by successive contacts with negative information conflicting with previous behaviour. Higher psychological discomfort results from higher credibility of this information and from higher perceived control of the consumer over his/her own behaviour. These hypotheses are tested and validated in the field of meat consumption on a sample of 501 French consumers.

Food waste and consumers food-related lifestyle – a segmentation across five countries

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Consumer-related food waste is considered an unsustainable inefficiency of food supply chains that cannot be afforded with scarce natural resources. In order to alter respective consumer behaviour through marketing or policy, more in-depth knowledge is needed about when, how and why food is wasted. We surveyed 4250 consumers in five different Northern European countries with regard to their food (waste)-related lifestyle and indicators of their food waste behaviour. Through factor and cluster analysis, we identified five different consumer segments. The segments differ in importance given to credence food attributes such as ethical criteria, social aspects of food and eating, normative beliefs, cooking interest, planning of purchase and meals, adherence to food handling norms and price orientation. With these findings we can develop marketing and policy actions targeted at each segment in order to more effectively reduce consumer-related food waste.
Customer valuation finally comes of age

Marketers have been throwing around terms such as CLV, LTV, and a variety of other labels for customer valuation for several decades now. But besides a few notable applications it has been mostly “cheap talk” – either an unfulfilled aspiration on the part of managers, or a “quick and dirty” analysis, lacking proper validation, that is used by a small group within the firm but fails to get traction across the organization. Fortunately, these frustrating days are ending; customer valuation is finally coming to the forefront and it is here to stay. A variety of factors are driving this change, including better customer-level data (far more timely, complete, and accurate than ever before); better computing and IT skills (enabling a broader set of managers to build and use these models), and a stronger competitive imperative (as more firms shift from product- to customer-centric thinking). In this talk we will discuss this important trend, its implications for executives, and cover a few recent examples of companies that have used customer valuation in surprising ways and with compelling results.

Biography

Peter Fader is a chaired professor at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. Professor Fader’s expertise centers around the analysis of behavioral data to understand and forecast customer shopping/purchasing activities. He works with firms from a wide range of industries, such as consumer packaged goods, interactive media, financial services, and pharmaceuticals. Managerial applications focus on topics such as customer relationship management, lifetime value of the customer, and sales forecasting for new products. Much of his research highlights the consistent (but often surprising) behavioral patterns that exist across these industries and other seemingly different domains.

Many of these cross-industry experiences have led to the development of the Wharton Customer Analytics Initiative, an innovative research center that serves as a “matchmaker” between leading-edge academic researchers and top companies that depend on granular, customer-level data for key strategic decisions. Professor Fader believes that marketing should not be viewed as a “soft” discipline, and he frequently works with different companies and industry associations to improve managerial perspectives in this regard. His work has been published in (and he serves on the editorial boards of) a number of leading journals in marketing, statistics, and the management sciences. He has won many awards for his teaching and research accomplishments.
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Karlan Muniz*, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná
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Szu-Hsin Wu*, Dublin City University
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Qian Wang*, University of Edinburgh
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Cindy Yunhsin Chou*, Yuan Ze University
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Silvia Sievers*, Universidad Pontificia Comillas
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Stefan Ruffer*, Technical University of Dortmund
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Kirsi Meriläinen*, Hame University of Applied Sciences

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Handan Vicdan*, EMLYON Business School
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Cagri Yalkin*, Brunel University
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Estrella Diaz*, University of Castilla-La Mancha
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Johanna Zanon*, University of Innsbruck
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21.2 Analysis through eye tracking approach of the way consumers read mixed review pages
Essia Ben-Moussa*, University of Angers
Patrick Legohérel, University of Angers
Christine Ménard, University of Angers
Danielle Erickson, University of Angers

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Celine Fueyo*, University Toulouse 1 Capitole
Jean-Marc Decaudin, UT1, IAE

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Ana Isabel Amorim*, Universidade Católica do Porto
Joana César Machado, Catholic University of Portugal

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Jari Jussila*, Tampere University of Technology
Mika Boedeker, Tampere University of Applied Sciences
Harri Jalonen, Turku University of Applied Sciences
Nina Helander, Tampere University of Technology

21.6 The efficacy of the internet and social media as medical marketing tools
Efthymios Constantinides*, University of Twente
Kalipso Karantinou, Athens University of Economics and Business
Maria Alexiou, Athens University of Economics and Business
Athanasia Vlachaki, Athens University of Economics and Business
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Elena Shevchenko*, Heriot-Watt University

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Madleen Moritz*, University of Technology Braunschweig

22.3 Co-created obsession: A new perspective on consumer engagement
Gauri Laud, RMIT University
Linda Robinson*, RMIT University
Emily Chung, RMIT University
Lisa Farrell, RMIT University
Sandy Fitzgerald, RMIT University
Luke Kachersky, Fordham University
Kaleel Rahman, RMIT University
Mike Reid, RMIT University
Natalya Saldanha, RMIT University

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Kirsten Mrkwicka*, University of St. Gallen
Marcus Schögel, University of St. Gallen

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Erlinde Cornelis*, San Diego State University
Mujtaba Ahsan, San Diego State University
Andrew Baker, San Diego State University

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Lina Jacobsen*, Aarhus University
Ana Alina Tudoran, Aarhus University
Liisa Lähteenmäki, Aarhus University
Invited speaker session: Aradhna Krishna and Charles Spence
New methods of data collection for the 21st century

Briefly introduced by Klemens Knoeferle, BI Norwegian Business School

Choosing the right method
Aradhna Krishna*, University of Michigan

Many new and technically sophisticated methods are being used by the field of consumer behavior and sensory marketing. I will focus this talk on choosing the right, rather than the most sophisticated method. I will present two examples—focused on process and triangulation.

Massive online testing and multisensory experiential events: New methods for data collection
Charles Spence*, University of Oxford

In this talk, I want to take the view from the psychologist’s laboratory on the recent rise of massive online studies (large-scale citizen science) for consumer behaviour and sensory marketing. I will look at how well they stand up relative to more traditional laboratory studies, what are the pitfalls, and how can one work around them. I also want to highlight the emergence of large-scale experiential multisensory events as an excellent alternative source of data collection for those situations involving taste, smell, and touch, the so-called “lower” senses.
Sponsorship-linked marketing in the digital age

Chairs: Darin White, Samford University  
Christof Backhaus, Newcastle University

The importance of understanding the sponsorship-linked marketing platform as a means of accomplishing organizational objectives cannot be overstated. IEG projects $57.5 billion in global sports sponsorship spending in 2015, up $8.9 billion over the past five years, and more than double what it was a decade ago. Global marketers have increased overall sponsorship spending to 23% of their budgets (compared to 16% a decade ago). This special session examines various issues surrounding the activation of sponsorship relationships in the digital age.

#SponsorsOnTwitter: Developing a typology of sponsor-generated Twitter content
Leah Gillooly*, University of Manchester  
Christos Anagnostopoulos, Molde University College & University of Central Lancashire  
Simon Chadwick, University of Salford

The authors seek to examine sponsorship-linked Twitter content produced by sports events sponsors and assess how these categories relate to user motivations for consuming brand-related social media content. Their findings suggest that sponsors are creating content on Twitter that coheres, to a large extent, with individuals’ motivations for consuming social media.

The fine line of sponsorship activation: An experimental investigation of influencing factors of successful sponsorship activations
Jan Dreisbach*, Universität Braunschweig  
David M. Woisetschläger, Braunschweig University of Technology

The aim of this study is to identify potentially relevant design-factors of sponsorship activation tactics and to examine their effects on consumers. In particular, the study targets at uncovering activation characteristics that are able to weaken or at best avoid the commercial perception of sponsorship activations and thus help to enhance sponsorship effectiveness.

Using social media fan base brand affinity to measure sponsorship effectiveness
Daniel White*, University of Alabama  
Darin White, Samford University

Sponsorship measurement has historically centered on cognitive and behavioral categories (Cornwell, Weeks, Roy 2005). This paper proposes a new approach to measuring sponsorship effectiveness based on actual fan behaviors (as opposed to behavioral intentions) by examining the earned media a sponsor achieves with the team’s fan base in the social media environment.
Marketing in a data-rich environment

Chair: Peter Ebbes, HEC Paris

This special session focuses on new opportunities for marketing in the context of new data sources. For instance, on the one hand technological advances have made it feasible for companies not only to track multiple customer behaviors, but also to better predict customers' response to marketing actions. On the other hand, new data sources also allow for a better understanding of the role that marketing plays in a firm. The four studies in this special session each consider novel rich data sources that present opportunities for marketing, in particular leveraging the connections between customers amongst each other, the connections between customers and firms, and the connections between firms. The four studies contribute individually to the literature on customer relationship management and (strategic) marketing, in the context of new data sources, and together provide novel insights and opportunities for marketing practice and strategy.

Some Customers Would Rather Leave Without Saying Goodbye
Eva Ascarza, Columbia University
Oded Netzer, Columbia University
Bruce Hardie*, London Business School

This study uses information on how customers can interact with firms to improve CRM. The authors identify two types of churn, one in which the customer decides whether to inform the company that she wishes to terminate her relationship with the firm and one where the customer just silently disappear without saying goodbye. Separating out the two types of churn allows for a better retention strategy which is more effective than a common retention strategy across customers.

Beyond the target customer: Social effects of CRM campaigns
Eva Ascarza, Columbia University
Peter Ebbes*, HEC Paris
Oded Netzer, Columbia University
Matt Danielson, Globys

The present study investigates the social effects of CRM campaigns among connected customers. Using data from a field experiment, the authors show that a CRM campaign that is aimed at changing the behavior of specific customers propagates through the social network, thereby also affecting the behavior of non-targeted customers. These findings suggest that in targeting CRM marketing campaigns, firms should consider not only the profitability of the targeted customer, but also the potential spillover of the campaign to non-targeted but connected customers.

The role of mere closeness — How geographic proximity affects social influence
Jacob Goldenberg*, IDC
Jannik Meyners, Kühne Logistics University
Christian Barrot, Kühne Logistics University
Jan U. Becker, Kühne Logistics University

What is the role of geographic proximity on the likelihood of communication and interactions between customers? In this study, the authors show that geographic proximity strongly moderates the role of social influence. Hence, companies should use distance as input for managing their relations with customers, particularly concerning aspects of customer recommendations and reviews.

Influence of peer firms and board interlocked firms on the importance of marketing in the corporation
Rajdeep Grewal, University of North Carolina
Frank Germann*, University of Notre Dame
Peter Ebbes, HEC Paris

How important is marketing in an organization? This presentation addresses this question and studies how the importance of marketing in self-defined peer firms and firms with board interlocks influences importance of marketing in the focal firm. This study considers herding effects for CMO presence and compensation, where herding effect emanates from (1) industry groups, (2) peer firms, and (3) interlocked boards.
Anthropomorphism, multitasking and consumer irritation

Chair: Liselot Hudders, Ghent University

Brand anthropomorphization: An examination of the process of anthropomorphism and the anthropomorphism effects on advertising and brand outcomes
Kuan-Ju Chen*, National Central University
Jooyoung Kim, University of Georgia

This research examines the process of anthropomorphism and the anthropomorphism effects on consumer responses. An online survey was implemented via Amazon Mechanical Turk. The results validate a conceptual model and show that consumers elicit knowledge related to human agents, which results in anthropomorphism, to process brand personification in advertising. Conceived as an in-process output, anthropomorphism not only leads to positive advertising outcomes but also positive brand outcomes. Findings of this research refine the theoretical constructs regarding anthropomorphism in marketing literature and advance the understanding of the anthropomorphism effects on consumer behavior in consumer psychology. Managerially, the research offers suggestions for marketers’ branding strategies to target consumers via brand personification in advertising.

Stop this music! What are the antecedents and impacts of irritation towards advertising music, and how to prevent it
Alice Zoghaib*, Institut Supérieur de Gestion

In a context of advertising clutter, consumers are becoming irritated by advertising. Besides, most television advertisements contain music. It seems important to understand the antecedents and the effects of irritation toward advertising music in order to improve advertising impact. This research explores the audio dimension of ad irritation for the first time thanks to a mixed methodology (qualitative and quantitative – with national representative panels), leading to an exhaustive musicological description of the antecedents of ad music irritation, and to several interesting results: jingles are the most irritating. The effect of ad music repetition on brand attitude follows a wear-in / wear-out pattern, which is attenuated or amplified by the level of ad music stimulation: low (high) ad music stimulation compensates the effect of high (low) ad music repetition. Concrete recommendations are provided to practitioners in order to improve music choice.

Heavy media multitaskers (HMMs) perform worse on tasks that require self-regulation compared to light media multitaskers (LMMs). This paper investigates whether these individual differences stem from differences in the ability or motivation to self-regulate by manipulating participants’ autonomy of attention allocation. In Study I (n=88) media multitasking behavior negatively predicted Stroop task performance, confirming the link between media multitasking frequency and behavioral response inhibition. In Study II (n=85), HMMs were more inhibited than LMMs after multitasking freely but not after their attention was guided externally by the experimenter. These findings suggest that motivation rather than ability to self-regulate drives the observed performance differences.

The impact of media multitasking on the cognitive and attitudinal responses to television commercials: The moderating role of type of advertising appeal
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Verolien Cauberghe, Ghent University
Liselot Hudders*, Ghent University

We explored the effect of media multitasking on viewers’ cognitive and attitudinal responses to television commercials and the moderating role of advertising. A first study shows that, in line with previous findings, media multitasking negatively affects cognitive processing. But, has an overall positive effect on attitudinal responses to television commercials. In study two the results suggests that this effect on attitudinal responses is only present for commercials that focus on the desirability (compared to the feasibility) of the product. The results indicate that, in media multitasking contexts, television commercials that rely primarily on appeals stressing the desirability of the product have both a cognitive and an affective advantage compared to those that rely primarily on the feasibility of the appeal.
The social aspects of consumption: Networks, communities and the public context

Chair: Wolfgang Kotowski, University of Zurich

The social side of sharing: Shared moments within peer-to-peer hospitality platforms

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While most research on consumption practices in the so-called Sharing Economy looks at how existing resources are redistributed among individuals, the present project examines how shared experiences are created by moments of social togetherness and shaped through the prevailing context. By means of a multi-sited collection of qualitative data, we compare the sociality of shared moments in peer-to-peer hospitality platforms in a market (AirBnB) versus a non-market (CouchSurfing) setting. Our findings suggest that sociability comes closest to the ideal of prototypical sharing whenever it is perceived as autotelic.

The social network antecedents of responding to strangers

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Combining field experiments with individual-level mobile phone data (N=10,000, ~330,000 alters), we investigate the behavioral and social network drivers of response behavior to strangers. 3 field studies explore the relationship between individuals’ social network characteristics and their actual response behavior in pro-social contexts. Individual’s social network characteristics reflecting social activity (communications frequency, network size) and social status (e.g., network asymmetry, iPhone owner) predicted pro-social response across numerous contexts. To test causality, a telephone-based field experiment manipulated high-versus-low-status accents of solicitors; lower status individuals helped the needy more; higher status individuals helped other high status people more (homophily). We also extend our paradigm of combining field manipulations, social network data, and verifiable behavior to general marketing response and information disclosure behaviors (e.g., phishing).

Creative power of fashion that’s unique for yourself yet identifiable for others

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How does fashion influence the ability of wearers? Through two studies, we demonstrate that wearing unique clothing can enhance an individual’s creativity and this relationship is moderated by extraversion. We also reveal the mediating effect of “feeling right,” which explains the moderating role of extraversion in the effect of uniqueness of fashion on wearers’ creativity. Study 1 showed that the moderating effect of extraversion was significant only in the context of wearing unique clothing in public. In a private context, uniqueness of fashion had no influence on extraverted wearers’ creativity. In addition, Study 1 documented the mediation effect of “feeling right” and showed that introverts did not feel right wearing unique clothing in public, and that not feeling right decreased their creativity. Study 2 showed that introverts’ creativity increased when the uniqueness of their fashion was hidden (i.e., subtle) so that it was primarily noticeable to them and not to others.

Dissolving consumer communities

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Commercialization and heterogeneity are common threats to the continuity of consumer communities. Although consumer research has examined how consumers cope with these threats, studies have not sufficiently investigated intergenerational ambivalences and their consequences. These consequences develop to conflicts that can threaten the existence of a community. The relevance of these ambivalences rises, as consumer communities become multigenerational communities. Following consumer culture theory (CCT), we analyze individual processes of members that refer to intergenerational ambivalence and impel the process of dissolution of their consumer community. We describe how these processes jointly reinforce rather than preventing the processes of dissolution of the consumer community. While conducting this mixed-methods analysis, we introduce a framework of sharing as a practice to illustrate intergenerational ambivalences of consumption practices that lead to conflicts in the in-group.
Brands as culprits: (un)fairness, betrayal, and transgressions

What happens when the company is the unfairly treated party in online review?
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Our work provides initial evidence on how consumers react to injustices towards a company (not themselves or other consumers) in online reviews. Results from two experimental studies show that participants who perceive injustice in an online review have less positive opinions towards the reviewer, are less prone to read comments from the unfair reviewer in the future, are less likely to consider the review as helpful and with quality, are more likely to purchase from the company, and present more favorable attitudes towards it. Importantly, we show that empathy is the underlying mechanism through which the perceived unfairness affects attitudes towards company and purchase intentions. Our findings contribute to literature on justice perception, on online reviews impact, and on the role of empathy in consumer-company relationship. In addition, our results provide insights for marketing practice about potential benefits for companies of unfair reviews made by consumers.

Customer outrage following service failure: a qualitative research
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Enraged customers have been reported globally in service settings. Customers experiencing intense negative emotions tend to engage in aggressive behaviours. This phenomenon has been examined as customer rage in literatures. However, most studies conceptualized customer rage as a unidimensional construct while the literatures indicated several dimensions might exist. Addressing this issue, the present research develops a conceptual framework differentiating two types of rage emotions from associated rage behaviours and generates new insights into potential intervention strategies. This research uses qualitative interviews for data collection and thematic approach for data analysis. Results reveal two types of rage emotions, i.e. impulsive and forethought rage, and four forms of rage behaviours. Additionally, intervention strategies are found to have different effectiveness depending on the intervening time when the company steps in and the targets which the intervention works on.

Positively useless: Irrelevant negative information enhances positive impressions
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This research examines the desirability and impact of irrelevant information in the context of online word of mouth (WOM) communications, focusing on unhelpful user reviews. Consumers and marketers do not usually value reviews that communicate irrelevant information, viewing them as unhelpful at best and sometimes even harmful. We suggest that contrary to these perceptions, irrelevant reviews can have a positive effect – if they are presented as being negative. When an irrelevant negative review appears alongside positive reviews, consumers feel that the information they have about the product is more complete, while also concluding that the product truly is a good one, thus boosting positive evaluations. A series of studies demonstrates this effect in a variety of purchase and decision contexts and provides support for the underlying mechanism of the effect.

Betraying the symbolic brand meaning: Adapting brand evaluations following incongruent brand extensions
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Vicarious dissonance theory implies that highly connected consumers will reconcile with discrepant brand behaviors to maintain their brand relationships without discomfort. However, we argue that if consumers perceive a potential threat to self in this discrepant behavior, they may be more inclined to negatively adapt their attitudes toward the brand instead of positively revising their attitudes to the behavior. We focus within the domain of incongruent extensions as the discrepant brand behavior, and explore when consumers show restorative versus disengaging intentions toward the relationship as a response. We argue that the noted threat to self-concept occurs: (i) for consumers with higher self-brand connection since the relationship reflects more on the self-concept; and (ii) when the incongruent brand extension is discrepant with the accepted symbolic meaning of the brand. We propose an underlying mechanism through felt betrayal for the negative attitude change toward the brand.
Creativity

Chair: Beatrice Parguel, CNRS

Emotional intelligence and employee creativity: Evidence from high tech firms
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Employee creativity is key for ensuring organizational growth, and this has generated a great deal of research attempting to uncover the antecedents of creative endeavors. However, the relationship between emotional intelligence and creativity is still poorly understood. Accordingly, this paper aims to contribute to this void by developing and testing a model that advances a number of novel mechanisms for how the effects of emotional intelligence disseminate to affect employee creativity. We obtained the collaboration of over 200 employees in high tech firms, with employee creativity being assessed by supervisors. The results indicate that emotional intelligence relates directly to task conflict and role stress, as well as to self-efficacy. Task conflict, in turn, contributed to role stress, which is related to creative behaviors and self-efficacy. Finally, self-efficacy is also related to employee creativity. These results comprise a set of novel contributions.

