

MASTER PROGRAMME PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

News

New amendment on the examination and study regulations for PACS programme

20.11.2023 - **We would like to inform you that some minor changes took place as follows:**

- ▶ Admission to PACS and the motivation letter requirements
- ▶ Enrolment for new students is now possible in winter and summer semester
- ▶ Introducing the requirements of the practical experience (previously named internship) as part of completing the study programme: internships, volunteer work, and language course as options to complete this compulsory module
- ▶ Thesis preparation and submission
- ▶ Renaming some modules

› more ... (<https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/New+amendment+on+the+examination+and+study+regulations+for+PACS+programme.html>)

AUKA-PACS Talks / SOSE 2023 / Kyrgyz-Tajik Border Dispute

07.06.2023 -

We invite you to the AUKA-PACS Talks, Summer Semester 2023.

Description:

After the fall of the Soviet Union, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan became independent states and maintained the borders established under Stalin's rule in the 1920s. This led to significant political and socio-economic changes for both countries. However, during the process of border delineation, issues arose due to the symbolic nature of the borders drawn during Soviet times. Under the Soviet system, Kyrgyz and Tajik communities had shared access to natural resources based on state-backed property rights. The lack of clarity in the border lines after 1991 has since then resulted in interethnic tensions, violent outbreaks, and ongoing disputes between the two countries over access to resources such as water for irrigation and pasture land.

AUCA-PACS TALKS SOSE 2023

DAY 1

Lecture

**GUEST LECTURER
MAKHINUR MAMATOVA**

*American University of Central Asia
(AUCA), Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan*

**THE KYRGYZ-TAJIK BORDER
CONFLICT: ASSESSING ITS
IMPACT ON THE KYRGYZ
SOCIETY**

**WEDNESDAY
14TH JUNE
17:00 - 19:00 CEST**

Open for Everyone

DAY 2

Workshop

**GUEST LECTURES
GALINA GORBORUKOVA
MAKHINUR MAMATOVA**

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**EXPLORING PERSPECTIVES
FOR TRANS-BORDER
CONFLICT RESOLUTION IN
THE KYRGYZ-TAJIK CASE**

**THURSDAY
15TH JUNE
11:00 - 13:00 CEST**

*Register by sending an
email to pacs@ovgu.de
by 9th of June*

Where?

**OVGU University
G40B-Room 417**



IOCM Summer School 2023 - FSU Jena

26.05.2023 - Planning for Peace – Understanding Multidimensionality and Integration in UN Peace Operations

July 7-9th and July 17-18th | FSU Jena

› more ... (https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/IOCM+Summer+School+2023+_+FSU+Jena-p-1154.html)

New Article: "Humorous parodies of popular culture as strategy in Boris Johnson's populist communication"



Daniel Beck

Abstract

This article examines the role of parodic humour in Boris Johnson's populist communication. Populist parties and conservative politicians have increasingly drawn humorous connections to films and entertainment in their political communication. But, despite the increasing research on populism, the role of humour in political communication is not yet at the centre of populism research. The article shows how professionally designed humour can dominate discourses and bring immense amounts of media attention to specific details while distracting attention from other political issues. The argument of the article is illustrated by analysing humorous communication of the former British PM Boris Johnson in 2019 and 2020. Among others, Johnson compared himself to Marvel's Hulk, a parody that echoed through the news media. The article provides a very specific and new insight into the means by which populist strategies make use of parodic humorous elements in their communication.

Keywords

Boris Johnson, humour, parody, populist communication, populist style

17.05.2023 - Our team member Daniel Beck just published his latest article in *The British Journal of Politics and International Relations (BJPIR)*. The journal is the world's premier outlet for research on British politics.

In the article, Daniel looks on how humour and populism are related. "It is common British politicians to use humour, but the style of Boris Johnson's humour is due to its parodic and emotional quality unique", states the article.

› more ...

(https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/New+Article+_+Humorous+parodies+of+popular+culture+as+strategy+in+Boris+Johnson%E2%80%99s+populist+communication_-p-1152.html)

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