

MASTER PROGRAMME PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

News

Online-Discussion on The 2025 German Federal Election and Its Impact on Europe

25.02.2025 - Our colleagues from the › European Studies Team (EUS) (<https://www.eurostud.ovgu.de/>) would like to invite you to an online discussion hosted by the Institute for European Politics. The event will focus on the 2025 German federal election and its impact on Europe—covering key topics such as migration and asylum, the Schengen area, economic competitiveness, and the Green Deal. Together with experts, we will explore how the EU was discussed during the election campaign, what expectations France and Poland have for the new German government, and what the future holds for the Weimar Triangle.

- ▶ Prof. Dr. Eva Heidbreder (University of Magdeburg)
- ▶ Sophie Pornschlegel (Europe Jacques Delors, Brussels)
- ▶ Dr. Maria Skóra (Institute for European Politics, Berlin)

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New Article: Tacit engagement in humanitarian action: making sense of silence and secrecy in humanitarian negotiations

30.01.2025 -

Abstract of the Paper

Secrecy and silence regarding the compromises and trade-offs made by frontline humanitarians in order to achieve access, protection, efficiency and legitimacy are a widely observable but underconceptualized phenomenon in humanitarian action. As a form of “tacit engagement”, it allows humanitarian practitioners to operate in difficult settings but also implies lacking accountability, coordination and learning. There is thus a need for disentangling the productive and restraining effects of secrecy in this field. In this paper, we do so by conceptualizing these practices as forms of “tacit engagement” and relating them to political theory on secrecy and silence. Drawing on insights from expert consultations and qualitative interviews on humanitarian negotiations, we relate it to existing literatures on remote management, risk management and a culture of silence in humanitarian organizations more generally and humanitarian negotiations more specifically. In the conclusion, we work out the potentially productive and destructive effects of tacit engagement as an invitation to ethical assessment.

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New Publication: No Relief from War: The Use of Humour in Memes by the Government of Ukraine and the limitation of laughter

09.01.2025 - › Prof. Dr. Alexander Spencer (https://www.pacs.ovgu.de/Team/Prof_+Dr_+Alexander+Spencer-p-468.html) , Mariam Ochkhikidze & Jan Günter Wessel have just published their latest research in *International Journal of Media and Cultural Politics* Vol. 20, No. (2025)

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New Article: “Russian Warship, Go fuck yourself”. Romantic Narratives of the Hero in the War in Ukraine

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