Team creativity: Creative self-efficacy, creative collective efficacy and their determinants
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Eline Jongmans, Université Grenoble Alpes
Alain Jolibert, INSEEC Business School

This paper presents an integrative model of creative self-efficacy and creative collective efficacy. This model investigates the influence of creative self-efficacy and its determinants (knowledge gained through experience and by observation, verbal encouragements from a third party, and emotional activation) as well as the influence of social proximity on creative collective efficacy. In addition, the predictive validity of creative collective efficacy is studied using perceived originality of teams' creative outcomes. The results confirm the proposed model, including the hypothesized hierarchy of creative self-efficacy determinants. The existence of a quadratic relationship between social proximity and creative collective efficacy is shown.

Nudging creativity: The effect of social labeling on individual ideation
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Creative thinking is not always a flawless process and obstacles can constrain the ability of individuals, teams and firms to formulate innovative proposals. Many methodologies have been proposed to enhance creative capabilities in organizations, yet their efficiency usually requires the investment of many resources. Building on the notion of nudge, this paper aims at exploring frugal strategies to stimulate creative ideation in the early phases of product development. We conducted an experiment to explore the potential nudging of creativity during an ideation session. We show that labelling individuals as being very creative has a performative impact on the type of ideas produced by individuals.
**Twitter**

Chair: **Alexandra Vignolles**, INSEEC Business School

**Tweet or retweet? Interaction utility derived from use-generated content in social media**

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With the flourish explosion of online social networks, user-generated content (UGC) is becoming a dominating way for people to communicate with each other on social platforms. Understanding the motivation for contributing content is important for both practitioners and researchers. We propose here a comprehensive utility framework which integrates intrinsic utility, image-related utility and interaction utility together to explain the motivation for generating content. Additionally, we investigate the different mechanisms for generating tweets and retweets. Finally, we distinguish the impact of influential users from those ordinary users. Using the data provided by an online social network platform, we could reveal a set of interesting results. For example, we find a user’s content generation is positively related to his friends' generation of tweet. By contrast, friends’ retweet negatively affects a user's generation of tweet. We explain this with a reading quality mechanism.

**Proposal for a new conceptualization of e-opinion leadership on online social networks**

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The identification of E-Opinion Leaders on online social networks became a challenge for marketing managers, some companies offer their tools that often are algorithmic metrics (e.g. Klout). These types of methods seem to suffer from a lack of scientific validity and we don’t know if they are created based on a conceptualization of E-Opinion Leaders. Academics defined the concept of Opinion Leaders and developed some methods in order to identify them. Unfortunately, to our knowledge, no one offers a clear conceptualization of the E-Opinion Leaders in the specific context of the Online Social Networks (e.g. Twitter or Klout). In this paper, we first develop a new conceptualization of E-Opinion Leadership on online social networks and we create a related specific measure. Secondly, we study the convergence between our scale, Twitter sociometric indicators and the metric Klout.

**Impact of firm-created content on user generated content in the spanish Twittersphere**

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Social media, such as Twitter, enable interaction between different groups of users talking about brands. In this project, we focus on the influence of Firm Created Content in terms of volume and, in terms of variety, on different types of User Generated Content. Firstly, we perform content analysis based on seven key types of corporate communication. Secondly, we use “panel data regression setting” to examine about one million tweets about six automobile brands during a five-month study period. We found empirical evidence of the impact of FCC on UGC. More specifically, the volume of FCC impacts on brand engagement. We also found evidence of the impact of topic diversity of the FCC. Furthermore, we present evidence that FCC devoted to traditional corporate communications has not impact on brand engagement. Our research has important implications for automobile CMOs in terms of better understanding and improving corporates' strategy in the social media communication channels.

**Twitter opinion leaders: Identification and dynamics**

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The literature suggests that identifying online opinion leaders through traditional psychometric methods imposes important limitations in terms of validity and the costs related to access necessary data. Multiple analyses of 1,799 Twitter accounts over a period of four years were performed to use the various types of behavioral data to detect Twitter Opinion Leaders (TOL). The results reveal that the ratio of followers to followees presents an effective, efficient, and actionable indicator for researchers and practitioners. The present research contributes to the literature by combining techniques from social network analysis to assess the relevance of the identified indicator for TOL detection.
Online advertising I

**Publisher selection at private ad exchanges**

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Real-time bidding (RTB) is an auction-based ad selling mechanism in real-time and considered to be a revolution for online display advertising: Within milliseconds, single advertising impressions are auctioned off at a so-called ad exchange, the highest bidding advertiser wins the auction, and its ad gets displayed on the website (i.e., publisher) that the impression is generated on. However, many advertisers are still reluctant to buy ad impressions on ad exchanges as they are frequently concerned about the quality of the inventory (e.g., brand safety, viewability of ads, fraudulent traffic). The industry’s current solution to these quality concerns is the establishment of so-called private (vs. open) ad exchanges, which rely on rather strict selection of publishers and advertisers. With this study, we aim to support private ad exchanges in deciding, which publishers to select into their portfolio by investigating the factors that drive publisher success.

**An empirical investigation of direct-to-consumer campaign effectiveness in the presence of voluntary contact information disclosure**

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Marketers increasingly use e-mails as their main Direct-to-Consumer (D2C) channel. Extant research shows that compared to non-disclosers, customers who disclose their contact information are likely to have different behaviors toward the firm. Self-disclosure leads to self-selection, which can lead to biased estimates of the effectiveness of e-mail campaigns. In order to account for self-selection and reach accurate effectiveness estimations, we propose using propensity score matching. We apply this method using behavioral data from an online mobile game. In this setting, we find that disclosers and non-disclosers indeed behave differently and that ignoring the self-selection bias can lead to significant overestimation of the effectiveness of e-mail campaigns.

**How user and brand generated content affects the consumer purchase journey: A large-scale study**

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The aim of this research is to investigate the impact of social media on consumer purchase journey. Although recent literature in marketing has demonstrated the influence of social media on shareholder value, the impact of social media on consumer purchase journey, key process that determines the firms’ long-term success, has been overlooked. We develop a theoretical model that relates social media and offline metrics to consumer purchase journey that capture the steps from awareness, through attitude, to purchase decision. Using a unique data set that captures information on volume and valence of brand and user social media content, offline metrics and consumer purchase journey metrics for 120 brands in 20 industries, we empirically test the proposed paths with panel vector auto regression. The study sheds light on the effect of various social media drivers of consumer purchase journey and thus contributes to the current debate in on the effectiveness of social media marketing.

**The impact of hard- and soft-floors in real-time advertising auctions on publisher’s profit**

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In real-time advertising (RTA), publishers sell each ad impression individually and in real-time in sealed-bid second-price auctions. An innovative feature of these auctions are two kinds of floor prices: hard-floors which act as a minimum price below which an ad impression will not be sold, and soft-floors that turn the second-price auction into a first-price auction if the advertiser bids below the soft floor. This paper is the first to analyze how intensively hard- and soft-floors are used as well as how they affect advertisers’ bidding behavior and consequently publisher’s profit. A small conceptual analysis, an extensive empirical analysis of 8.4M auctions and a large field experiment that ran for two weeks and covered more than 630K bids submitted by a major global advertiser show that advertisers do not adapt their bids to floor prices so that the publishers increase their profit by 80% to 201%.
Brand management

Avoiding the pains of growth
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Brand growth is often achieved by extending the brand into additional product categories. The success of these brand extensions and the overall long-term success of the brand depends on the brand’s benefit associations. However, brand benefit associations compete with all other brand associations for accessibility in the minds of consumers, and as brands grow, the number of category associations increases and these interfere with recall of brand benefit associations. Previous research has shown that an increasing number of category associations may reduce accessibility for brand benefit associations. It is proposed that by creating more abstract associations, this challenge may be avoided. Across three studies it is shown that brand extensions can be used to shape parent brand associations and that by strategically extending the brand into product categories that can be subsumed into more abstract categories, interference from category associations can be avoided.

How important is the favourite brand?
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The aim of this paper is to establish the importance and nature of favourite brands in consumer repertoires. We use two years of individual level panel data from a packaged goods category in the US. We find that heavy buyers are no more loyal to their favourite brand than are medium or light buyers. We also find that the top three brands account for 50% of category requirements and the top three brands are generally the same for light, medium and heavy buyers. Finally, we find that while the repertoire size depends on the number of category purchased it stabilizes after around 20 purchases. We outline implications for brand managers and retailers at the end of the paper.

Love thy enemy – investigating the link between brand rivalry and the distinctiveness of consumers and brands
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Scholars advise brands to stay away from public rivalries with competitors because previous research reveals a number of potential problems, such as schadenfreude, derogation, and hostility at the consumer level as well as price wars at the brand level. Across four studies (N = 253, 230, 264, 282), we provide evidence that both consumers and brands can also benefit from rivalries. Consumers benefit because an intense rivalry boosts their own perceived distinctiveness, which is a fundamental human need and a crucial element of a positive self-concept. We show that the positive relationship is mediated by identification with the favorite brand. At the brand level, an intense rivalry boosts a unique brand positioning, with the perceived clarity of positioning mediating the positive relationship. The findings help to provide a more balanced view of brand rivalries and may encourage marketing managers to take a more active role in the staging of rivalries.

Is the brand manager system doomed to disappear in the age of data?
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Born in the 1930s, the Brand Manager System (BMS) has become a marketing organization standard through institutional isomorphism. Yet, from the 1970s onward, academics and practitioners have criticized its efficacy and even questioned its relevance in the age of data. Accordingly, our goal is to extend the influential work of Low and Fullerton (1994) to make a longitudinal historical analysis of the evolution of the BMS till today. We analyze the brand management literature through the lens of business history – 50 academic papers in top-ranking journals from 1960 to 2015 – and we triangulate these results with expert audits. We highlight three distinct periods which show that the BMS evolution is non-linear, incremental, and multi-path. Moreover, the brand manager is now torn between two diametrically opposed but complementary directions, as he or she should act both as absolute expert and galvanic facilitator.
Product characteristics and consumer’s food decision making: A network analysis of the marketing and business literature
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The food sector and health-related food consumption are important areas of marketing research, with a large number of studies being published during the last decades. This paper aims to synthesize and organize the existing research on the influence of food product characteristics on the consumers’ food decision making. Applying network analysis on a large sample of 189 empirical studies, this work demonstrates how marketing-specific variables are embedded in a network of other determinants that guide food decision making. It becomes apparent that there is still a lack of research on the interplay among the marketing-relevant extrinsic product attributes (e.g., price, brand or labeling) and intrinsic attributes (esp. taste), policy-related influences as well as aspects of the proximal and distal environment. Several gaps are identified that provide interesting starting points for future research and practical implications are developed.

A cross-cultural study on the effects of ambiguity in risk messages
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The objective of this study is to measure how ambiguity influences the processing of a health risk message in a cross-cultural setting under the moderating influence of Hofstede’s cultural dimension of Uncertainty Avoidance (UA). In Belgium and India, which differ greatly on UA, ambiguity was found to have an impact on respondents’ perceived severity of the risk and evoked arousal, thus influencing subsequent actioned behaviour. However, the patterns were found to be different in both countries since the effect of ambiguity on actioned behaviour was mediated through two different sub processes. In high-UA culture (Belgium) it was mediated through arousal under a high ambiguity condition and in low-UA culture (India), via perceived severity under low ambiguity condition. This paper also provides the evidence for the Extended Parallel Processing Model. The findings of this study open the door to create more effective risk messages by controlling ambiguity concerns in risk messages.

Complex goals: Implementation intentions’ achilles heel in healthy eating
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Faced with the raising healthy eating problems, it is important to find effective ways so that people can set and attain their health-related goals. One of the most widespread interventions is implementation intentions (II). Yet, there is mixed evidence about the effectiveness of II in healthy eating. One aspect that could explain these differences and have been overlooked in the literature is goal complexity. Complex goals are those for which there is more than one course of action with different degrees of effectiveness and the person lacks the knowledge to identify which one is more appropriate. We hypothesize that complex goals do not meet the conditions for II to work and therefore II are less effective with such goals. We find confirmation for this hypothesis in an experiment. Implications of this result are discussed.
Acquisition and retention

Chair: Sonja Bidmon, Klagenfurt University

The power of gift purchases in strengthening customer-company relationships
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Gift giving is a universal consumer behavior that serves as a vehicle to maintain social ties. Consequently, consumer spending on gifts represents a considerable percentage of overall retail sales. Extant research has examined the impact of gifts on the relationship between the gift giver and the gift receiver. To date, however, no research has looked at how gift purchases might affect gift givers’ relationship with the focal company where they purchased the gift. Our research theoretically establishes and empirically analyzes the effect of gift purchases on gift givers’ loyalty. Conducting a field study with an international beauty retailer, we find gift purchases to significantly enhance customers’ loyalty. Thereby, we offer a novel perspective on the relationship-building potential of gift purchases. Stimulating gift purchases among customers can serve as a new purposeful relationship marketing instrument that managers can employ to effectively enhance customer relationships.

The role of customer satisfaction and acquisition channel in incentivized referral programs
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Referral programs are becoming increasingly popular for acquiring new customers. We study the role of customer satisfaction and acquisition channel in customer referral activity. We calibrate a hurdle model with random effects in which customers’ annual referral incidence is captured by a binary probit component and referral quantity is described by a truncated negative binomial component. Using a unique panel data set containing customer satisfaction, acquisition channel and four years of observed referral activity from an incentivized referral program, we find an inverted-U relationship between the level of satisfaction and referral. Directionally, referred customers have a higher referral activity than customers acquired through traditional marketing, although the effect is not statistically significant.

Customer satisfaction with online banking: effects of personality traits (openness to experience and neuroticism) on the relationship between factor level and overall satisfaction
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According to the well-established three-factor theory of customer satisfaction, there are three factor categories that each affect overall customer satisfaction in a different way: basic, performance and excitement factors. Additionally, customer personality plays an increasingly important role in the context of customer satisfaction. Thus, the authors report on an empirical study with 304 online banking customers in Austria that investigates the factor structure of customer satisfaction with online banking according to two of the five dimensions of customer personality: neuroticism and openness to experience. The results emphasise the importance of customer personality as a determinant of identifying value-enhancing service elements of online banking. The findings have implications for theory and practice.
Multichannel retailing

Chair: Umut Konus, University of Amsterdam

Do customers use the same touch points when buying a TV or a laptop? A customer touch point analysis reveals significant differences with impact on retailers’ sales volume

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In recent years, touch points (= point of communication between an organization and an individual customer) are getting more and more important. Many manufacturer and retailer respond to this trend with an increased number of total communication channels. As a consequence, many of the communication channels remain rather basic with regard to content, usability, and individualization although sellers’ budgets for touch point management increase dramatically. Sellers may avoid such a principle of indiscriminate all-round communication by analyzing customer touch points first before deciding on which touch points to concentrate on. The results of this empirical touch point analysis indicate that customers’ touch points differ in terms of usage, satisfaction and relevance even for popular products in the same category such as laptop and TV which are perceived as being similar with regard to the required marketing mix.

Multi-channel retailing and firm performance: The case of store-based retailers

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This research examines how online and offline effectiveness, separately and interactively, influence the overall firm performance in the context of store-based retailers. The empirical analysis is carried out based on secondary data collected from multiple sources. The sample consists of 258 firm-year observations from 49 store-based retailers during the period of 2006-2013. The findings suggest that the online channel effectiveness has a positive effect on the overall firm performance. In addition, the interplay between online and offline channel effectiveness is found to be positively associated with firm performance.

Which dimensions of multichannel integration are necessary for customer satisfaction?

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Brick and mortar retailers have become multichannel companies by adding the online channel to the existing offline channel. One of the main challenges of this new distribution strategy is to integrate the channels so the shopper has a seamless experience and is able to cross-navigate the channels during the shopping process. The objective of our research is to analyze how channel integration affects customer satisfaction. To this end, we design a scale to measure multichannel integration, and we analyze survey data from 398 multichannel apparel shoppers in two countries (UK and Spain). Our findings show internal consistency on the scale developed, three dimensions of multichannel integration (channel reciprocity, offer coordination and image consistency), and by applying fsQCA, that each dimension contributes per se to customer satisfaction/dissatisfaction.

Customer channel migration and firm choice in a competitive environment: The effects of cross-channel competition

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Customers switch among multiple channels offered by various firms while shopping, and customers’ channel choice depends on the use of channels offered by the competition. To what extent competitors’ channel offerings influence on the use of a new online channel introduced by a firm? This issue remains untapped since it requires an integrated multi-firm transactional data. We focus on the impact of customers’ past and current purchases from competitors’ online and offline channels on the purchases from a newly introduced online channel of a focal firm. The data contains eight-year transactions from ten multichannel retailers. Our results reveal that customers’ previous purchases from competitors’ online channels increase the probability of online channel adoption from the focal firm which introduced an online channel after its competitors. This effect is greater for existing customers than new customers who are acquired after the online channel introduction.
Doing good for me and them: Self-focused motivations for other-focused behaviors

Chairs: Danit Ein-Gar, Tel-Aviv University & UC Berkeley  
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The objective of the session is to discuss some antecedents of consumers' other-focused behaviors. From a purely economic perspective, people should not want to give away their resources. However, because they often do, researchers have proposed a range of mechanisms to predict and explain others-focused behaviors. The most popular of these is probably related to altruism, the motivation to increase others' well-being. The current session challenges the perception of other-focused behavior as a behavior that only improves society's greater good and shows the self-benefits of such behavior.

How power influences generation of online recommendations

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We propose that people with power will serve others by posting on-line recommendations to satisfy their need for influence, and that need for influence will mediate the relation between power and on-line recommendations. We further propose that the potential to enhance the self will moderate the effect of power on the likelihood to post recommendations.

Scope (in)sensitivity in valuations of lives and consumer goods

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We show that valuations for human lives become progressively scope insensitive as the number of lives at risk increases. Scope sensitivity can be increased depending on the response mode and numerical skill of individuals; however responses do not become perfectly linear. The fact that we found similar curvilinear valuations in the realm of consumer goods as well as lifesaving points towards a general psychophysical explanation underlying scope insensitivity.

Donating life or mourning death: The effects of case framing on the willingness to commit to organ donation

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We examine how presentations of organ-donation cases in the media may affect people’s willingness to sign organ-donation commitment cards, to donate the organs of a deceased relative and to support the transition to “opt-out” policy. We found that providing identifying information about the receiver (a person that was saved by an organ-donation) increases self-focus and the willingness to commit to organ-donation and to support the transition to “opt-out” policy, while identifying the donor (the deceased) may drive people away from such decisions.

Doing the right thing for the “wrong” reason: A “just enough guilt-relief” effect of confessions on donations

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Pro-social behavior and confessing to one’s transgressions are two strategies through which people can achieve guilt-relief over their wrongdoings. We propose that because of that, people might use these strategies interchangeably, opting to donate to charity instead of confessing. This “just-enough guilt-relief” effect, would thus lead people to donate less to charity if they were given the opportunity to confess to their wrongdoings, and relieve their guilt by doing so.
Customer analytics: Predicting and managing customers across digital markets

Chair: Koen Pauwels, Özyeğin University & BI Norwegian Business School

Firms are faced with a multitude of ways in which they manage their customer relations, most prominently driven by the increased amounts of data available to them (Pauwels, 2014). Concerns about data quality, data and methods to use to generate insights, and implementation of the outcomes of these analyses are all topics that have been central to the academic and practical discussion (Blattberg, Kim and Neslin 2009, Verhoef, Kooge and Walk 2016). In this Special Interest Group the authors highlight a set of challenges from the top tier problems formulated by MSI (2014): “What are the next steps in the evolution of marketing mix modeling and predictive analytics?” and “How should engagement be conceptualized, defined, and measured? How do social media and other marketing activities create engagement?”.

