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Expertise

- Antitrust
- Data Science and Analytics
- Market Investigations
- Mergers

Profile

Walter conducts research in econometrics and empirical industrial organisation. His work examines: choice situations with strategically pre-selected choice sets, with particular applications in healthcare; industry behaviour, including vertical relations, in oligopolistic product markets, with differentiated products; and intrinsic market uncertainty, arising from stochastic demand as a consequence of incomplete information about consumers' valuations or preferences. He is a co-editor of The Manchester School, and has been considered 'one of the world's leading competition economists' by Who's Who Legal.

Research interests

- Applied and theoretical econometrics and statistics
- Microeconomic theory
- Empirical industrial organisation and competition economics
- Economics of the Internet, network economics
- Health economics

Academic positions

- Associate Professor/Reader, Birkbeck College, University of London (2003–)
- Marie Curie Post-Doctoral Fellowship of the European Commission, University College London (2002–03)
- Assistant Professor in Economics, University of Florida (2000–03)

Policy positions

- Member of the UK CMA's Academic Panel (2016–)
- Academic Adviser of the OECD Competition Division (2015–17)
- Nuffield Trust Steering Group, Competition in Health Care Markets (2011–)
- Member of the Economics Reference Group, Co-operation and Competition Panel, NHS (2009–)
- Member of Oxera Economics Council (2007–)
- Member of the UK Competition Commission's Academic Council (2007–14)
- Research Associate, Institute for Fiscal Studies, London (2003–)
- Research Associate, Public Policy Research Center, University of Florida (2000–03)
- Economic Adviser, Competition Commission (2002–07)

Selected publications

- Beckert, W. (2020), 'A Note on Specification Testing in Some Structural Regression Models', Centre for Microdata Methods and Practice (cemmap) working paper CWP22/19; and Oxford Bulletin in Economics and Statistics, 82:3, pp. 686–695.
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- Beckert, W. (2018), 'Choice in the Presence of Experts: The Role of General Practitioners in Patients' Hospital Choice', Journal of Health Economics, 60, July, pp. 98–117.
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- Beckert, W. and McFadden, D.L. (2008), 'Maximal Uniform Convergence Rates in Parametric Estimation Problems', Econometric Theory, 26:2, pp. 469–500.
- Beckert, W. and Blundell, R. (2008), 'Heterogeneity and the Non-parametric Analysis of Consumer Choice: Conditions for Invertibility', The Review of Economic Studies, 75:4, pp. 1069–80.
- Beckert, W. (2007), 'Specification and Identification of Stochastic Demand Models', Econometric Reviews, 26:6, pp. 669–83.

- Beckert, W. (2004), 'Competitive Externalities in Dynamic Monopoly with Stochastic Demand', *The B.E. Journals in Theoretical Economics*, 6:1, Article 17.
- Beckert, W. (2005), 'Estimating Stochastic Preferences: An Empirical Analysis of Demand for Internet Services', *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 87:3, pp. 495–502.
- Beckert, W. (1999), 'An Econometric Model for Service Choice and Utilization', invited talk, Annual Workshop of the UC Berkeley Internet Demand Experiment (INDEX), in L. McKnight and J. Wroclawski (eds), *Internet Service Quality Economics*, MIT Press.

Qualifications

- PhD Economics, University of California, Berkeley, USA
- MSc Economics, University of California, Berkeley, USA
- Diplom in Volkswirtschaftslehre, Universität Bonn, Bonn, Germany
- Vorlizentiat in Ökonomie, Universität Basel, Switzerland