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New Article: "Laughing at Failure or Failing to Laugh: Humour as a Strategy for Dealing With Foreign Policy Failure?"

22.02.2024 - › (https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/epub/10.1177/03043754241234444)

Abstract of the Paper

The paper considers the role of humour in dealing with failure in foreign policy and brings insights together from the studies policy failure, humour studies, customer service management and crisis communication. It investigates how research in custon service management and crisis communication points to the use of humour as an additional strategy for dealing with foreign pol failure. This research has provided valuable insights into the benefits of humour for dealing with minor service failure, reducing t level of damage done to the standing of the actor responsible for the failure. The paper transfers these insights into IR a investigates the benefits and drawbacks of self-deprecating humour by policy makers responsible for failure. To illustrate this, consider the humour employed by US President George W. Bush at the White House Correspondents Dinner in 2004 wh making fun of his administration's inability to find weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in Iraq. We argue that humour can be a t to address policy failure only in front of a sympathetic audience when humour can be a means of addressing the cognitive tensi between support for a policy and its empirical failure.

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(https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/New+Article_+_Laughing+at+Failure+or+Failing+to+Laugh_+Humour+as+a+Strategy+for+Dealing+With+Foreign+Policy ailure__-p-1224.html)

Important information on Semester Ticket Voting

20.02.2024 - The student council is in the process of deciding whether to introduce a discounted Deutschlandticket (a transportation ticket to travel accros Germany) which would raise the semester fee starting in the winter semester 24/25. This ticket allows unlimited use of all local and regional buses and trains throughout Germany. The alternative is to keep the current MVB ticket for Magdeburg, which is included in the current semester fee.

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Internship opportunity at The German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) in Brussels

23.01.2024 - Dear all,
Please note:
Very good German and English skills are required, good knowledge of French is desired.

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Survey on student participation in the OVGU's university policy

23.01.2024 - As part of a master's thesis OVGU's students are invited to participate in an online survey to assess the level of participation in the OVGU's university policy.

› more ... (https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/Survey+on+student+participation+in+the+OVGU_s+university+policy-p-1200.html)

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