That’s the way brand love grows: Role of customer engagement across markets

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This study investigates how firms should allocate marketing actions (both on- and off-line) in the face of different levels of customer engagement and across different European countries and product categories. Operationalizing engagement through recency (R), frequency (F), monetary value (M) and clumpiness (C) variables (Zhang, Bradlow and Small 2014), this paper demonstrates different short-term and long-term effects of marketing actions across segments and countries. In the remainder of the session, the other authors highlight several aspects in further detail, thereby deepening the discussion.

Tracking customer purchase behavior using control charts

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This study focuses on the operational challenges in managing customer purchase timing and purchase value, two key components of customer lifetime value (Blattberg, Kim and Neslin 2009). The authors derive expressions for variation in RFMC factors, beyond the typical focus on average behavior (Fader, Hardie and Lee 2005; McCarthy et al. 2014). Next, they use this information to develop control charts, based on the statistical quality control literature, of these customer behaviors, which firms can use to track purchase behavior and use as a guide to decide when to target which customers using marketing actions. They illustrate their method in both a field experiment and a model of historical data.

Structural variance in cross-cultural consumer research

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The authors zoom in on the cross-cultural aspect of customer management across countries. They categorize countries based on critical cultural dimensions and on action loyalty level to attenuate predictive bias and obtain measurement invariance within the new groups. Based on comparisons among five countries, they illustrate the cultural influence on consumer satisfaction measurement equivalence.

V(CLV): Examining variance in models of customer lifetime value

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McCarthy and Fader examine the Variance in Models of Customer Lifetime Value. While accurate point estimation of customer lifetime value (“CLV”) has been the target of a large body of academic research, few have focused on the variance of CLV (“V(CLV)”), even though academics have long known that V(CLV) affects firms on many fundamental levels. Virtually no formal forward-looking statistical procedures have been derived to estimate or validate V(CLV). For the first time, they analyze V(CLV) for the Beta Geometric / Beta Binomial (“BG/BB”) model, a well-validated stochastic model for buyer behavior in non-contractual settings.
The Journal of Marketing Behavior session

Chair: Klaus Wertenbroch, INSEAD

This special session, chaired by the JMB editor, features several illustrative examples of the types of research that EMAC’s Journal of Marketing Behavior is targeting: theoretically grounded, cross-disciplinary research into human behavior in the marketplace. JMB provides a forum to push the scope of behavioral research in marketing beyond prevailing publication tastes and to explore new questions and phenomena in the marketplace.

Choice closure increases indulgence (but only once!)

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Consumers frequently experience a conflict between options that are highly desirable and allow immediate pleasure (want options) and options that are less immediately appealing but provide more long-term benefits (should options). Literature has shown that choosing want options evokes negative feelings, such as post-choice regret, which may decrease the pleasure derived from the desirable consumption experience. We demonstrate that choice closure—a psychological process by which people come to perceive a decision as resolved and complete—increases the pleasure derived from the selection of a want instead of a should option. Reaching closure with a want option, however, decreases the desire to indulge again in a subsequent decision.

Meaning transforms money: How job satisfaction affects consumers’ perception and use of their earnings

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We propose that differences in consumers’ handling of money can be partly attributed to how consumers earn it: across several studies, we show that consumers’ satisfaction with their job imbues the money with greater intrinsic value, thereby changing how they perceive and use their paycheck.

The power of personal

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Since the time of the industrial revolution, technology has improved the well-being of both producers, whose incomes could rise through greater productivity, and consumers, e.g., through greater availability and lower prices of consumer goods. However, this has come at the cost of alienation between consumers and producers (and between consumers and production in general). We will discuss some early results from a budding research program investigating the effects of reducing this alienation (e.g., by identifying producers to consumers and vice versa). We will argue that more recent developments in technology can lead to further alienation and objectification of consumers, but may also be used to bring producers and consumers closer together by making business more personal.
Coffee with the IJRM editor

Chair: Roland Rust, University of Maryland

Chat with the IJRM editor about your own research and how to get in published in the International Journal of Research in Marketing.
An ecosystem perspective on early-stage commercialization of innovations

Chairs: Bas Hillebrand, Radboud University Nijmegen
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This collaboration group aims to kick-start an international research project that was initiated at the Emac Conference in 2015. The research project focuses on early-stage commercialization of university-born innovations and takes an ecosystem (or multi-stakeholder) perspective. The project intends to collect data from a diverse set of countries, thus creating a unique international dataset that provides the possibility for comparison across institutional contexts. The current collaboration group aims to discuss and finalize the data collection procedure to ensure that all participants of the research group follow the same approach when collecting data in their own country. To ensure effective collaboration, access to the collaboration group is limited. Interested researchers should actively participate in (1) acquiring funding for the project and (2) the data collection. Also, such participants need to build or have access to technology transfer offices.

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Let’s get visual: The power of the non-verbal in advertising

Chair: Magnus Soderlund, Stockholm School of Economics

Visual metaphors in online advertising: The role of hard-sell versus soft-sell advertising copy
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The present paper looks into the use of visual metaphors in online advertising. It designates that the execution of advertising copy (hard-sell vs soft-sell) has a moderating effect on the relationship between visual metaphors and consumers’ ad and brand evaluations. Two experiments, a laboratory based and a real world based using Google Adwords, are used as the empirical settings of the study. Their findings indicate that visual metaphor increases the positive attitude toward the ad (Aad) and the brand (Ab) as well as click through rate (CTR) when the ad contains a soft-sell rather than a hard-sell copy. Managerial implications are discussed and specific suggestions for the design of effective internet advertising banners are provided.

Symmetrical facial features and the automaticity of the attractiveness halo effect in advertising
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We examine whether facial symmetry influences perceptions of source physical attractiveness. We also investigate the mediating role of source physical attractiveness on attitudinal and behavioral based judgments (attractiveness halo effect), and the automaticity of this phenomena. Results demonstrate that when a spokesperson is pictured with symmetrical facial features, consumers report heightened perceptions of source physical attractiveness. This positive spokesperson-based response is found to mediate the relationship between facial characteristic and advertisement attitude, brand attitude, and purchase intention. We also provide evidence that under conditions of cognitive capacity constraints the attractiveness halo effect is heightened, suggesting the phenomenon is initially automatic but is then corrected when cognitive resources are available.

The power of the bottle: Revisiting the package as a communication tool and its impact on the consumer
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The purpose of the studies presented in this paper is to assess the impact of two packaging attributes – perceived attractiveness and perceived effort – on overall product evaluations. We do so in a soft drink context in which we examine if a cheap, low-end orange soft drink would improve its position in consumers’ minds if the bottle is made more attractive and if it signals more effort from the manufacturer. The results from two between-subjects experiments (one in which participants tasted the soft drink and one in which they were exposed to a picture of the bottle) show that overall evaluations were indeed enhanced when the orange drink was supplied in an attractive bottle that also signals high effort.
Customer orientation and buying behavior

Chair: Dag Bennett, London South Bank University

Enhancing business performance through marketing-sales effective relationship and customer orientation in B2B firms
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This paper focuses on the effectiveness of Marketing-Sales relationship in B2B firms. As the body of knowledge on this domain is scarce, the objectives of this paper are to investigate the drivers of effective Marketing-Sales relationship and the consequences of this relationship on company performance, considering the role of customer orientation. Based on quantitative data collected from Marketing and Sales managers of 98 B2B firms, the study shows that when Marketing-Sales interface is characterized by low level of conflict and high level of collaboration, then an effective Marketing-Sales relationship is created which enhances business performance, especially in customer oriented firms.

The effect of customer orientation on the symbolic use of customer information in manufacturing managers’ decision making
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An industrial firm’s ability to act on information about its customers largely depends on how responsive the manufacturing function is to this information. This study tests the effect of manufacturing function’s customer orientation on manufacturing managers’ symbolic (i.e., distortive and selective) use of customer information received from their sales and marketing contact persons. By using survey data of 149 manufacturing managers and 2sls regression, this paper shows that customer orientation increases symbolic use of customer information. The findings imply that in order to understand how customer orientation affects responsiveness to customers and performance at the organizational level, we need to examine what type of information use customer orientation triggers at the individual level and why.

Virtual trade fairs receptiveness in B2B markets: An exploratory study
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The purpose of this study is to gain a deeper understanding regarding visitors’ attitudes towards the trade fair in the future, realizing whether the virtual trade fair is a possible substitute for conventional face-to-face trade fairs. The nature of the study is exploratory and combines sixteen qualitative interviews with trade fair organizers, experts and trade fair participants, and a survey comprised of open-ended questions administered to visitors of a business-to-business international trade fair from the construction industry held in Portugal. Findings suggest that, globally, visitors are not receptive to virtual trade fairs and the most experienced visitors are the least interested in this type of fair. Nonetheless, virtual trade fairs are an excellent tool to capitalize on the traditional trade fair being particularly relevant in developing trade fair strategies before and after the conventional trade fair.

An empirical study of industrial consumer buying behaviour: How airlines buy airplanes
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We show that commercial aircraft customers buy aircraft brands probabilistically and that their aggregate buying patterns conform to the well-known double jeopardy and duplication of purchase laws. This is a major conceptual contribution to the analysis of industrial buyer behavior with important implications for industrial marketing management. Analysis using stochastic models of brand choice with consumer panel data is the norm in fmcg categories, but the lack of such data in industrial markets should not be seen as insuperable; a variety of data gathering techniques make it possible to assemble sufficient data even in markets where purchases are spread out over many years. Thus our second contribution is to show that competitive market structure can be revealed by data readily available to marketing managers that can be analyzed simply, with basic analysis tool, but with profound managerial implications.
External influences on decision making and choices

Chair: Zachary Estes, Bocconi University

Absinthe + brandy = champagne: How dyads moderate choice overload
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Choosing from a large set of alternatives can negatively affect the decision, a phenomenon known as choice overload. Our paper is the first to investigate this phenomenon in a group setting. Four studies demonstrate that the negative effects arising from a large number of alternatives (measured by decision process difficulty, buying rate, and sampling rate) significantly diminish when decisions are made collectively by two people. This has to do with the fact that, in order to maintain the harmony within the dyad, its members frequently prefer to forego his or her own favorite alternative and focus their discussion on those alternatives liked by both dyad members. This process of preferences’ convergence into a common ground (Schelling point) reduces the consideration set of the dyad, and offers an explanation for the diminishment of choice overload in a collective setting.

Deciding without reflecting is like thinking without concluding – the impact of contextual experiences on consumer decision making
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Human decision making does not exist in isolation, but is determined by consumers’ prior experiences expressed by the notion of “context-dependent choice” (Schwarz 2004). Few research has examined the effect of contextual factors on consumer decision making and there is a specific lack regarding how pre-shopping factors affect consumer decision making (Shankar 2010; Bell et al. 2011). The present research examines how consumers’ fluency experiences (e.g., experienced prior visiting a website) on their path to purchase affects their decision confidence. We provide novel insights into how fluency affects decision making by showing how predecisional fluency and subsequent fluency affect subsequent decision confidence. The insights of this research inform marketing practitioners about how to use referrer information to determine consumers’ experiences.

Say ‘grocery shopping’ and some consumers non-consciously fall for pleasure: Dieting, priming, food meanings and (un)healthy choices
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Consumers vary in terms how vulnerable they are to subtle palatable food cues. A multi-method approach is employed to better understand the psychology underlying this phenomenon. First, the experimental data indicate that the grocery shop-prime made consumers high in dieting status fall for temptation while after being exposed to the control-prime they were able to choose in line with their health goals. Second, in order to form a more nuanced understanding as regards to why the grocery shopping-prime influenced (non)dieting consumers’ choice of (un)healthy foods in the way Study 1 suggested, a qualitative exploration into food meanings was conducted. This novel research contributes to food consumption literature, offers societal implications and lays down an avenue for future academic endeavors.

Shopping to and fro: Ideomotor compatibility of arm posture and product choice
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Consumption often requires flexing arms towards the body and merely inducing such activities has been shown to influence consumption. In three studies we show that the consumption effects from lateral arm movements arise from the fit between cognitions and motor activity. When a shopping situation conceptualizes product acquisition as movement away from the body the effects from priming arm flexion and extension are reversed. The findings prefer an ideomotor compatibility account rather than suggesting hardwired and unmalleable association between arm posture and consumption. The implications of these results for ideomotor research and management practice are discussed.
The influence of anticipating and controlling the future on judgments and decisions

Chair: Alexander Bleier, Boston College

The effect of having more vs. less information on anticipated satisfaction with experiences
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Research has shown that consumers benefit from having more (vs. less) information about upcoming experiences because information gives consumers a sense of control. In this research, we challenge this conclusion by investigating situations in which decreased control over upcoming experiences as a consequence of having less (vs. more) information about those experiences does not negatively affect consumers’ anticipated liking of those experiences. Three experiments show that the effect of information about upcoming experiences on anticipated liking of those experiences is less positive or negative when participants imagine the experience first, because imagination decreases consumers’ need to be in control.

How curiosity and curiosity-induced feelings affect product evaluations
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Curiosity is often said to exert an important influence on consumer behavior. However, research in consumer contexts is scarce. This paper presents an empirical study that investigates the impact of curiosity on product evaluation and purchase intention. Since we use a product from the food and beverage category, we do not only investigate how product attitude is affected, but also the taste perception of consumers. The results show that curiosity positively affects the consumer reactions toward the product and elicits the feelings of pride and enthusiasm. These elicited feelings mediate the effect of curiosity. Interestingly, pride mediates the effect of curiosity on the rather cognitively derived dependent variables attitude and purchase intention. Enthusiasm, however, mediates its influence on taste perception, which is more closely related to bodily sensations.

Brands as stewards: The role of brand leadership in the process of restoring control
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The world can sometimes seem chaotic, and achieving and maintaining control in one’s life to reduce the threat of randomness is a fundamental human motivation. Previous work has demonstrated that when control is threatened or lost, consumers pursue brands that restore personal agency or provide evidence that the world is predictable. In this research, the authors explore brand leadership as a novel attribute that is desired more when consumers lack control. Two experiments demonstrate that (1) lack of control increases preference for leader (vs. non-leader) brands, and (2) this effect is mediated by motivated judgments: consumers who lack control view brand leaders as having greater controlling capabilities. A third study in the field reveals that crime, which correlates with feelings of low control, predicts brand leader performance across the United States.
Paradoxes in postmodern consumption (repetition)

**Follow me on dead media**
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“Follow me on dead media” is a study into an unexpected tendency: while the digital media has become omnipresent in the contemporary society, why some people and subcultures turn back to analog media instead? According to this videography, the digital media counter-trend cannot be explained simply through nostalgia but rather it seems that the analog media offers a new creative space in a world increasingly dominated by digital media. Insights are offered from an unlikely context: alternative skateboarding scene in Helsinki.

**Paradoxes in postmodern consumption**
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Postmodernity has brought new consumption trends juxtaposing opposites. This film presents a number of such paradoxes of postmodern consumers, i.e., alone and together, real and virtual, fast and slow, nomadic and sedentary, masculine and feminine, producer and consumer, profane and sacred. We show how a bunch of products and activities have developed around these paradoxes.
New product adoption
Chair: Torsten Bornemann, University of Stuttgart

A theoretical model incorporating social influence and cognitive processes to explain the adoption of the Internet of Things and smart connected objects
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This investigation examines consumers' acceptance of the Internet of Things (IoT) and associated smart connected objects (SCO). We analyzed surveys performed in France by using an extended IoT/SCO Technology Acceptance Model (TAM) in which we add the following complementary variables: social image, communication and relationship, privacy concern, and well-being. Social image plays a key role in the adoption process and has even more impact on intention to use (IU) than perceived ease of use (PEU) and perceived usefulness (PU). Perceived hedonism and well-being benefits enhance PEU and PU of the IoT and SCO. The utilitarian and primary usage of smart connected objects, communication and relationship, has a direct impact on PU but influences more the IU the IoT technology and SCO. The main reticence of using the IoT is privacy concern, which directly influences the communication/relationship variable and is an indirect antecedent of IU.

Effectiveness of different launch approaches for incremental product innovations
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A widespread view in management research and practice holds that organizational changes should be attuned to changes in the environment, which is why many firms launch product generations at irregular intervals, in response to shifts in technology, new customer demands, or competitors’ introductions. However, the financial performance implications of product release rhythms remain insufficiently explored. This article proposes a longitudinal model to examine the relationship between regularity in release rhythm and firms’ financial performance. Contrary to the traditional view, the results show that launching product generations in a regular (cf. irregular) manner increases firms’ financial performance. This implies a need for organizational processes that work toward fixed regular deadlines. Regular releases are even more effective at higher levels of demand- and competition-related environmental dynamism.
Engagement and value

Chair: Kristian Möller, Aalto University

From customer to actor engagement: Exploring a broadened conceptual domain
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Linda Hollebeek, University of Auckland
Jodie Conduit, University of Adelaide

During the past decade, ‘customer engagement’ (CE) has developed into a key area of interest for scholars and practitioners alike. Recent service literature has recognised that not only customers, but also other key ‘stakeholders’ or ‘actors’ may engage with focal agents, including individuals, groups, networks and machines, thereby generating important implications for engagement within broader service systems. To reflect recent advancements, this paper introduces the concept of Actor Engagement (AE) and delineates its conceptual domain through five fundamental propositions. The paper contributes to the emerging body of literature on engagement by extending scholarly understanding of engagement, with specific application to the emerging AE concept. By broadening the conceptual ambit of CE to AE, we allow for the emergence of more explicit insight regarding the important role of service systems and permit the theoretical expansion of engagement to extend beyond dyadic interactions.

Engagement patterns bridging service-dominant logic and platform business models
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As technologies are evolving businesses operating as platforms and in their associated ecosystems constitute the majority of the fastest growing organizations in the global economy. In today’s networked age, strategic benefits are increasingly generated over platforms, allowing various actors to engage in and benefit from value co-creation through their resource integration. This paper represents one of the first attempts in marketing literature to bridge Service-Dominant Logic (SDL) with business models, using a microfoundational approach for multi-level theorizing. We introduce engagement patterns as a microfoundation that can be derived from SDL-based axioms and contextualized in managerial environments. Our concept of engagement patterns allows for new value creation logics applicable for actor networks collaborating in service ecosystems and pins down a portfolio of generic platform business models, including three value configurations: Match-Maker, Accelerator and Expert.

Value co-creation in complex projects: Opening the time-value box
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The concept of value has evolved in the marketing literature in recent years. However there remains a lack of consensus on how value is defined. Context is an essential platform in addressing this and we consider that the conceptual evolution is pegged to both the context and use within which value is to be determined. In this paper, we further evaluate the conceptual evolution across complex urban regeneration projects in which both context and use continually evolve. We identify time as a missing link in the conceptualisation of value and explore the way that value is both the product of, and the driver of the co-creation process. We present three propositions: 1) value exists as a social construct in early project phases; 2) post-construction, multiple agents continue value co-creation in a value-in-use setting; and 3) a ‘time-value box’ can be identified within which value changes over time to serve as an input for the next phase of co-creation.

Valuable zombies – how customers contribute to CLV after their death
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Since customer relationship management has become the magic cure for marketing strategy, customer lifetime value (CLV) as one of the core metrics of customer relationship management has gained wide interest among researchers and practitioners. Key assumption of this metric is that customers have only one life. This paper challenges that assumption and examines CLV beyond customers’ first life. Looking at contractual subscription data, we find that a large proportion of customers exhibit a zombie-like behaviour, meaning that some of them may come back to life after some time. In addition, we look deeper into the effect of different contract lengths on CLV. We develop a comprehensive CLV model including multiple customer lives and the return probability of a ceased customer. Preliminary results show that CLV suffers from under-estimation between 17.25% and 54.28%. The amount of underestimation is driven by customers switching between different contract lengths in their multiple lives.
Meet-the-Editors Session

Friday, May 27, 2016
11:00–12:30
Room: A2-030

Domain-specific marketing journals

Chair: Erik Olson, BI Norwegian Business School

In this session, each editor or representative will explain the mission, editorial process, recent submission trends, and other topics of interest for scholars looking to publish their work in their journal. The aim of the session is to help prospective authors understand what it takes to be published in each journal, and why papers get rejected. There will be extensive opportunity for Q&A.

