

MASTER PROGRAMME PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

News

Commented Lecture Dictionary 2020

04.03.2020 - We have again put all our efforts into putting together the lectures and seminar for the coming summer semester.

> more ... (<https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/Commented+Lecture+Dictionary+2020.html>)



Kommentiertes Vorlesungsverzeichnis Summer Term 2020

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New Publications by Beck & Spencer

04.02.2020 - Daniel Beck and Alexander Spencer have published an article in the Cambridge Review of International Affairs: "Just a bit of fun: the camouflaging and defending functions of humour in recruitment videos of the British and Swedish armed forces".

> more ... (https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/New+Publications+by+Beck+_+Spencer-p-864.html)

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Just a bit of fun: the camouflaging and defending functions of humour in recruitment videos of the British and Swedish armed forces

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Abstract This article contributes to the growing literature regarding humor in international politics, focusing on satirical and comedic narratives in the recruitment videos of the British and Swedish armed forces. Although these official recruitment videos – published on each military's respective YouTube channel – are, perhaps surprisingly, often funny and entertaining, there is little research on the roles, functions and employment of humor by actors involved in international affairs. We argue that the methodological apparatus provided by narrative analysis can provide valuable insight, and is a helpful tool for analyzing humorous audio-visual content. We show that the use of humor by the armed forces functions both to camouflage and to insulate, simultaneously obscuring and supporting a process of militarization of everyday life whilst making criticism of the videos' political messages more difficult.

New Publications by Spencer & Roepstorff

28.01.2020 - In the new issue of the magazine "Peace & Change" (Vol. 45, Iss. 1) Alexander Spencer and Kristina Roepstorff, together with Stephan Engelkamp, have written the introduction and an article on the topic of "moving pictures": Visual Metaphors of Peace in Film Mango Dreams".

> more ... (https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/News/New+Publications+by+Spencer+_+Roepstorff-p-862.html)



Excursion to Berlin



20.01.2020 - On 17 January 2020 a small group of students travelled to Berlin with their lecturer Amer Katbeh as part of the seminar "Protracted Social Conflicts in th MENA region".

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