Journal of Public Policy and Marketing
Shintaro Okazaki*, King’s College London

Journal of International Marketing
Constantine Katsikeas*, Leeds University

Journal of Services Marketing
Rebekah Russell-Bennett*, Queensland University of Technology

Journal of Service Research
Anders Gustafsson*, Karlstad University

Journal of Business Research
Anders Gustafsson*, Karlstad University

Journal of Product Innovation Management
Angela Paladino*, University of Melbourne
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Online advertising II

Chair: Lisa-Charlotte Wolter, University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg

Measuring the quality of online advertising
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Online advertising is growing annually. In the United States, revenue generated by this form of advertising neared $50 billion in 2014. Forecasts for 2015 are even higher (IAB, 2014). It is thus important to grasp the factors leading to the development of attitude toward advertising. We propose a complete measurement scale evaluating the quality of online advertising, which researchers, managers and others should find useful. This new reliable and valid scale includes five dimensions and 17 items, and construes quality as an antecedent to attitude.

An analysis of ad visibility as a proxy for ad effectiveness in online display advertising
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In 2013, a study by comScore revealed that only 46% of ads delivered (i.e., impressions) had a realistic chance to be seen by users, which urged advertisers to measure the visibility of their ads. To standardize ad visibility measurement, the IAB defined that an ad is visible if 50% of its pixels appear for 1 second on a user’s screen. In an empirical study, based on 700 million impressions, we analyze if the IAB ad visibility measurement is a good proxy for ad effectiveness in terms of click-through rates. While we find a positive correlation between measured ad visibility and click-through rates (r=0.42), we also show that the IAB measurement can be misleading, as it favors smaller ad sizes and positions at the top of a website, which not necessarily indicate higher click-through rates.

Threshold free shipping policy: Factors affecting the acceptance of shipping charge for online shopping
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This paper examines how characteristics of a threshold free shipping (TFS) policy and the individual differences may influence consumers’ fairness perceptions, and consequently, their intentions to pay for delivery when a threshold is out of reach. The results demonstrate that perceived threshold is positively related to inferred motive, shipping fees as profit generator, and willingness to pay. However, there is a negative relationship between perceived threshold and TFS policy fairness. In addition, sensitivity to shipping charge is positively related to inferred motive and negatively related to willingness to pay. The data also show that delivery time and satisfaction with price contribute to fairness perceptions. Unfortunately, the positive relationship between delivery time and shipping fees as profit generator is not supported. Finally, perceptions of fairness have a positive influence on willingness to pay.

Brand engagement effects of native ads on digital news sites
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Online advertising avoidance behavior of consumers like the rising use of advertising blocker is driving the demand for innovative brand communication solutions. Native advertising (NA) promises to overcome different challenges of advertising in the digital age. By matching the design of the content site and delivering a natural user experience, NA are believed to deliver positive effects for the advertised brand. But what is the relationship between consumer responses to different NA and brand outcome? This study examines NA from three perspectives: the influence of attitude towards the NA (ANA) on brand engagement, the effects of certain NA design and the relationship between emotions and ANA. It aims at providing insights about the content and effects of NA, a marketing communication format with increasing importance but limited empirical investigations. Data was gathered through the usage of an online questionnaire combined by neurophysiological tool to a sample of 107 consumers.
Revenue models

Chair: Giampaolo Viglia, Bournemouth University

Empower your customers: The impact of cognitions on willingness to pay and attitudinal outcomes in participative pricing

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Participative pricing, and Pay-What-You-Want as the most progressive form of these mechanisms, has gained increased interest from academia and practice. While there is initial evidence that customers’ willingness to pay increases if they get more control over the price determination process, it remains unclear which factors cause favorable monetary and attitudinal outcomes in participative pricing. Thus, this study focuses on the underlying cognitive processes within customers’ minds in the price determination process. Moreover, this study is the first to compare participative pricing with traditional fixed pricing mechanisms in a consumption situation. The authors show that the pricing mechanism has an impact on customers’ price determination process and that, among other cognitive factors, perceived empowerment is a strong driver of customers’ willingness to pay a higher price in participative pricing than in fixed pricing situations.

The influence of zero-priced offers on consumers’ non-monetary cost perceptions

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Research shows that free offers lead to positive affective consumer reactions which result in an irrationally high demand. Prior research argues based on the assumption of constant costs that this zero-price effect occurs because consumers attribute extra benefits to free offers. Yet, so far there is no empirical evidence for this claim. This research tests this assumption but also challenges the assumption of constant costs by taking non-monetary costs into account. In the context of free e-services we show that consumers actually overemphasize the benefits of a free e-service but also judge their non-monetary costs (i.e. advertising intrusiveness) as lower. Mediation analysis shows this lower judgment of non-monetary costs as an additional explanation for the zero-price effect. The results are relevant for marketing practitioners currently offering free services or products or considering switching to a free business model.

Expectations and reciprocity in a pay-what-you-want environment: Evidence from the field

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Pay what you want (PWW) is a pricing mechanism in which consumers have full control over the price they pay. Previous research on PWW has shown that the effectiveness of this mechanism depends on factors such as product value and social distance between buyer and seller. In this paper we investigate the effects of whether people decide what to pay before or after consumption. Apart from the practical implications, this variable is of particular relevance because it can shed light on the role of two crucial elements in PWW situations: expectations and reciprocity. We test the effects of paying before or after consumption in two field experiments. Our results show that the time of payment makes a difference in terms of PWW and, consequently, also in terms of profitability for the seller. The effects are explained by expectations and by positive reciprocity towards the seller, and they disappear when there is limited room for varying expectations and reciprocity.
Brand scent and brand design

Assessment of implicit consumer perception of fragrance as a way to better understand attitudes toward perfume brand
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In recent years, there is a growing interest of academics and practitioners in applying neuromarketing tools to identify consumer perceptions and preferences. The paper aims to unveil implicit consumer perceptions of fragrance in the blind tasting, and to compare the results with consumer expectations caused by commercials of perfume. Combined use of psychophysiological and sociological methods demonstrated different perception of aromas when tasting (i) on the basis of subjective assessments, and (ii) on the basis of the non-verbal level. The obtained results suggest that matching consumer expectations, based on brand advertising, with physiological fragrance perception is of high importance. Moreover, the dissonance between subjective expectations and implicit reaction to the odor leads to deterioration of brand perceptions.

Putting product design in context: Consumer responses to design fluency as a function of presentation context
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Existing research has well established that the fluency of mentally processing a design is an important determinant of consumers’ aesthetic liking. Yet, to date, most studies have assessed consumers’ reactions to design fluency in isolation, i.e., irrespective of the context in which the design is presented. In reality, however, consumers usually perceive a design in a context. Against this background, this research examines how a design’s fluency and the visual context in which it is presented interact to affect aesthetic liking of bikes, chairs and lamps. To this end, we experimentally manipulate design typicality as an operationalization of design fluency and the usualness of an advertisement’s background as an operationalization of presentation context. The pattern of results suggests that the effect of design fluency on aesthetic liking differs in unusual versus usual presentation contexts, which is in accordance with a dual process model of fluency-based aesthetic preferences.

Investigating the effects of brand-self and design-self congruence on consumer behavior
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As consumers prefer to buy products with brands and designs that fit their self-image, prior research reflects this preference in analyzing the consumer behavior effects of congruence between the brand and the consumer’s self. However, studies so far have neglected the congruence between the product’s design and the consumer’s self. Analyzing data from European and U.S. customers, the authors empirically show that while brand–self congruence and the newly introduced design–self congruence both positively influence purchase intention and word-of-mouth, design–self congruence exerts the greater influence. In addition, the authors distinguish the two congruence effects in terms of their underlying theories—self-consistency theory and processing fluency theory—and derive implications for research and practice.

The smell of words: Stimulating narrative transportation with perfume names
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This paper explores the possibility of creating narrative transportation with perfume names. Current trends in the perfume industry emphasize names suggestive of smell through synesthesia or through narrative structures inviting imagery transportation. This study conducted among fifty French women indicates that creating literal correspondence between a perfume name and its smell is not necessarily the best road to narrative transportation and persuasion. Brand engagement and appeal are higher when consumers are able to project themselves in a rich narrative and imagine living the experience proposed by the brand.
Pricing and spending

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The effect of surcharge expectations on retailer evaluation and choice
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Online retailers often hide surcharge information such as credit card fees when they advertise their products. The surcharges are only revealed after the consumer has already gone through almost the entire purchase process. As a consequence a consumer might end up with a retailer that he would otherwise not have chosen, so that “honest retailers are losing out”. We argue that in these situations preference for retailers is heavily influenced by surcharge expectations. With data of an experimental study we show that surcharge expectations are not only influenced by previous experiences but rather by advertised surcharges of direct competitors. As a consequence we show that retailers who display fees upfront are surprisingly better off advertising higher surcharges compared to lower ones.

„Parmesan cheese by the kilogram!” Empirical evidence for effects of unit price format
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Displaying unit prices is in many markets mandatory. Previous research on unit pricing focused on consumers’ unit price awareness, comprehension and usage. Moreover, effects of unit pricing on consumers’ product choice is another central aspect in literature. Yet, research on the influence of unit price format is scarce. This paper analyzes the effect of the measurement unit in unit pricing on purchase intentions. We find that the use of larger units of measure (e.g. per kg vs. per 100g) leads to higher perceived prices. Subsequently, price perception influences purchase intentions negatively directly and positively through quality perceptions. The effect of price-level perception on purchase intention is moderated by product-specific price quality beliefs. Moreover, we find evidence for differences in price perception resulting from packaging: unpackaged groceries are perceived more expensive than pre-packaged groceries and for pre-packed goods the unit of measure effect is mitigated.

Save or (over-)spend? How shopping-pattern choice affects consumer grocery spending
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Many consumers have become increasingly “promiscuous” in their grocery shopping, and systematically allocate purchases across multiple supermarkets. Such shopping patterns provide consumers with ample saving opportunities. However, they also influence consumers’ ability to spot these opportunities, and motivation to capitalize on them. The authors propose a framework on how multiple-store shopping affects consumers’ actual spending, which is empirically tested using a household-level model, calibrated on monthly panel data. Even after controlling for household heterogeneity and endogeneity of pattern choice, the authors find that the way households shop affects their grocery outlay. The results show that multiple-store shopping consumers do not save, but rather spend more. This occurs even when the store set involves a low-priced hard-discounter, and especially when the stores are jointly visited on combined trips. Implications for consumer welfare and retail performance are discussed.

The effect of the displayed product assortment price range on perceived discount value
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Starting from a range theory and reference price perspective, we suggest that the perceived value of identical price discounts on identical items may change depending on the context provided by the displayed product assortment. Specifically, we argue that the perceived value of a discount changes depending on the distance of the original price of the discounted item from the price boundaries of the assortment price range that is displayed. In support of this argument, we demonstrate that a $4 discount on a $50 item is perceived as more attractive when the $50 item is near the lower-bound of the price range of all displayed products in the assortment (e.g., prices range from $45 to $75), but less attractive when the same item is near the upper-bound of the displayed assortment’s price range (e.g., prices range from $25 to $55). We report three empirical studies that provide support for this phenomenon and introduce a boundary condition. We also reflect on managerial implications.
Service employees

Employee friendliness in service settings: A conceptual model and an agenda for future research
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The purpose of this paper is to explore employee friendliness, identified as a critical component of customer service experience. Based on relevant literature, we differentiate friendliness from closely related constructs, and propose a conceptual framework synthesizing key antecedents and outcomes. Finally, we discuss implications for future research. In this course, we propose additional variables to integrate into the framework, recommend research methods to further validate the construct, and present possible tools to better manage employee selection and training. From a theoretical perspective, our literature review suggests that depending on the business context, friendliness can have positive or negative consequences on customer perceived relationship quality, loyalty, and employee job satisfaction. From a managerial point of view, this paper helps service firms to better identify favorable situations to promote friendliness and enhance the overall customer service experience.

The service conspiracy uncovered - supervisors’ influence on their employees’ service sweethearing behavior
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Service sweethearing, an unauthorized behavior of frontline workers, is characterized by giving away free or discounted goods and services to conspirator customers. It is the most common type of employee theft. Since sweethearing is hard to detect, firms use costly surveillance systems to disclose it. Therefore, it is crucial to find further measures to reduce service sweethearing. Reflecting imitation theory and need-to-belong theory, our research investigates the influence of the supervisor on employees’ sweethearing behavior. Our results show that on the one hand employees imitate their supervisors’ behavior, that is, if the manager sweethearts the employee, the employee sweethearts his or her customers. On the other hand, a high quality relationship between supervisor and employee reduces the frequency of service sweethearing. We therefore conclude, that a positive relationship between supervisor and employee that is based on ethical values, can reduce service sweethearing.

Mindfulness and the creativity of frontline service employees
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Studies on the drivers of employee creativity in service settings are scarce, and this is unfortunate since creative frontline employees appear to play a key role in delivering customer satisfaction and in developing valuable customer relationships. Hence, the purpose of this study was to address this void in the literature by investigating how one personal characteristic - mindfulness - affects employee creativity in retail settings. Specifically, we developed a model that advances a number of mechanisms for how mindfulness disseminates to affect employee creativity. The findings provide support for the model and reveal that employees’ organizational commitment and emotional strategies partially mediate the effects of mindfulness on creativity. The results also suggest that emotional labor strategies partially mediate the relationship between employee commitment and creativity. Accordingly, this study offers meaningful insights both in theory and practice.

The dynamic effects of relational and transactional marketing efforts on salesperson performance
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Many firms rely heavily on the success of their salespersons. Hence, analyzing the drivers of salesperson performance has gained considerable attention in literature. Previous studies mainly focused on static attitudinal data rather than on salespersons’ actual behavior. Widely neglected so far, this study disentangles the dynamic effects of building long-term salesperson-customer relationships and leveraging transactional marketing elements. Building up on a unique dataset covering 8.5 years of monthly sales records, sales trajectories of 812 salespersons are examined. The study reports the following results: (1) the importance of relational marketing efforts for performance increases with time; (2) price specialization enhances performance, but its importance decreases with time; (3) product specialization and (4) selling more in advance both increase performance and the importance of both effects increases with time; (5) geographic proximity enhances performance regardless of time.
Influence of packaging and price on sustainable consumption

Chair: Katharina Petra Zeugner-Roth, Lille Catholic University

**Trustee appearances: Packaging eco-friendliness and perceived quality of food products**

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This research aims at determining the influence of packaging eco-friendliness on perceived quality of food products. Two experimental studies were performed within three product categories and 259 French consumers participated in these studies. Study 1 demonstrates that an eco-friendly package positively influences the perception of quality of both vice and virtue foods. Study 2 sheds light on the mitigating effect of product eco-friendliness and reveals that the perception of product naturalness explains the perception of food products quality.

**With or without you: Is it worthwhile for a brand to eliminate overpackaging? New insights from context effects**

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Previous experiments underlined the impact overpackaging elimination on brand image and purchase intention. However, these experiments did not consider the potential effects of competitors’ strategies in terms of overpackaging when evaluating the impact of a target brand decision to eliminate overpackaging. Based on context effects and attribution theory, the present paper shows that the influence of overpackaging elimination on consumers’ response may depend on the absence vs. presence of overpackaging on the competing product. An experiment conducted among 218 consumers reveals that eliminating overpackaging can lead to a decrease in consumers’ intention to buy the product but this negative impact is no longer true: (1) when competitors are also getting rid of overpackaging; (2) among consumers that are highly concerned about the environment.

**The role of package design and regulatory focus framed messages in promoting sustainable products**

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With the rise of consumers’ increased interest in sustainable products, companies are encouraged to produce and promote sustainable products. The present research examines the interplay of regulatory focus framed messages and package design for sustainable products. Results of an experimental study reveal that consumers’ purchase intention for a sustainable product with a promotion framed message is reinforced by an atypical package design. Moreover, a high level of perceived risk is found to strengthen the effect of an atypical product design on consumers’ purchase intentions. This study extends current literature on promoting sustainable products and advises companies how to successfully design and promote sustainable products.

**Consumer response to price levels of organic foods**

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Whereas some studies suggest that higher prices of organic foods inhibit further growth of the category, other research implies that higher prices for organic food might increase its social-psychological signalling function, thus making it more attractive. In the current study, we investigate consumers’ responses to prices of organic foods (relative to other organic and/or non-organic foods in the same assortment). We test effects of different pricing strategies on organic shoppers in a simulated online grocery shopping environment. We find effects on perceived ease of choice, assortment satisfaction and price satisfaction, as well as on the number of organic products that shoppers purchase. For organic shoppers, we find that price merely acts as a tie-breaker: shoppers like price differences when facing two organic options, but dislike the price premium for organic when compared to non-organic products (i.e. price and assortment satisfaction is lower in the latter situation).
Shopping and the tourism experience

Chair: Rebecca Pera, Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale

The relationships between memorable tourism experiences to subjective well-being
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The purpose of this study is to develop and test a model describing how past memories associated with specific experiences of a travel trip influence subjective well-being (SWB). The study identifies the specific dimensions of Kim, Ritchie & McCormick’s (2012) memorable tourism experience scale (MTEs) that affect tourists’ SWB. SWB is conceptualized using happiness and life satisfaction, as a socio-psychological benefit that people receive from travel experiences. A web-based questionnaire survey was conducted among tourists to Rovaniemi, Finland, and a valid sample of 202 tourists was used for data analysis. Only two factors, hedonism and meaningfulness, were found to significantly influence visitors’ subjective well-being.

Unveiling the (biased?) nature of mystery shopping in the tourism service sector
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Mystery shopping is the practice of using trained shoppers to anonymously evaluate customer service, operations, employee integrity, merchandising, and product quality. This paper contributes with new insights on the role of mystery shoppers and the potential biases that can characterize their incognito reviews of services. The study is set in the context of tourism services, and uses an interpretative phenomenological approach. Prior studies raised issues about the reliability and validity of the mystery shopping technique, but failed to address this problem from the perspective of the mystery shoppers themselves. In this exploratory paper we address this lacuna, and offer a series of insights for both theory and practice. First, we develop a phenomenological definition of the mystery shopping experience. Second, we describe and classify seven distinct biases recognized by mystery shoppers during their work. We conclude with implications for theory, practice and future research.

Value co-creation in multi-stakeholders ecosystems: The Expo2015 mega-event
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This paper reflects the current interest in marketing literature into stakeholder value co-creation. While value co-creation is more common among consumers, a new discussion emphasizes the concept of value co-creation across non-consumers within an ecosystem. Using the context of the Universal Expo2015, this case study research proposes a framework to understand the main characteristics of multi-stakeholder value co-creation. The findings break down the concept of value co-creation in five kinds of value: social value, reputational value, intellectual value, innovation value, and cultural value. The practical implications offer specific suggestions for harnessing online and offline value co-creation in multi-stakeholder ecosystems.
Invited speaker session: Ming Hsu
Neuroscientific data in marketing research

Briefly introduced by Mehrad Moeini-Jazani, BI Norwegian Business School

Inside the mind of the consumer: Thoughts, feelings and experiences

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Researchers and practitioners have long relied on self-report methods to understand how consumers evaluate, choose, and experience different product offerings. These methods, however, have remained largely unchanged since their introduction decades ago and have a number of well-known limitations. As a result, there is growing interest in brain-based approaches that may enable consumer researchers and managers to directly probe customers’ underlying thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Here I will describe recent progress and open questions in using such methods in understanding customer mindsets.
Introducing microfoundational theorizing into the marketing discipline

Chair: Roderick Brodie, University of Auckland

In the last decade the microfoundations movement (e.g., Barney & Felin 2013; Foss, 2011; Felin & Foss, 2005; Gavetti, 2005; Teece, 2007) has grown in momentum and has become a major research stream in strategy and organisational theory. This has led to microfoundational explanations about macro concepts such as about routines, institutional logics, performance, absorptive capacity, firm R&D, stakeholder management, innovation, ambidexterity, networks, the RBV, organizational capabilities, R&D capabilities, HR capabilities, and dynamic capabilities (Felin, Foss, & Ployhart, 2015). Apart from providing deeper theoretical explanation, the microfoundations research provides the bridge for empirical investigation thus anchoring the more abstract macro concepts in strategy and organisational theory. The purpose of this Special Session is to introduce microfoundational theorizing to academic research in Marketing. To demonstrate this the four papers develop microfoundation explanations for the macro constructs provided in the general theoretic framework of Service Dominant Logic. In doing so the papers illustrate a multi-level research approach that combines top-down theorizing framed by macro constructs of Service Dominant Logic with bottom-up theorizing based the microfoundations. In doing so, stronger connections are made between theory and empirical research which in turn advances knowledge in the marketing discipline.

Actor engagement as the microfoundation for service system emergence
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Kaj Storbacka, University of Auckland
Roderick Brodie, University of Auckland

The role of actor engagement as a micro-foundation for service ecosystem emergence is explored.

Investigating the nature of “value-in-use”: A microfoundational approach
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Stefan Roth, University of Kaiserslautern

This paper explores how the abstract idea of value co-creation and value-in-use can be investigated empirically by applying a comprehensive bridging theory that establishes microfoundations.

Resource integration readiness and psychological ownership as microfoundations of value cocreation
Ilias Danatzis*, Free University of Berlin
Ingo Karpen, RMIT University
Michael Kleinaltenkamp, Free University of Berlin
Jingshu Li, Free University of Berlin

The role of resource integration readiness as well as of psychological ownership in providing solid microfoundations of value co-creation is explored.

Corpus-linguistic: A new methodological framework for microfoundational theorizing
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Roderick Brodie, University of Auckland
Sandra D. Smith, University of Auckland

This paper clarifies the meaning, conceptualization and underlying lexical relationship of engagement and co-creation. It explores how a methodological framework, using corpus-linguistic techniques, can be embedded in a microfoundational theorizing process.
The impact of design on marketing-related concepts

Chairs: Tore Kristensen, Copenhagen Business School
Isa Moll de Alba Mendoza, ESADE Business School

Design and marketing are naturally strongly connected in communication, products, branding, and other marketing related concepts, but often less well integrated. There are many ways in which design impacts the market’s response to the marketing strategies. The goal of this SIG is to cover such studies. Approaches are economic, cognitive, multidimensional, and in some cases include an experimental methodology. The results are very insightful in how marketing and design interact and the contributions relevant to improve marketing practice as well as new conceptual issues. Finally, we expect the presentations and discussions to lead to a joint framework and possibly an application to EU or other funding.

Discussant: Judith Zaichkowsky, Beedie School of Management

The culturally heterogeneous consumer’s experience of design influences markets
Tore Kristensen*, Copenhagen Business School
Gorm Gabrielsen, Copenhagen Business School

Impact of a successful brand based on a design oriented business model
Isa Moll de Alba Mendoza*, ESADE Business School
Jordi Montaña, ESADE Business School & University of Vic
Katarzyna Bachnik, Warsaw School of Economics
Eliane Cristine Francisco Maffezzolli, Pontificia Universidade Católica do Paraná

Voluntary design by audiences: User-generated internet memes as brand communication
Dóra Horváth*, Corvinus University
Ariel Mitev, Corvinus University

From slow food toward digital fabrication: Raising design options in kitchen production
Julianna Gingerina*, Corvinus University
The European retail scene: A fertile ground for research opportunities

Chair: Marnik Dekimpe, Tilburg University

The European retail scene is often at the forefront of key developments, such as (i) the growing internationalization of retailers’ operations, (ii) the emergence and rapid growth of the hard-discount format, and (iii) the development of multi-tiered private-label portfolios. The availability of multiple (often quasi-public) data sources on the sector offers great research opportunities to academic researchers, while managers can infer early on what may be in store for the rest of the world. In this presentation, we review some recent evolutions, and elaborate on a number of ongoing and expected research opportunities in each of the three aforementioned domains.
Evolution of customer relationships in loyalty programs

Chairs: Matilda Dorotic, BI Norwegian Business School
Tammo H. A. Bijmolt, University of Groningen
Els Breugelmans, KU Leuven

Loyalty programs (LPs) have become ubiquitous in practice, and despite an existing large user base, LP memberships are still growing steadily. While LP-related research has substantially increased over the past two decades, it primarily focused on how to design an effective LP, who joins LPs, and what incremental effects LPs can have on providers’ performance (Breugelmans et al., 2015; Dorotic, Bijmolt, Verhoef, 2012). With LPs having been in the marketplace for years, researchers now have come to the point where they recognize the need and opportunities to analyze the long-term, dynamic effects of LPs on customer and firm behavior. The time is now ripe for an examination of the evolution of customer relationship within an LP and the factors that drive the dynamics of customer-LP relationship over time. This Special Interest Group explores from different perspectives the evolution of customer relationships within loyalty programs and thus addresses the long-term implications of LPs as a customer relationship management tool. Three studies show a concerted effort to investigate the long-term evolution of customer relationships in an LP context. In a subsequent discussion, we will focus on this previously neglected dimension of LP management, which goes beyond analyzing mere incremental effects of LPs.

Loyalty programs and habit development: The effects of individual and program design factors

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The authors investigate how the purchase habit of customers evolve under LPs, and identifies program and individual factors that may facilitate or inhibit this development. They find that LPs initially disrupt consumer purchase habit but over the long run have positive effects on habit strength. These findings demonstrate that LPs can be a powerful instrument for developing long-term habitual purchases, not just incremental sales.

Understanding the ups and downs of status in loyalty programs – a markov chain analysis

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Bijmolt and colleagues analyze the evolution of customer status in an LP and the impact of status changes over time on long-term customer behavior. LP members can increase their status to a higher status tier, and they can also get demoted to a lower status level or remain in the same status tier over time. Examining the evolution of status dynamics (or the lack thereof) allows a better understanding of how (business-to-business) customers move between status tiers, which factors drive the change, and what consequences this evolution has for firm performance.

Should we be together? Partnership effects for firms participating in a joint loyalty program

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Dorotic and colleagues explore the evolution of multi-vendor patronage in an LP alliance that features more than one firm. This study analyzes how customer relationships develop across different firms within the alliance and whether some cross-vendor effects occur over time. This study shows that with the evolution of their program participation after LP enrollment, customers start to cross-patronize new firms from the LP, and these partnership effects are driven both by customer purchases and rewards received from the LP.

Discussion: How do customer relationships evolve in loyalty programs, and how can future research assess the long-term implications of loyalty programs?

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and the remaining presenters in the SIG.
Marketing metrics practices: Insights from Irish firms
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Marketing accountability and measurement of marketing performance continue to be major concerns for practitioners and scholars. However, there is a dearth of research on how firms design and use marketing measures in a manner that reflects the organizational and environmental context. To fill in the gap, this study examines both internal and external factors and their impact on how firms monitor marketing performance. Using survey data from 209 Irish-based companies, the study shows that certain factors (e.g., CMO presence, the use of marketing dashboard) significantly influence how marketing performance is tracked. This study provides empirical evidence on the contingent nature of marketing metrics practices.

Drivers of employees’ organizational identification and commitment in the context of sport sponsorship
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Employees are a key stakeholder group within organizations and have been target groups for sponsorships for a long time. Although researchers identified a range of positive effects of sport sponsorship on employees, surprisingly little is known under which conditions such effects are more or less likely to occur. Literature streams related to organizational identification, internal marketing, and sponsorship effects on consumers help to identify drivers of sponsorship effectiveness for employees. Results from an empirical study show that organizational identification mediates the positive effects of employees’ general attitudes towards sponsorship and of perceived altruistic company motives and the negative effects of perceived self-serving company motives on their organizational commitment. Employees’ perceptions of the company’s specific sport sponsorship have no significant effect. Implications, limitations and further research areas are discussed.

Does the industry matter? Public announcements of sport sponsorships and shareholder wealth
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This study aims to further understand the effect of the public communication of a global sports sponsorship on the value of the firm, thus helping brands make better decisions in terms of allocating their limited marketing resources. The announcement of a sports sponsorship is generally considered to have a positive impact on the market value of the sponsoring firm. However, recent research has raised a warning flag indicating that financial investors are getting more skeptical about this communication tool. It has already been shown that the market’s reaction depends on the characteristics of the sponsored event, such as the type of sport. Analyzing ten years of market data, we have now found that the industry of the sponsoring firm also plays a role in the behavior of the stock price, suggesting that investors are more demanding about sponsorship announcements from consumer brands, and are more willing to reward sponsoring firms in the telecommunications and technology industries.
B2B networks

Chair: Margherita Pagani, EMLYON Business School

Dependence balancing strategies for weaker channel partners: The role of network embeddedness

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Despite the prevalence of channel relationships with dependence asymmetry, few studies have suggested how the weaker partners can cope with such disadvantages and benefit from the imbalanced relationships. To fill this research void, we bring focus to the weaker player. Adopting network embeddedness theory, we postulate that weaker players can rely on their embeddedness in business and government networks to achieve dependence balancing. We also examine how the effects of embeddedness in business and government networks are contingent on dependence asymmetry. Using a dyadic survey of buyer-supplier pairs in China, our results suggest that a weaker partner’s embeddedness in business and government networks increases its counterpart’s relationship-specific investments and decreases the counterpart’s use of coercive power, which in turn enhance the weaker one’s channel performance. Moreover, the effects of embeddedness in business networks are weakened while the effects of embeddedness in government networks are strengthened.

Shaping markets – moving beyond the dyad

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This study explores factors that influence market shaping in a B2B market channel. Through a case study from the Swedish steel industry insights in how actors connect to each other in order to shape markets and to enable new innovations are drawn. This study finds that by approaching downstream actors a supplier can influence, and even shape, the development of the market in a favorable direction. The shaping of new markets is dependent on both the power of the supplier, and the characteristics of the market. For suppliers who find their customer to be a barrier for the development of a market, finding new ways to interact with downstream actors might be a valid market opportunity and mutually beneficial to the entire market channel. By leveraging its knowledge, the supplier can develop innovative paths to shape a new market. This study contributes to understand market innovation and how the supplier can influence downstream actors to build markets and to increase competitiveness.

How does digitalization change business networks?

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This paper examines the impact of digitalization (adoption of digital technologies) on B2B exchanges. While B2C exchanges are the subject of numerous studies on the transformations brought by the digital technologies, B2B exchanges are far less analysed. Building on a conceptualization of exchanges between companies as made of activity links, resource ties and actor bonds, this paper offers to identify three types of “digitalization” according to the nature of the most deeply impacted link. 4 cases of digitization in 4 different industrial sectors illustrate these three types. This typology provides an alternative to analyses based on the nature of digital systems used by B2B companies.
**Hedonism and the consumer**

Chair: Josko Brakus, University of Leeds

**Virtue in vice: Benefits of conspicuous consumption for the powerless**

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Research has elucidated that lack of power in an individual drives one to seek conspicuous products as means of signalling status. As a variant of status-signalling account, we contend that the powerless seek status products as means of restoring the self, which ultimately influences ones cognitive abilities. In Study 1, we show that conspicuous consumption has affirmational qualities for those who lack power. Having established conspicuous consumption is an affirmational commodity for the powerless in Study 1, Study 2 addresses the benefits of conspicuous consumption for the powerless, such that we show that among those who lack power, conspicuous consumption improves performance on Stroop task, a test designed to assess the extent to which individuals can control overlearned automatic and habitual responding.

**Measuring immersion in real time: Use of CRDI tool**

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Immersion became one of the stakes of experiential marketing to improve customer satisfaction in the consumption experience. Its study was mainly made of post-exposure measures both qualitatively and quantitatively. We propose to study the concept of immersion in real time, through the CRDI tool (Continuous Response Digital Interface), to capture the different variations of emotions felt by consumer during the exposure phase. The objective of this study is to present the CRDI tool and its possible application in the field of management science.

**Bringing the virtue out of vice – using heuristics to promote virtuous choices for consumers in impulsive states who lack self-control**

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Current research demonstrates that even consumers in an impulsive state who lack self-control would make virtuous choices favoring long-term goals if the choice setting offers suitable heuristics promoting them. Study 1 showed that indeed impulsive consumers who were hungry chose more utilitarian (vs. hedonic) products when they were promoted by a social proof heuristic. In Study 2, a demand scarcity heuristic implying a product was scarce due to popularity, and thereby conveying social proof, was most successful in promoting utilitarian products for impulsive consumers who had previously exerted self-control. Study 3 showed the use of social proof heuristics to promote healthy food to be most potent for impulsive consumers under a high cognitive load who had a low extent of healthy eating. Findings posit heuristics as a promising tactic to guide consumers’ impulsive choices towards more advantageous outcomes and shed insight on the circumstances that optimize their effectiveness.

**How pleasure and meaning affect life satisfaction and consumer happiness**

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We investigate how everyday consumption experiences can trigger pleasure and meaning and result in satisfaction in life and consumer happiness. Results show that personal fulfilment (or meaning) directly and positively affects subjective happiness. Pleasure also directly affects subjective happiness, albeit in a negative way. Results also indicate significant gender differences: men seem to derive more satisfaction with life (a key antecedent of subjective happiness) from pleasurable consumption, while women derive more satisfaction with life from personally fulfilling (or meaningful) consumption. The study provides strong evidence for the distinction between pleasure and meaning in a consumption context.
The influence of product types consumer attitudes and self-identity

Chair: Gerald Haubl, University of Alberta

The effect of touch on consumer attitude towards autotelic and instrumental products

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This research examines the effect of touch on consumers’ attitudes toward products being touched. Results of two studies show that allowing consumers to touch products increases their attitudes toward them through two alternative mechanisms, depending on the type of product. For instrumental products, i.e., those that might be touched for diagnostic reasons, touch increases the perceived ease of using them, and, in so doing improves attitude. For autotelic products, i.e., those that might be touched to experience pleasing sensations, touch increases sensory enjoyment, and thus attitude. These effects are particularly stronger for consumers with a chronically high instrumental and autotelic need for touch, respectively. In addition to adding to the growing literature on touch, this research has practical implications for marketers of these two types of products.

Sampling traps: How the opportunity to sample experiential products reduces hedonic value

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Intuitively, sampling multiple experiential products before selecting one of them should be beneficial to consumers. By contrast, we show that the opportunity to sample tends to trap consumers in a mental state characterized by an exploration mindset, which undermines their motivation to consume any of the products in its entirety, ultimately resulting in a less enjoyable consumption experience. Evidence from four experiments demonstrates this paradoxical effect and sheds light on the underlying psychological mechanism. The findings identify the divisibility of experiential products and the partitioning of consumption experiences (into a pre- and post-commitment phase) as key moderators of the effect.

Vintage wine or vegetables: Sex-specific mating tactics in drinking and dining

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Hunger, thirst, and sexual desire are among the most central of human needs. Yet, surprisingly few studies have examined if mating motives, such as mate attraction or mate competition, can alter people’s consumption preferences for certain foods and beverages. The present study investigates whether a mating motive leads to gender-specific consumption preferences linked to drinking and dining. A laboratory-based experiment on 220 undergraduates (59% female) revealed that exposure to an attractive-looking (versus ordinary-looking) male employee made women more willing to consume healthy foods, but not expensive foods and beverages; whereas men became increasingly motivated to consume expensive drinking and dining options, but not healthy foods. These findings provide strong support for the claim that mating motives fundamentally influence people’s consumption preferences in a way that is consistent with how men and women communicate their mate value.
Subcultures of consumption (repetition)

A Sunday at the car boot sale: A different kind of exploration of the second-hand item consumption

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The research objective was to explore the second-hand realm through the eyes of used item consumers. Six consumers have revealed to us their motivations, practices, and know-how. One element above all nevertheless attracted our attention: the presence of an underlying tension between discourse and practice that is more divergent than convergent.

Walking with zombies – insights into the subculture of the undead

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We used videography to gain insights into the subculture of the “zombie community” – a specific “subculture of consumption” – by analysing visual material that was collected during the urban performance of the community members during the “Zombie Walk” in Cologne, Germany in May 2015. Our analysis includes naturalistic observations of the performance of the participants in the urban space and it further includes interviews with both the community members as well as with spectators of the zombie walk. In doing so, we show how zombie archetypes have evolved in media over time, especially in movies and computer games. Furthermore, we show how the archetypes have influenced the way community members dress and perform during the zombie walk. Finally, based on our findings implications for marketing are discussed.

Yoga and fashion

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A former investment banker from Singapore, a pornographer from Los Angeles, a University student from Washington D.C., and a former project manager from Tokyo help the author explore how they marry yoga and fashion. While yoga has traditionally emphasized the inner world of its practitioners, its modern devotees place a heavy emphasis on their outer appearance. Not only do many of them turn to yoga because of the expected benefits of a lean body, but they also spend heavily on trendy yoga clothes and mats. Female practitioners, who make up eighty percent of yoga enthusiasts today, drive these tendencies.
Capabilities
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Capabilities and performance in global new product development
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Three groups of dynamic capabilities, including global NPD process, global NPD strategy and IT/communication, are relevant for global NPD. Seven capabilities comprise these sets and each has been shown, in previous analyses, to have a significant and positive impact on the performance of the global NPD program of firms. Because performance objectives can differ depending on the firm and on the economic/competitive/technological environment, a key question is: what is the relative importance of these capabilities, depending on the performance objective of the firm? Based on a major empirical study of internationally active firms, research results indicate that, while all seven dynamic capabilities are significant, which subset companies must focus on differs significantly, depending on whether the objective is: (1) Financial Performance, (2) Windows of Opportunity or (3) Time Efficiency.

New product development capability and performance under institutional pressures: The role of the top management team
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Firms invest in new product development (NPD) capability to enhance their performance. To have performance advantage, it is generally recommended that they invest in both dimensions of the NPD capability: exploitation and exploration. However, many firms fail to do so. In this study, we draw on institutional theory and upper echelon theory to conceptualize and examine: 1) how top management team (TMT) heterogeneity impacts the combination of exploration and exploitation within the firm’s NPD capability and accordingly, performance; and 2) how these relationships are moderated by coercive and mimetic institutional pressures. This offers new insights on the antecedents of NPD capability. It also provides an explanation for the past mixed findings regarding the impact of institutional pressures on performance. In addition, it provides some insights into the controversy surrounding the impact of TMT heterogeneity on performance.

The market’s siren call – market entrapments in early stage technology commercialization
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Early stage technologies are distinguished by high market ambiguity, i.e., they can be employed in various potential market domains. This gives rise to market entrapments which denote individuals’ premature commitments to unsuited market domains in response to positive market cues, i.e., expressions of interest from potential technology users. This research employs a grounded-theoretical research design to derive a first theoretical framework that identifies the conceptual properties, antecedent factors, and commercial consequences of market entrapments in early stage technology commercialization. The derived framework is based on objective archival and email records of six technology commercialization projects carried out by the technology transfer organization of the University of Cambridge, covering a total observation period of 333 months. The findings challenge user-centric perspectives that dominate much of the research literature in marketing and innovation management.

Developing better products by leveraging an organization’s learning capacity
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This paper examines the role of an organization’s learning capacity in driving new product outcomes. Three research questions guide this empirical study: (a) what are the components of learning capacity, (b) how can an organization improve its learning capacity in the context of new products, and (c) what is the impact of learning capacity on new product creativity, new product timeliness, and new product advantage. The results support most of the hypothesized relationships and show that learning capacity is a significant precursor to achieving new product-related strategic outcomes.
Does market share matter? Insights from 40 years of empirical research
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The impact of market share on firm profitability is one of the most widely studied and discussed relationships in marketing strategy and management-related research fields. Since the first meta-analysis by Szymanski, Bharadwaj, and Varadarajan (1993), substantial environmental (e.g., emergence of the Internet) and methodological (e.g., accounting for endogeneity) developments have occurred. This updated meta-analysis based on 635 elasticities drawn from 65 studies provides the following new empirical generalizations: (1) The average market-share profitability elasticity is 0.159. Strikingly, if method-induced biases are cancelled out, the mean elasticity is slightly negative at –0.052, indicating that market share has a profit-reducing effect. (2) Elasticities are found to be lower for B2B than B2C firms, for services than manufacturing firms, for US markets than emerging and Western European markets, for recessionary periods, and for the post-1993 (Internet) period.

Impact of new service introduction on B2B manufacturers’ firm value
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In the face of growing competition, many B2B manufacturing firms transition toward offering services in addition to their tangible offerings. However, it is unclear when introducing services is beneficial for B2B firms. We investigate under which conditions service innovation on B2B manufacturer’s firm value using an event-study method. The results show that, on average, service innovation has a positive effect on firm value. However, we find that the impact of service innovation is contingent on the type of the service, as well as on firm- and industry-level factors. Process delegation services have the largest positive impact. Moreover, at initial stages of service transition, the firm value impact of new service introduction is negative. It is only beyond a critical stage that the effect becomes increasingly positive. The results also show that the firm value impact of new service introduction is more favorable for manufacturers operating in small markets.

The mediating role of marketing strategy process in the SME’s innovativeness-performance relationship
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This article seeks to explain how the activities of marketing strategy process impact on performance in a SME innovative context. Both formulation and implementation of marketing strategies are explored as mediators of the innovativeness-performance relationship. Using survey data collected from the software sector, the results reveal that the mediating role of the marketing strategy process is stronger when considering the formulation-implementation path than when considering the activities of formulation and implementation separately. The innovativeness does not influence performance directly. Thus, the best combination to achieve high performance in an SME innovative context is to formulate and implement marketing strategies as a process. This is one of the first works that consider the mediation of the activities of marketing strategy process in the innovativeness-performance relationship and explore the sequence in which this happens.
Theorizing and linguistics

Chair: Ajay Kohli, Georgia Tech

Core or periphery? Exploring the role of theory in marketing scholarship, 2000-2014
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This paper explores the role and evolution of theory in marketing scholarship. We employ a text mining method known as topic modeling to analyse the full-text corpus of 3,937 articles published in the five FT45-listed marketing journals (Journal of Consumer Psychology, Journal of Consumer Research, Journal of Marketing, Journal of Marketing Research, Marketing Science) between 2000 and 2014. Our initial analyses uncover at least eight explicit theory topics among the 148 topics that form the topic landscape of marketing research. The evolution of these theory topics as evidenced in the number of articles published per year that are associated with the respective theory reveals two major patterns – a life-cycle pattern (e.g., regulatory focus) and a linear pattern (e.g., persuasion knowledge). However, individual articles exhibit below-average associations with these theory topics. This might indicate that theory is at the periphery rather than the core of marketing scholarship.

Below the tip of the iceberg: A corpus linguistics analysis of marketing capabilities
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Marketing capabilities are defined and studied in many ways. This has led to an ambiguous understanding of the construct that hinders our knowledge of its empirical impact. To help address this problem, we employ corpus linguistics methods to study the language of marketing capabilities. Our analysis is based on a rich dataset including more than 230 million words from over 24,000 journal articles published in the management literature. This novel method allows us to explore how scholars describe and use the marketing capabilities construct (and variations thereof), and extricate facets of it that may not be explicit. Our results offer a refined description and classification of marketing capabilities, and implications for future research and measurement.

How technology intensive B2B firms customize through modularity
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Technology Intensive (TI) firms often customize their offerings through engineer-to-order projects. However, intensified competition and technological developments drive them to become more efficient. Following trends in consumer markets, many TI firms turn to modularity. Yet, while previous research has examined customization in consumer settings, it remains unclear what the impact of customizing through modularity is for TI firms in business-to-business markets. This study synthesizes the various types of customization proposed in the literature with respect to modularity and complements these with findings from a qualitative field study. A grounded typology of four offerings demonstrates that these represent different levels of combining customization and modularity. Important antecedents add to our understanding why TI firms increasingly follow a specific approach. We extend this through identifying managerially relevant challenges.
Marketing mix

Chair: Andre Bonfrer, University of Queensland

How much do product portfolio and expected risk exposure inform firm performance?
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We develop an approach to empirically measure the existence and impact of stated product-market strategy on firm performance by (i) extracting strategic content from textual descriptions of firm actions, perceptions and expectations, (ii) transforming this content into econometric measures of firm strategy, and (iii) combining latent space modeling with spatial econometrics for estimation, inference and interpretation. Our data comprise the Fortune 1000 firms whose strategic content comes from their 10-K filings with the SEC. Our ‘textspatial’ approach uncovers insight into cross-firm strategy externalities and finds a statistically significant performance differential attributable to elements of firm strategy.

Geographically weighted regression as a tool for exploring spatial heterogeneity of product innovation in mobile game industry
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Investigating how firms’ product innovation activities influence firm performance is an important responsibility of product and marketing managers. Prior researchers use multivariate regression methods to analyze the innovation-performance relationship. However, traditional research methods such as ordinary least squares (OLS) cannot explore important local variations in the model parameters that are caused by spatial effects such as spatial dependence and spatial heterogeneity. This study demonstrated the utility of geographically weighted regression (GWR) in an analysis of product innovation activities and market-based performance of mobile game developers. The results indicated that the GWR model reveals the local variations in relationships among variables previously ignored by OLS models, and substantially improves the model performance over the OLS model.

Empirically confirming the bidirectional link between advertising and aggregate consumption with a nonlinear causality test
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This research uses Granger causality and a new nonlinear method (convergence cross-mapping) to test the causal links between television or digital advertising and three types of aggregate consumption—durables, non-durables, and service consumption. The novel test, unlike the Granger causality test, confirms the general existence of a bidirectional causal link between advertising and aggregate goods consumption. Specifically, and similar to the brand level, advertising effects on consumption are stronger for durable than for non-durable goods.

Does economic growth lead to consumers purchasing more energy efficient appliances?
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Conventional wisdom suggests that economic growth profoundly impacts consumer behavior. Recent research, in support of this conjecture, has shown that economic growth changes household expenditure allocations. Surprisingly, little evidence exists on how household preferences for product attributes vary with economic growth. Specifically, how do preferences for energy efficiency change with economic growth, and how does this translate into demand for energy efficient products? In this study, we conduct a systematic investigation of the evolution of preferences in two categories of major domestic appliances. We find that the net impact on the demand for appliances depends on the evolution of preference for energy efficiency and for the size and price of appliances. Our findings suggest that taking an attribute-level view is critical for quantifying the evolution of the market for durables.
Branding

Chair: Hsin-Hsuan Meg Lee, ESCP Europe

Analyzing interactions and identifying social roles in a brand community on social networks
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This research focuses on the understanding of brand communities on social networks, by identifying the social roles of the members. Using an interactionist approach we coded 1150 posts to provide a content analysis in order to bring up eight social roles. In a second step, we build the social graph of the members and using a structural analysis, we show that network structure variables provide valuable insights for better understanding the interactions between members and their roles.

Why are people interacting with brands on Facebook?
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Facebook brand communities allow consumers to interact with brands in various ways differing in level of activeness and public visibility, ranging from rather passive and less publicly visible (or lurking) to active and highly visible (or posting) behaviors. For brands, posting behavior is particularly desirable as consumers’ publicly visible interactions may strengthen the brand’s online visibility and thus brand awareness. The current paper investigates individuals’ motivations that may drive lurking and posting behavior on Facebook brand pages by a survey study (N = 187). Results show that while both behaviors are driven by social interaction motives, the former is also driven by a need for entertainment, and the latter is additionally driven by a need for empowerment. Since results also show that individuals engage far more in lurking than in posting behaviors, this study implies that companies should invest in strategies that appeal to consumers’ empowerment motives.

This is who I am: Examining the effectiveness of brand personalities communicated online
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Social media provide brands outlets to foster their relationships with consumers. One specific way to do this is to communicate brand personalities. To examine how brand personalities are effectively communicated online, this study distinguishes among five brand personality traits, i.e., authenticity, sophistication, excitement, competence and activity. We analyse 1586 Twitter updates from 17 international brands of low (i.e., FMCG) and high involvement product categories (fashion brands). Results suggest that communicating brand personalities improves consumer engagement, both in terms of the number of favourites and retweets. While FMCG brands’ messages more often include personified content, the positive effects are stronger with fashion brands. Moreover, the positive effects are not equal; with respect to fashion brands, authenticity and excitement are respectively the least and the most effective traits. The effects, however, do not differ among low involvement brands.
Making sense of prices

The effects of price promotions on online user reviews
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As an effort to better understand the role of price in the consumers’ pre-purchase expectations and post-consumption evaluations, we observe how promotional discounts can lead to fluctuations in user recommendations for discount products in an e-Commerce platform, Steam. Applying the change point analysis method for the observation of longitudinal data, we confirm that temporary discounts can disrupt the otherwise stable process of word of mouth generation. The researchers observed a significant effect on the volume of reviews posted for a product shortly after the occurrence of a discount and also variations in review scores that can be either positive or negative. Future research on this subject may allow for more evidences on how pricing strategies can be used to generate more business in online markets, when paired with adequate online feedback management policies.

Consumers’ strategies to learn foreign prices: Effectiveness of conversion versus direct access
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This paper examines the conditions, the strategies and their effectiveness in learning foreign prices. Consistent with foreign language learning theory, we propose that the likelihood to translate (convert) words in a second language (prices in foreign currency) and its impact on learners’ proficiency (accuracy in estimating and recalling foreign prices) depend on the mode of presentation of both words’ syntax (exchange rate) and synonyms (foreign reference prices). Results from three laboratory experiments do not reveal a superiority of conversion in learning effectiveness but the modes of presentation of the exchange rate and the foreign prices interfere respectively in the effectiveness of either a conversion strategy versus direct access based strategy. Those findings have direct implications for public policies, international pricing and consumer welfare.
Relationships between brands

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How do consumers evaluate overlapping brands? The role of corporate versus product brand dominance

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In this study, we explore the concept of overlap between brands in a firm’s portfolio. We define overlap from a consumer’s perspective as the degree to which a brand is perceived to offer the same product features as other brands owned by the same firm. There is limited research on overlap and it is unclear how overlap affects consumers’ brand evaluations. We propose and empirically test a conceptual framework that identifies conditions under which overlap has positive and negative outcomes. Our initial results suggest brand dominance and type of overlap are important boundary conditions, giving rise to implications for marketing scholars and practitioners regarding the effective management of overlapping brands.

Cobranded masstige

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Masstige seems to be last frontier for attracting consumers and increasing brand popularity. Indeed, the collaborations between luxury and low-cost brands are increasing in number and growing in importance. Many new products or collections are created and launched after these partnerships, to be sold in low-cost stores at a premium price for a limited period of time. The paper wants to investigate under which conditions the cobranded masstige has positive effects on brand equity for both brands collaborating. Findings from an experimental study reveal that the cobranded masstige works better when consumers associate a high level of quality to the low cost brand. Implications and ideas for future research are discussed.

Trust in corporate brands and its transfer within brand architecture

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Based on existing research on trust, categorization theory, and signaling, this paper examines how to build trust for an unknown corporate brand and how to transfer it within the brand architecture. The results of three experimental studies show that the reference to a brand portfolio as well as the use of seals of approval for competence or benevolence enhances brand trust, which is transferable within brand architecture. The communication of these three types of trust signals affects brand trust, brand attitude, perceived purchase risk, and expected quality. These effects are stronger for corporate brands than for product brands. Further, we find that it is possible to transfer trust in a corporate brand to a product brand. This transfer depends on the perceived similarity between the brands. If similarity is missing, the use of ad framing may increase the perceived similarity.

A dynamic perspective on symbolic co-branding: The co-creation of multiple brands’ meaning in the context of blogs

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Branding research increasingly acknowledges that brands are not solely the outcome of managerial efforts, but evolve through a continuous process of discursive interaction among multiple, networked stakeholders. Accordingly, brand management is no longer in the position to unilaterally define its brand’s meaning—a challenge that is accentuated when multiple brands form alliances. Focusing on symbolic co-branding, this paper aims to understand how involved brands’ meaning arises from discursive interactions in stakeholder networks (including brand management). A netnographic study in the context of lifestyle and fashion blogs provides in-depth insights into the evolution of two symbolic co-branding processes. The results highlight various stakeholders’ role in and discursive strategies of creating and transferring meaning between involved brands and add unprecedented insights into symbolic co-branding as a continuous process of brand meaning co-creation.
Policy and behaviour

The role of trust in the acceptance of environmental policies
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Consumer resistance to environmental policies often constitutes a critical barrier to societal change. While most research to date has focused on consumers’ cognitive evaluations and attitudes towards environmental policies, little attention has been paid to the affective determinants of policy acceptance. Building on research from adjacent disciplines, this study addresses this paucity by investigating the role of trust in consumers’ acceptance of environmental policies. The initial findings from a survey with n=392 respondents indicate that trust plays a crucial role in people’s mental processing of public policies. The findings hold implications for (social-) marketers and policy makers aiming to raise acceptance of environmental policies and regulations.

Tell me who I am and I will behave: The role of self-concept clarity when encouraging proenvironmental behaviors in preadolescents with social labeling
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Encouraging pro-environmental behavior is not easy. It seems nevertheless that recollection of positive interactions with nature in childhood foster the most involved adults. With the study, we therefore focus on preadolescents and show that a very frugal and costless procedure can encourage them to engage in proenvironmental behaviors. Furthermore, we provide evidence to the theory that has been proposed 50 years ago –without ever been empirically tested– to explain these behavioral changes. We demonstrate that achieving the developmental stage where self-concept clarity is reached is essential for the persuasion process to take place. We therefore indirectly define the most effective age for the procedure. Our contributions are therefore theoretical but we also propose strong managerial ones as we propose a concrete procedure as simple as applying a “justified” label that all entities involved in the promotion of environmentally friendly may use to reach their objective.

When sustainability rebounds: The unintended effects of an environmental policy designed to change consumer behavior
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Policy makers invest resources in promoting sustainable consumer behavior. However, such policies may cause unintended consumer response by encouraging environmental-damaging behavior. We use a natural experiment to examine changes in consumer behavior in response to a policy subsidizing energy-efficient cars, implemented in Israel in 2009. The effectiveness of similar policies, implemented in most OECD countries, has not been scrutinized in the literature. Accounting for endogeneity, we find that the policy—designed to reduce consumers’ fuel consumption and subsequent emissions—in fact incentivizes consumers to increase their driving through a “rebound effect.” We contribute to the literature by (1) testing a combination of promotion and pricing incentives (vs. primarily promotion incentives); (2) using a natural experiment with a strong external validity (vs. lab experiments); and (3) highlighting potential positive effects on consumer welfare (vs. focusing on negative effects).
Retail management and international retailing

**The strong power of weak anchors**

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Academic literature on the effect of anchors on consumer behavior lacks of studies on moderate or weak anchors, and of realistic experiments in which consumers are observed in a natural setting without time pressure or task assignment. After reviewing the literature, this paper presents three studies aimed at assessing if a weak anchor, i.e. a moderate inconsistency or violation in the scene of the assortment within a brick-and-mortar store, exerts an effect on browsing the store and on actual purchases. Our empirical context is given by bookshops and we manipulate blurbs on books to test our research questions. The results of the first study show that blurbs are weak anchors. The results of the second study (a field experiment) show that the manipulation affect browsing behavior within book stores. The results of the third study show a strong effect of weak anchors in the local area of the manipulation within the store and an overall weak effect on purchase patterns.

**Too much food marketing - how voluntary front-of-pack nutrition labeling on products with nutrition claims can harm retailers**

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The relevance for food retailers to account for nutrition and health aspects has reached an all-time high. In particular, food marketers make use of nutrition claims (e.g., 'low fat') and nutrition fact labels, voluntarily posted on the front of the package, to emphasize the nutritional advantage of their food products. But there appears to be situations where the combination of claims and nutrition labels can backfire. This study analyzes how voluntary nutrition labeling affects store brand sales of products with potentially misleading nutrition claims. After label introduction, sales did not decrease for unhealthier products in general, but for yogurts with low fat content (and the corresponding 'low fat' claim) which were high in sugar. Results suggest that retailer-induced food labeling at the point-of-purchase can be harmful if there is inconsistency in product health communication.

**The influence of consumer ethnocentrism and CSR on patronage behaviour at foreign retailers**

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The study examines whether consumer ethnocentrism (CE) and consumer perceptions of a retailer’s local CSR (L-CSR) activities impact patronage behaviour (PB) at foreign retailers. In addition, it analyses whether domestic assortment, locally integrated brand positioning, or L-CSR activities moderate the impact of CE on PB at foreign retailers. The hypotheses are tested on a sample of 351 consumers from 4 European markets using partial least squares. The findings indicate that emotional appeals (local brand positioning) reduce the negative effect of CE on PB at foreign retailers, whereas rational appeals (domestic assortment or L-CSR) do not. The findings also imply that perceived L-CSR activities encourage consumers PB. As such, the study fills two research gaps, by conducting an analysis in the retail sector from CE perspective, and also by investigating the role of retail specific moderating variables that can reduce the negative influence of CE on PB at foreign retailers.

**How international diversification influences the innovation activity and performance of the large European grocery retailers**

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The paper investigates the effects international diversification on innovation and performance of large European grocery retailers. Despite the well-known benefit, that international diversification enhances innovation by providing access to various resources; there is hardly any research about the relationship between international diversification and innovation. Panel data were collected from secondary sources about the international diversification, innovation activity and performance of large European grocery retailers. Our findings show that international diversification has a non-linear effect on product and process innovation of retailers. Marketing, product and process innovation have a one-year, positive lagged effect on the profitability of retailers. Finally, international diversification has an inverted-U shape impact on the profitability of retailers.
Social media and community

Chair: Sönke Albers, Kühne Logistics University

The use of social media in sales: Individual and organizational antecedents, and the role of customer engagement in social media

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There is recognition that social media can benefit personal selling and sales management, especially in the B2B context. This research draws on interactional psychology theory to propose and test a model of usage of social media in sales, analyzing individual, organizational, and customer-related factors. We find that organizational competence and commitment with social media are key determinants of social media usage in sales, as well as individual commitment. Customer engagement with social media also predicts social media usage in sales, both directly and (mostly) through the individual and organizational factors analyzed, especially organizational competence and commitment. Finally, we find evidence of synergistic effects between individual competence and commitment, which is not found at the organizational level. We conduct multiple regression analysis of data obtained by surveying 220 sales executives in the United States.

How to leverage salesperson’s position when helping colleagues in the communities of practice

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To help salespeople deal with the increasingly complex selling environment managers often group salespeople with similar functional expertise in communities of practice. The purpose of such sales teams is having salespeople helping each other by sharing best practices. Yet, little is known about why salespeople help colleagues and how this impacts own performance. Drawing on the MOA framework, this study examines the contingent role of individual salesperson’s job experience position. Based on a multisource study, our findings reveal that individual salesperson’s job experience is a function of group structure (i.e., opportunity) and individual experience (i.e., ability). If job experience position is common, it activates team identification as a driver of helping colleagues, while negatively affecting the -helping-performance link. If job experience position is unique, team identification does not drive helping, but it does positively affect the effect of helping on own performance.

Should the last bastion fall? Drivers and consequences of B2B salesperson social media use

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The general vibe about social media is close to euphoric, but business-to-business (B2B) salespeople join in very hesitantly. As practitioners underscore the importance of building real off-line relationships, sound academic research on whether or not social media helps salespeople to establish long-term customer relationships is scarce. Drawing on a unique hierarchical dataset of more than thirty sales managers, more than 150 salespeople, and nearly 400 customers, this study provides a comprehensive investigation of drivers of salesperson social media use and its subsequent effect on customer loyalty. The results dampen the general euphoria about the potential of social media in a genuine B2B sales context. However, using social media can under some circumstances lead to increased customer loyalty.
Invited speaker session: Uri Simonsohn

Briefly introduced by Stefan Worm, BI Norwegian Business School

**Specification curve: Descriptive and inferential statistics on all reasonable specifications**

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Empirical results often hinge on data analytic decisions that are simultaneously defensible, arbitrary, and motivated. To mitigate this problem we introduce Specification-Curve Analysis, which consists of three steps: (i) identifying the set of theoretically justified, statistically valid, and non-redundant analytic specifications, (ii) displaying alternative results graphically, allowing the identification of decisions producing different results, and (iii) conducting statistical tests to determine whether as a whole results are inconsistent with the null hypothesis. We illustrate its use by applying it to three published findings. One proves robust, one weak, one not robust at all.
Service innovation

Chairs: Anders Gustafsson, Karlstad University & BI Norwegian Business School
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In today’s competitive business landscape, service firms must continuously innovate their processes and offerings to stay ahead (Thakur & Hale, 2013). Service innovation can be said to be the engine of renewal in society and reason for growth of service in all sectors of the economy. Spurred by a focus on innovation, service firms have grown tremendously during the past decade. This session consists of three practitioner presentations shedding light upon three central aspects of the rapid development within the field of innovation: The Internet of Things, Service Design and the role of the Service Experience in developing sound innovations. The session will be opened by Professor Anders Gustafsson, providing an academic perspective of the development of the innovation field. There will be room for discussion after each presentation. At the end, there will be a reflection upon the main points of the presentations and the future of the field.

Introduction: Service Innovation
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Internet of Things: An enabler of service innovations?
Sofi W. Elfving*, Ericsson AB
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The authors will focus on the Internet of Things and discuss the role of an actor like Ericsson, a Swedish multinational provider of communication technologies and services, in creating and making a business in this new situation.

Bridging service design and service-dominant logic: Case studies from Telenor
Annita Fjuk*, Telenor

This presentation will show how Telenor, a Norwegian and multinational firm, and one of the world’s largest telecommunication companies, implemented the capacity of service design in subsidiaries across Asian and European regions.

The Experio way – operationalizing experiential and aesthetic knowledge for service innovation
Katarina Wetter-Edman*, Experio Lab & Gothenburg University
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Despite the considerable attention given to studying service innovation, research still struggles to answer the most basic question: What is service innovation? In this presentation, people from Experio Lab, the Swedish national center for patient-focused service innovation, will present three different cases that demonstrate different approaches to creating and engaging lived experiences for forming the basis of service innovation.
Virtual consumption
Chair: Gilles Laurent, INSEEC Business School

This session has been proposed by the French Marketing Association (Association Française du Marketing, AFM) and its flagship journal, Recherche et Applications en Marketing (RAM), which now publishes each article in both English and French, with the support of its publisher, Sage. The session offers three papers from RAM’s recent “Virtual Issue” put together by Karen Fernandez from the University of Auckland. They address changes in virtual consumption, marketing, and public policy entailed by the digital revolution. The first paper provides a multidisciplinary review and synthesis of the literature on avatars, culminating in a comprehensive integrative model. The second paper extends the considerable prior work on online buying by considering the case where online buying crosses national borders, thus collapsing spatial and socio-demographic boundaries for buyers. The third article empirically compares shopping in physical and virtual shopping environments. It suggests that physical laboratories are better analogues of offline shopping while virtual laboratories are better predictors of online shopping behavior. In addition, the chair will provide information on how to submit papers in English to RAM, and on the support offered by Sage to the worldwide dissemination and visibility of the papers published in the journal.

The avatar in marketing: Synthesis, integrative framework and perspectives
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Online international outshopping experience: Proposition of a research model
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Benjamin Boeuf, Montpellier Business School

Differences in purchasing behaviour between physical and virtual laboratory stores
Pierre Desmet*, University Paris-Dauphine & ESSEC Business School
Richard Bordeneuve, BVA
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Design and marketing: The impact of design on the markets, the brand and other marketing related concepts

Chairs: Tore Kristensen, Copenhagen Business School
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Design and marketing have always been strongly connected, but its integration hasn’t been analyzed in depth although the many benefits this knowledge may suppose. The purpose of this collaborative group is to study this interaction based on examples of how this integration impacts positively the marketing strategies, for instance in terms of branding and positioning or in the field of products, communication, and even pricing. Design provides the tools to marketing for problem-solving and meaning creation in one integral approach. While problem-solving enhances the customer and user’s level of satisfaction, meaning creation builds emotional bonding and sense-making. Good design is good business, moreover design orientation and market orientation are interrelated. This group is concerned with such studies.

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Assessing performance outcomes in marketing

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The purpose of this roundtable is to solicit input, ideas, issues, and potential problems from marketing management and strategy researchers concerning the priorities in developing a “core” list of agreed upon performance outcome dependent variable conceptualizations and preferred operationalizations for future empirical studies in marketing. The Journal of Marketing has published a paper titled “Assessing Performance Outcomes in Marketing” in the March issue of 2016 that revealed a number of substantive problems in current performance outcome assessment in studies of marketing’s performance impact. These are creating discipline-level problems in being able to “prove” the value of marketing. One suggested solution/route forward proposed is the agreement of researchers on a prioritized “core” list of performance outcomes that may be associated with marketing phenomena and agreement on preferred operationalizations of the same. Given the number and importance of marketing management and strategy scholars in Europe, it is important that any such development should include the opportunity for input and issues from European scholars into what will be a global effort. The roundtable session will begin with a short presentation of the main findings and issues of the Journal of Marketing paper by Neil Morgan, and along with comments by other co-authors (Tomas Hult, Coastas Katiskeas) and observations on the same by V. Kumar (JM Editors). Neil Morgan will then invite discussion, questions, ideas and issues from the audience and moderate and capture the discussion and observations from the other co-authors and V. Kumar.

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Making a real difference: Effects of advertising on measurable response

Chair: Janny C. Hoekstra, University of Groningen

Is authentic advertising more effective?
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Authenticity is one of the most prevalent buzzwords in the advertising industry. Marketing managers and creatives alike believe that it is an essential element for effective advertising. However, authenticity in advertising is used in very different contexts by practitioners as well as academics. The authors identify four different dimensions how authenticity can be conveyed in advertising and investigate the effect of each dimension on the sales performance of the advertised product. Moreover, as the impact of authenticity might depend on the type of brand, the authors also analyze how these moderating effects vary across brands with different positioning (premium vs. low cost brands). The study is conducted in a FMCG context in Germany, covering 342 ads across 68 brands and 4 years. The objective is to pinpoint whether and in which context authenticity enhances ad effectiveness in order to help managers to increase their return on advertising investment.

Moving forward: The role of marketing in fostering public transport usage
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Public policy makers aim to increase the use of public transport to reduce traffic congestion, pollution etc. The authors therefore investigate the impact of marketing and satisfaction on monthly cumulative travelled distance of a Western European railway company, as well as possible feedback effects of this cumulative travelled distance on satisfaction. The study is conducted in a FMCG context in Germany, covering 342 ads across 68 brands and 4 years. The objective is to pinpoint whether and in which context authenticity enhances ad effectiveness in order to help managers to increase their return on advertising investment.

An empirical cross-category analysis of effects of food advertising strategies on product sales
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We obtained a sample of 85 food commercials in nine food categories, and analyzed their contents according to prior literature. We coded the advertising strategies in these commercials into 14 items in three broad categories: product attributes highlighting, beliefs highlighting, and appeals. Then we linked the commercials to retail sale data. Using a hierarchical linear model, we were able to estimate the short term (4 weeks) direct effects of TV advertising strategies on product sales and the moderating effects of advertising strategies on price elasticity and in-store promotion sensitivity of advertised product. We also found the effects vary across food categories. These findings can help advertising managers identify the optimal advertising strategies.

The effect of personalization and message framing on marketing communication processing and response
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Personalization of advertising messages can be very effective in increasing response and loyalty, but can also backfire if it invokes resistance to the message. We perform two field experiments in a real life setting in which we manipulate two personalization elements that can be frequently encountered in direct (e)mailings: the degree to which information about the recipient is used, and the framing of the message (problematic or positive) and measure their effects on response to (e) mail. We also study mediator effects of personal relevance, message elaboration, self-referencing and resistance to persuasion. We find that personalization is effective in the presence of problem focused argumentation. We also find competing mediation processes. The positive effect of personalization is mediated by personal relevance and message elaboration, self-referencing and resistance to persuasion. Personalization also has a positive effect on response through self-referencing and a negative effect on response via resistance to personalization.
The effect of technology on consumer behavior

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**Putting on the Ritz simulated happiness as a virality trigger on Instagram**
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Although we now have some understanding of triggers that drive content virality on social media, more recent social media platforms have yet to be analysed from a social psychological perspective. Instagram currently presents fifteen times more engagement than the most widely used networking sites. This research aims at getting a deeper insight into virality triggers on Instagram with a focus on the urge for self-enhancement. Following an initial phase of netnographic research, netnography, which enabled researcher immersion into individuals’ Instagram behaviour, qualitative open-ended interviews encouraged a detailed understanding of user motivation for posting and sharing on Instagram. Findings reveal how Instagram significantly differs from other social media platforms in terms of the use and triggers for virality. Instagram emerges as a strongly self-focused platform, in which users focus on portraying themselves as perpetual.

**Automated payment: Friend or foe?**
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Consumers often assume that automated payment (autopay) facilities are faultless. Yet, in our experiment, we find that those who opt to make automatic credit card repayments tend to repay significantly less than those who opt out regardless of saving amounts. Interestingly, we found that when consumers have low savings, individual differences in susceptibility to a credit card debt (i.e., high versus low susceptibility) does not influence repayment amount. When consumers have high savings, those with low susceptibility with credit card debt are more likely to repay more than those who are vulnerable to credit card debt and paying with autopay leads to lower repayment.

**The privacy paradox: A construal level theory perspective**
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Having access to personal customer data is becoming increasingly important for marketers. Consumers consistently report being concerned with their privacy but often readily share personal data online, disregarding the privacy risks. In the current work we propose that Construal Level Theory offers an explanation for this paradox that is additional to explanations identified in previous work. In a set of five studies, we show that 1) people perceive pros of sharing personal data online as less temporally and hypothetically distant than cons and as a result pros are construed more concretely than cons, 2) people hold more concrete mindsets when making decisions regarding disclosure of personal information online than when filling out privacy concern surveys, 3) people’s mindset affects their decisions regarding disclosure of personal information such that they rely more heavily on the consequences that are congruent with their mindset.

**“I blog so I become”: Studying the transformational power of fashion blogging on consumer bloggers’ self-concepts**
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This study adopts an identity perspective to explore the transformational power of fashion blogging on consumer bloggers’ self-concepts. Blog post data and in-depth interviews reveal the changing self-concept of consumers who have started fashion blogging out of curiosity or boredom but, through a gradual process of transformation in close interaction with various stakeholders, conceive themselves as ‘brands in their own right’. This change does not come without struggles, and exploration of the self is not pursued at all expenses. Our findings contribute to a better academic and practical understanding of consumer bloggers in the fashion industry.
The effect of control, self-threat and regret on behavior

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Impact of ego-threat on consumer saving and spending

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Panel data and a set of six experiments show that when consumers are faced with a threat to their self-worth, they prefer to save money and are less apt to consume compared with non-threatened consumers. This effect is more likely to occur when the threat is internally rather than externally attributed, and among consumers who possess strong rather than weak beliefs in the instrumentality of money. It is attenuated among threatened consumers who are provided with alternative resources to counter the threat, e.g., by being led to believe that they have more (vs. fewer) social connections than others.

Asymmetries in the impact of action and inaction regret: When and why do they occur?

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Through a set of three studies, this research examines the conditions under which action versus inaction regret may have an asymmetric effect on risk taking, and examines the underlying role of affective versus cognitive drivers of the effect of regret on risk taking. We find that, compared to the control condition, although inaction regret increases risk taking, action regret does not decrease risk taking. We also find that the lack of effect of action regret on risk taking seems to be due to the subjective difficulty associated with recalling action regrets. Further, inaction regret makes people more sensitive to their feelings that in turn drive their subsequent responses whereas action regret seems to make people more sensitive to their thoughts that in turn drive their subsequent responses.

Killing the potential of within-domain compensatory consumption: Product’s explicit identity connection impedes self-repair

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Consumers facing self-threats prefer products that symbolize the domain of self-identity on which they feel threatened. Because such within-domain compensatory consumption provides them a symbolic self-completion, it can repair their self on the threatened domain. However, merely consuming a threat-related product does not ensure self-repair. The self-repair potential of within-domain compensatory consumption is influenced by the extent to which the product consumed is explicitly linked to the threatened aspects of the consumer self-identity (explicit products). Marketing actions (e.g., advertising, slogans) sometimes make a product’s identity connections explicit. Consuming explicit products leads to greater rumination about the self-threat and undermines self-repair. However, the self-repair outcome of within-domain compensatory consumption remains intact when products consumed are not explicitly connected to the threatened aspects of self-identity.

Consumers forgo benefits to avoid the scrutiny of behavioral tracking

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Individuals’ behaviors are now under surveillance or being tracked at unprecedented rates by both public and private organizations. Despite recent attention and concerns about tracking, relatively little research is able to speak to how consumers actually respond to being watched and subsequent behaviors. In three experiments, we find that consumers will “opt out” of being tracked by market research firms at a cost to themselves (e.g., giving up desirable options or missing out on financial incentives). Our results also reveal an unintended effect of seemingly positive firm behavior: offering consumers an active (vs. passive) choice to be tracked and/or providing information on the benefits of tracking (vs. not providing such information) ironically leads to greater avoidance. Thus, reassuring consumers about their personal data may not have the assuaging effect that motivated firms toward transparency in the first place.
Product newness

**Product newness: Determinants and outcomes from the consumer’s perspective at the point-of-sale**

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This paper examines how packaging shape and product benefit claims influence the perception of product newness at the point-at-sale. Package attributes per se have novelty-arousing functions. We study product newness based on three between-subjects experiments and an additional discrete choice experiment (DCE). Results show that shape deviation from the categorical prototype, benefit claims with functional, emotional appeals and the ‘new’ sticker serve as four product newness drivers that, in turn, increases purchase intention and product evaluation. Specifically, shape deviation interacts with benefit claims with functional and emotional claim regarding product newness. Beyond purchase intention, the DCE reveals that the ‘new’ sticker actually leads to the highest equalization price, i.e. the monetary value that compensates for changes in the purchase probability for each package attribute.

**Perceived obsolescence of durable goods: Measurement and impact on replacement decisions**

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This research aims to understand, define and measure obsolescence as perceived by consumers (OPC). Based on a qualitative study of 10 people, followed by a quantitative study of 150 people, we are able to i) define OPC as the consumer’s perception that a better product than the one he owns is available on the market; ii) measure its technological, social, and ecological dimensions, as well as exchange value, perceived relative performance, and perceived personal benefits, and iii) understand its antecedents and the consequences for intention to replace a product. The results are examined in the light of theory and sustainable development issues.

Supply chain collaboration and product novelty: The moderating effect of human capital and social capital

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This study aims to empirically examine the interplay of firms’ exploration and exploitation activities across a network of collaboration partners, with particular emphasis on geographical and functional partner diversity. Specifically, we address the question of which types of R&D partnership diversity maximize the value of exploration and which offer greater value for exploitation. Additionally, the moderating effects of human and social capital on the R&D alliance diversity-innovation performance relationship are explored. Results indicate that a broad set of actors and a vast range of novel and heterogeneous knowledge enable firms to benefit from exploration. In contrast, exploitation requires firms engaging in less information search. Further, R&D human and social capital can mitigate the diminishing returns in product innovation performance from the integration of high levels of partner diversity.

Heavy prescribers: Why do they innovate?

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Doctors who prescribe a new drug in its first year on the market are known to be heavier prescribers of the category, but the explanation is unclear. Prior studies have proposed that socially integrated doctors are more likely to be innovators; so it may be that heavy prescribers are more likely to be socially integrated. An alternative explanation is that lead users are more likely to be innovators, as they more easily grasp the potential value of a new drug; so it may that heavy prescribers are more likely to be lead users. We explore these competing hypotheses, using panel data from the United Kingdom on doctors’ prescribing behaviour. The results do not support the hypothesis that social integration is positively associated with heavy prescribing, but do show that association between heavy prescribing and innovation is strongest for the initial drug launch, as expected from the lead-user hypothesis. The tests used have weak statistical power, so this finding is exploratory.
Cross-cultural, luxury and prestige

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The country of origin effects on brand personalities
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This study seeks to establish whether personalities of luxury brands coming from different countries are disparate. It is predicted that differences exist because the personality of a culture influences the perception of luxury brand personalities with different country of origin. To test the hypotheses, the personalities of luxury brands from 5 different countries were assessed using Aaker’s (1997) and Geuens, Wejters, and Wulf’s (2009) scales. Findings indicate the existence of statistically significant country differences in certain brand personality dimensions. These differences can be partially ascribed to the aggregate personality and the national character of the country of origin and the perceiver’s country.

Acculturating impact on luxury consumption motivations of young Chinese consumers living in the UK
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Luxury products represent substantial worldwide sales, majority of luxury markets expanded to eastern new rich markets such as Chinese young generation (Zhan, 2012). This study investigates a) cultural orientation of Chinese young consumers in the UK (collectivistic and individualistic); b) their current luxury consumption motivations (social and personal perspective); c) relationships between cultural orientation and luxury consumption motivation; d) if acculturation moderates the relationships. 532 Chinese consumers in London participated in the online survey. Structural equation modeling was adapted and findings illustrated that most Chinese young consumers’ cultural orientations belong to individualism rather than collectivism; they focus more on personal motivations. Cultural orientation significantly affects luxury consumption motivation among Chinese young consumers and cultural integration moderates the effect. The paper concluded with theoretical and practical implications.

The reciprocal impact of vertical extensions on a prestige parent brand evaluation: The role of country-of-origin, extension authenticity, fit, and branding strategies
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Launching downward extensions of prestige brands (“masstige brands”) come at a risk of diluting the parent brand. The goal of this study is to test the extent to which downward line extensions may impact a foreign luxury parent brand’s evaluation by U.S. consumers through the role of brand’s country-of-origin, extension authenticity, fit, and branding strategies. Based on an ANOVA design, our results show that the use of different branding strategies such as sub-brands and/or hidden/standalone brands may come as a key solution to avoiding dilution of the prestige parent brand. Data analysis also reveals that extension authenticity is a complementary factor to fit in reciprocal evaluation of the same parent brand. Our study breaks new grounds in the understanding of downward extensions versus prestige brands and the role extension authenticity, fit and branding strategies may have in the process. Theoretical and managerial implications are provided.
Customer and brand strategies

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Performance implications of customer participation
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The active involvement of customers in the development of products/services and their marketing processes referred to as customer participation (CP) has been widely studied from the consumer behavior perspective. Yet, there is limited evidence about CP and its financial implications from a strategic viewpoint. The purpose of this study is to examine whether facilitating an increasing use of CP translates into enhanced financial performance and more importantly, whether this translation is contingent upon specific moderating factors. Drawing upon the service-dominant logic, resource-based view, and dynamic capability theories, we develop a conceptual model to test a series of process-based, firm-based, customer-based, and market-based moderating factors. We expect to find a positive relationship between CP and financial performance. However, factors such as product/service complexity, proprietary resources, and customer heterogeneity are expected to negatively moderate the relationship.

An analysis of feedback effects of vertical brand extension products and services on service host brands
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More and more service providers extend their (corporate) service brands into other service or product categories. In doing so, providers particularly need to consider feedback effects on their parent brand image. This research is the first to compare feedback effects of vertical brand extensions (step-up vs. same price level) from different categories (product vs. service). The results of an experimental study reveal that the feedback effects of product vs. service extensions do not differ when customers have the same attitude towards the extensions and perceive their transfer fit to be equal. Furthermore, our results imply that step-up extensions do not necessarily lead to more positive feedback effects compared to extensions from the same price level. A necessary condition for such positive effects seems to be that customers perceive that the service provider has the capabilities which are required to produce a high-quality extension.

Don’t blame it on the customers! An investigation of the strategy implications of companies’ response to shitstorms
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This paper challenges the existing assumption that unwanted outcome of a social media shitstorm is caused by customers’ negative outbursts toward the company. Rather it is the company’s responsive actions toward negative social media communications that are requiring strategic considerations. A developed framework presents five aspects central to understanding the nature of shitstorms in order to provide a deeper understanding of the relationship between social media dynamics and customer empowerment through anger expression. The theoretical findings are empirically substantiated by three case studies and in-depth interviews with managers. The insights into companies’ shitstorm responses and the strategic reasoning informing managerial decision-making suggest companies to rethink their strategic approaches to shitstorms. We contribute with a risk assessment model for companies to assess the potential impact of, and appropriate response to, customers’ negative social media posts.
CRM and social contagion

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Is it how you start how you finish? Customer return rate evolution in online retailing
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Do customers’ product return rates evolve over time? If so, what impacts this evolution and how do previous experiences with the retailer impact evolution patterns across customers? The authors investigate the evolution of customers’ return rates over the course of their relationships with an online retailer. The results show that (1) customer return rate evolution exhibits great heterogeneity: While a considerable share of customers shows an increasing return rate over time, others show a decreasing pattern, even after accounting for other factors impacting return rate, (2) previous purchase experiences lead to a decrease in customer return rate providing evidence for learning, (3) previous return experiences increase customer return rate, signalling habit persistence, and (4) the effect of previous experiences as well as customer tenure decrease over time. These findings highlight the need for managers to consider changes in customer return rates in their decision making.

Modelling consumer decision-making under risk: The case of crowdfunding
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Crowdfunding is an innovative business model that has seen enormous adoption among non-profit organizations. For example, the top two crowdfunding charity platforms operating in the US (Donors Choose and Global Giving) alone have raised over $400 million in total with donations from over 1.7 million donors over the past 15 years. A major challenge faced by crowdfunding campaigns is to reach their campaign target within their allocated time. We develop a structural model of how donors evaluate this uncertainty about whether a campaign would reach its target and how that affects the amount they donate. My findings may suggest that displaying the right information may nudge potential donors to better assess the uncertainty, leading to higher donations and project completion rates.

They make me do it! Social influences on organic buying
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Due to the growing importance of organic goods, past research has focused on examining the influences of organic buying in general. Scholarship has frequently portrayed consumers as independent decision makers and examined the influence of sociodemographic data as shapers of personal preferences. Yet, extensive evidence in economics, psychology, and sociology shows that people’s behaviour is often conditioned on the behaviour of others. This paper aims to enhance our understanding of the determinants of organic demand by introducing social influences in the model. Using data from the Nielsen household panel of 2012-2013, we test the influence of the behaviour of those socially proximal to the household in a double hurdle model. We conclude that influences on the decision to try organic and on the quantity of organic bought are distinct. Proximal others influence positively the decision to buy organic. Other sociodemographic factors are other significant influences.

Who is abandoning whom? Valuing customers when abandonment is two-sided
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Latent attrition models forecast customer lifetime value under the assumption that customers can abandon the company, but not the other way around. We extend these calculations by incorporating the company’s option to end the relationship with low-value customers, making the abandonment decision two-sided. Starting from the Beta-Geometric/Beta-Binomial model, we use dynamic programming to compute customers’ residual lifetime value when a forward-looking company can decide in each period whether to continue service. We apply our framework to a publicly available data set on direct mailings and donations and conduct an extensive scenario analysis to quantify abandonment value. Abandonment is most valuable when customers have purchased frequently but not recently. Second, while customer heterogeneity in drop-out rates increases customer base value, it diminishes abandonment value. Third, high purchase probability and amount spent increase customer value, but decrease abandonment value.
Customer engagement

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Explaining consumers’ participation in crowdfunding: The mediating role of trust and social identification
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The crowdfunding phenomenon has grown significantly in recent years due to the expansion of the Internet and the online communities. The aim of this paper is to analyze the determinants of participation in crowdfunding from a consumer behavior perspective. We develop and test a model that includes both personal and social determinants of the intention to participate in crowdfunding. Trust in crowdfunding and social identification with the community are proposed as mediators. Data from 250 consumers were gathered via an online panel. Our results show that trust and social identification with the community are positively related with consumers’ intention to participate in crowdfunding. Interestingly, altruism and internal locus of control are found to enhance trust in crowdfunding.

Social influence and co-creation experiences in digital media: The influence of indirect C2C interactions in co-creation intensity
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Social influence mechanism have attracted lot of attention in current research in digital media. However, while mechanism related to direct C2C interactions (i.e. WOM) have been broadly explored, those related to indirect C2C interactions (i.e. observational learning and mere presence have received less attention. This research aims to fill this gap analyzing of indirect C2C interactions influence co-creation intensity in digital media. Further, we also explore the impact on different dimension of customer engagement. Our results demonstrate the indirect C2C interactions increase co-creation intensity leading to engagement. Moreover, we corroborate the critical role of relationship strength in behavioral manifestations of engagement.

Football and social media: The antecedents of trust and consumer engagement in a context of high involvement
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This article aims at determining the impacts of tie strength and homophily on brand trust on fan pages and the impact of trust on the consumer engagement in an environment of high involvement with a brand. The research has two phases. On the first phase, we deepen the understanding about the relations among tie strength, homophily, trust and consumer engagement by means of qualitative interviews and set the basis for the development and adaptation of measures for these constructs and their dimensions. On the second phase, we test a nomological network by means of a survey with 688 followers of the fan page of one of the most popular Brazilian football clubs, SC Corinthians Paulista. The results of the first phase indicate that consumers treat the fan page as a brand’s content supplier, whereas the second phase reveals positive associations of tie strength and homophily with trust, and between trust and consumer engagement on the fan page.

Consumers reaction to the privacy costs of free online services – the role of consumer engagement and reactance orientation
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Free online services, such as social networks, have become an important part of our lives. While we are increasingly aware of their influence on people’s privacy, little is yet known about how users react to these privacy concerns. Investigating the case of Facebook resistance, the current research looks at the role of consumer engagement and consumers’ reactance orientation. Based on these two dimensions, we distinguish four user groups to offer a better understanding about differences in privacy risk-reducing actions and the motivations to do so. While consumer engagement has been shown to reduce the consequences of privacy threats in the past, results show that the dimension of reactance orientation has a strong impact on whether people will perform various risk-reducing activities. Qualitative evidence provides a better insight into the underlying reasons, distinguishing between concerns about privacy towards other users and towards the service provider itself.
Brands and luxury

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**Examination of emotional and relational factors in acceptance of luxury brand extensions**

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This study shows that relational and emotional factors drive the consumer acceptance of the extensions of luxury brands. This is from the perspective of purchase intentions (moderated by the perceived fit of the extension) and from the perspective of the reduction of price sensitivity. As such, this study contributes to existing knowledge about the conceptualisation of a customer-based relationship, whereby we validate its impact on purchase decisions. Further, this study also corroborates findings on the effects of well-established individual- and brand-related variables representative of the relationships customers develop with their favourite brands. Namely, brand characteristics, brand symbolic benefits and brand identification.

**The impact of desire for social status on the level of luxuriousness of brand purchased**

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To date, extant research efforts have empirically examined the influence of social status on luxury consumption but they largely ignored the difference in luxuriousness of the products consumed. Addressing this gap, this study investigates the impact of social status position, social status identification and desire for status on the consumption of brands with different levels of luxuriousness. In this study, a set of hypotheses were developed based on existing social status and luxury consumption theories. Empirical data from the USA were used to test the proposed hypotheses. The result shows that the level of brand luxuriousness purchased reflects consumers’ economic resources, cultural capital, social status and desire for status.

**Understanding young customers’ cognitive dissonance after luxury consumption and the impact on selective exposure coping strategies**

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Recognizing the purchasing power of young Chinese luxury customers, this study investigates various factors that influence customers’ post-purchase dissonance.

Based on the cognitive dissonance and selective exposure theories, it further examines the impacts of cognitive dissonance on related selective exposure coping strategies. Results show that both perceived product value and personal financial comfort influence post-purchase dissonance negatively. Furthermore, customers often seek social support to reduce dissonance, rather than becoming mentally disengaged or planning to make up for monetary loss. This study contributes to the body of literature by investigating the underlying psychological processes of arousing cognitive dissonance, which in turn systematically increases confirmatory information search to offset the dissonance. This study also provides managerial recommendations for marketers to help customers deal with dissonance effectively.

**Sinful consumers, saintly brands: Why decadently wasteful consumption makes luxury brands seem more precious**

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By means of two experiments, we show that decadent consumer behavior can have a positive impact on the perceived exclusivity of the luxury brand misused in the decadent act, but contradictory effects on the use of the misused product. We show two different serial mediation processes: First, decadent behavior increases perception of the brand’s exclusivity through perceived superior status of the focal actor which is inferred from the excessive hedonism of his decadent act. The hedonism-status-mediation also explains increased willingness to consume the misused product together with the focal actor. Second, decadent behavior also increases perception of the brand’s exclusivity through an increase in societal death perception triggered by the moral transgression of the decadent actor. However, the moral transgression aspect of the decadent behavior decreases willingness to consume the misused product together with the focal actor, which outweighs the opposite status-driven effect.
Multiple loyalties

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Multiple loyalty: A literature review and a research agenda
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In this paper, we review and analyze the literature on the conceptualization, antecedents and outcomes of single and multiple loyalty to develop testable propositions about their differences. Thus, this paper seeks to contribute to the relationship marketing literature by providing an initial step in the development of a theory of multiple loyalty. The results of this review show that single and multiple loyalty are two different concepts. Even if single and multiple loyalty have common antecedents and outcomes, those antecedents and outcomes interact differently with multiple loyalty than with single loyalty especially in term of their strength. This literature review also offers implications for firms that have single and multiple loyal customers and that use relationship marketing strategies to enhance customer loyalty.

Exploring the embeddedness and the role of marketing in business model research
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As business models (BM) research continues its rapid development it is more associated with multidisciplinary approach. This approach allows to better address both complex theoretical constructs which serve as a core of contemporary BM understanding and also multiple practical issues associated with this phenomenon. The basis for BM is built based on economics theory, strategic management theory, sociology, marketing, logistics and other areas of knowledge. This paper explores the role of marketing in BM research via analyzing the current involvement of marketing scholars in BM theory development and highlighting key similarities between these two areas that can drive further BM studies. The results of this paper, on the one hand, can better shape BM research, and, on the other hand, will enhance the understanding of various complex constructs (BM, value chain, network, relationship systems) appearing in different disciplines.

Firm value effects of stakeholder welfare protection and enhancement: The role of marketing levers
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Recent literature criticizes the customer-centric view in marketing as falling short of other important stakeholders. This study broadens the focus beyond the customer towards the firm’s multiple key stakeholders (e.g., communities, and employees) and examines the firm value effects of two possibilities to manage stakeholder relationships: stakeholder welfare protection (i.e., avoiding negative impact) and enhancement (i.e., creating positive impact). Examination of 17 years of data involving 2,732 U.S. firms reveals that both stakeholder management facets benefit firm value. The results further reveal curvilinear relationships demonstrating that the marginal effects on firm value increase for higher levels of protection but decrease for higher levels of enhancement. Strategic marketing levers moderate the effects in that high research and development (advertising) intensity leverages protection (enhancement).

A relationship-based framework for driving brand image
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Past integrated marketing communications (IMC) frameworks establish brand contacts as important sources of information and feedback. This paper discusses how the relationship between customers and employees, as well as the vast amount of information now available through digital media increases the volume of brand information generated. When a firm fails to manage these relationships, it risks misalignment between brand identity and brand image, which, in turn, tarnishes brand equity. This paper argues that IMC needs to play a pivotal role in relationship building between the brand and employees and customers as stakeholders and extrapolating relevant brand insights from these relationships. Theoretical propositions regarding IMC’s role in managing this relationship to generate brand equity are offered.
Sensory marketing and shopping experience

The effect of crossmodal congruency between ambient scent and the store environment on consumer reactions
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Previous research found that ambient scents used by retailers should be pleasant and product congruent. This paper proposes that an ambient scent should also be crossmodally congruent with the store environment. Crossmodal congruency refers to the shared crossmodal correspondences (i.e., tendency of a sensory attribute to be associated with an attribute in another sense) of the ambient scent and the store environment. In this study, a scent crossmodally congruent with the store, a scent crossmodally incongruent with the store and a no scent condition were compared. Results revealed that crossmodal congruency between store and ambient scent leads to higher approach behaviour. Furthermore, positive effects were found when comparing the congruent scent with the no scent condition on pleasure, store (environment) evaluation, and word-of-mouth. It is therefore proposed to include crossmodal congruency between ambient scent and store environment as a criteria when selecting an ambient scent.

The impact of olfactory congruent cues on consumer approach behavior
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What impact do olfactory congruent cues exert on consumer approach behavior at point-of-purchase in a retail setting? This research depicts actual consumer behavior in relation to the introduction of olfactory congruent cues, as store atmospherics, in a fashion store. In the retailing and sensory marketing research, there is a gap with respect to how olfactory congruent cues, as retail atmospherics, impact on actual consumer behavior in terms of time spent, touching products and walking towards a particular in-store area. In the reported study, the authors find a difference between consumer approach behavior in a conventional store environment and that in a manipulated store environment.

A critical analysis of the shopping experience concept in brick-and-mortar retailing
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This paper critically analyzes the concept of the brick-and-mortar shopping experience. Shopping experience is often ill-defined and is used interchangeably with broader concepts such as consumption experience and consumer experience. As a result, shopping experience remains an ill-defined concept. This paper aims to critically analyze shopping experience in order to better conceptualize it and to determine to what extent shopping experience differs from the other experience concepts. We propose that the framework integrating shopping experience dimensions, processes and outcomes best captures the concept. We equally propose that it can be distinguished from other consumption experiences by its orientation, moment of value formation, and physical environment.

Touch or no touch: Influence of product characteristics and touch quality
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The influence of tactile input (touch vs. no touch or look) on consumer behaviour is widely studied in academia and practiced in industry. However, how product characteristics: sensory (psychophysical) and emotional (affective) together with salient touch quality (diagnostic or non-diagnostic) influence behaviour is largely unexplored. This study conducts two experiments, one with a product where touch quality is non-diagnostic (n=200) and the other where it is diagnostic (n=360) to examine this issue. The findings show that touch is more influential to understand affective characteristics whereas look is more important to understand the psychophysical characteristics for products where touch quality is non-diagnostic in nature. On the other hand, the influence of touch on behaviour is higher (lower) for products with high psychophysical (affective) characteristics when the touch quality is diagnostic in nature. The results provide new directions to retail theory and practice.
Ethical issues in decision-making

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Factors influencing consumers’ decision making process regarding direct to consumer advertising (DTCA) of prescription drugs

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DTCA of prescription drugs is self-regulated in New Zealand based on the assumption that consumers can make informed decisions. The present study examined this assumption by investigating four behavioral responses to DTCA (e.g., asking a doctor for a prescription or more information) as a function of consumers’ informed judgments compared to their attitudes towards DTCA. Other factors that might influence consumer behavior were also considered; namely, attitudes towards advertising, health status, using the Internet, materialism, and demographics. Participants included a nationally representative sample of adults (n=2057) recruited through a research panel. Findings revealed that more positive attitudes towards DTCA, instead of informed judgments, were more likely to influence consumers’ responses to DTCA, which raise questions regarding the policy of self-regulation in NZ and suggest a need to ensure DTCA of prescription drugs is ethical so that not to cause miss-consumption of drugs.

Are you watching me? The ethics of social media research

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Consumer information, collected on social media, is nowadays increasingly used by companies for commercial and advertising purposes, and to generally meet strategic objectives. With the use of tracking devices and other technologies, which analyze information shared by consumers on social media, organizations can customize communication and advertising content in an attempt to increase the effectiveness of their strategies. However, such practices have raised ethical concerns, particularly when data is collected unobtrusively. Current literature points to the importance of scholarly attention on the ethical welfare of social media users, however this issue has been mostly overlooked in the online marketing research ethics domain. To this end, this study conceptualizes and measures consumers’ ethical perceptions of social media research focusing on developing and validating a measurement instrument with significant theoretical, methodological and practical contributions.

Moral and ethical issues in time use in meal preparation: Convenience, health, and family identity

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The purpose of this study is to explain moral and ethical issues of consumers use of time in the home meal preparation process. This is done by investigating how convenience orientation, health consciousness, and family identity directly influence time spent in home meal preparation, and how the process is moderated by consumer knowledge. A sample of Norwegian households (more than one person; n=803) forms the basis of this study. Convenience orientation has a direct significant negative effect, and health consciousness has a slightly positive effect on time use. A significant relationship between family identity and time use, indicates that consumers with a strong family norm, spend more time on home meal preparation. However, the relationship is moderated by knowledge. Consumers with low knowledge about meal preparation and cooking are significantly driven by their family identity to spend time in meal preparation. Knowledgeable consumers are not motivated by their family identity.

Ecological stewardship and opportunism: A preliminary framework

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This study examines proactive and miscreant behavior by firms in their interaction with the physical environment. We draw from institutional economics and organizational theory to implicate factors that influence ecological stewardship and opportunism, and we implicate these ecological behaviors as determinants of transaction costs.
Social media and eWOM

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How the use of social media leverages visit intentions in destination marketing
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Social media are increasingly affecting travelers’ intent to visit destinations in tourism. While prior studies have investigated film tourism, the impact of social media strategy on destination marketing has received less attention. The current study aims to develop and test a theoretical model, by examining the influence of content marketing and promotions through social media on celebrity attachment, destination image and visit intentions. The mediating role of celebrity attachment is also clarified. Survey data from 300 social media users, who follow celebrities, were analyzed through structural equation modeling. The findings show that social media content and marketing activities indeed affect celebrity attachment and destination image which lead to visit intentions. Moreover, celebrity attachment mediates the relationships between social media content and marketing activities with destination image. This study confirms the growing importance of social media in destination market.

eWOM depends on perceived value and customer-to-customer informational exchanges
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The development of travel review websites has radically changed the hospitality industry. This paper develops an explanatory model of positive eWOM on travel review websites that integrates the effect of the informational value of other consumers’ contributions (eC2C) on the relationship between perceived value dimensions and positive eWOM. Data analysis carried out on a sample of 383 Spanish active users of travel review websites shows that eC2C information exchanges significantly influence positive eWOM with a pivotal effect on utilitarian and hedonic perceived value. Regarding perceived value dimensions, utilitarian perceived value has greater influence than hedonic perceived value in positive eWOM. Theoretical and managerial implications are provided.

The influence of visual eWOM in consumers’ perceptions: A study of young tourists
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New formats of presenting information in online context are increasing their popularity among users. Pictures and videos are included in order to review a product in blogs and social media platforms. Specially, this kind of information is becoming relevant in tourism sector since travels are perceived as experience goods. This study adopts a 2 x 2 x 2 (visual eWOM: pictures, video; blogger's profile: expert, non-expert; bandwagon effect: high vs. low consensus) between-participants experiment to explore how different forms of visual eWOM and blogger’s profile influence customers perceptions about the blog (information credibility) and their booking intentions. The research is important from a theoretical and managerial perspective. This study enriches existing literature on visual eWOM by providing insight into two different types of visual eWOM and bandwagon effect of moderating these relationships. Findings will provide managerial insights into more effective eWOM in travel blogs.
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We are proud to host the annual conference of the European Marketing Academy in May 2017 at the University of Groningen. Following the 8th annual conference in 1979, we are happy to welcome EMAC back in Groningen.

The theme of EMAC 2017 is “Leaving Footprints”. Footprints reflect impact, offering evidence for having made a difference. Moreover, they leave a trail for others to follow. This theme highlights substantive academic marketing research that impacts marketing practice, policy makers, and society at large.

The theme fits the research climate at the Marketing Department of the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Groningen. Building on the University-wide social themes Energy, Healthy Ageing, and Sustainable Society, the Marketing Department has a long tradition of conducting substantive research in close collaboration with marketing practice. This has among other resulted in the founding of the Customer Insights Center.

Within this setting, and in the attractive city of Groningen, we hope to welcome you in 2017.

See you in Groningen!

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