

MEVIT3427 – Media, War and Journalism: Blurred Lines and Smokescreens

Take home exam, spring 2019

Monday 1 April at 11:00 – Thursday 4 April at 11:00

Candidates must submit their exam paper in Inspera no later than Thursday 4 April by 11.00 (11AM).

The exam consists of two (2) pages and two (2) questions. **You must answer one out of the two questions.**

Before you start writing your exam submission, you must ensure that you have read and understood the University of Oslo's information about cheating:

<http://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/cheating/index.html>

You must use a reference style (such as Harvard, MLA, Chicago or APA) throughout your exam submission, and in the bibliography/reference list at the end of the submission. Therefore, you must also read the University's guidelines:

<http://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/sources-citations/>

Answer **one** of the following questions:

1) Wars are not only fought on the battlefield, but also in the realms of media, public opinion and in the narratives that exist about conflict. What difference (if any) have advances in communication technology made, over history, in the scope of conflict and the ability of different actors to "win" the war? Relate your analysis to at least a historical case in addition to at least one more recent development. Use relevant theory and concepts from the course readings and, if relevant, class discussions.

2) Former war correspondent Martin Bell (2008: 221) argues that twenty-first century warfare 'offers no foothold for independent and free-ranging journalism. He calls this the 'death of [war] news.' Assess the validity of his claim by discussing to what extent the military and governments (official sources) can (or not) influence the reporting of conflict. Relate your analysis to at least a historical case in addition to at least one more recent development. Use relevant theory and concepts from the course readings and, if relevant, class discussions.

Information about the exam

You must submit your exam in English.

The submitted paper may be up to 10 pages (one page is calculated to 2300 characters without spaces). The front page and reference list do not count towards the 10 pages. Use Times New Roman font in 12pt. and 1.5 line spacing.

The exam must be submitted as a PDF, or it will not be accepted by Inspera. Your front page must include your candidate number, and the name of the file you upload should be your candidate number (eg. 1234.pdf). Do not include your name anywhere on your exam submission.

All students are required to have read and familiarized themselves with the University's rules regarding cheating, found here: <http://www.uio.no/english/studies/examinations/cheating/>. All submissions will be checked using the University's plagiarism detection software.

Please see our web site for more practical information about exams at the Department of Media and Communication: <http://www.hf.uio.no/imk/english/studies/submission/index.html>

Cristina Archetti can be contacted through e-mail, cristina.archetti@media.uio.no, and will answer questions regarding the exam submitted on Monday 1 April by 13:00. Questions will generally be answered by the end of the day.

The exam results will be published in Studentweb within three weeks. Results will not be given by phone or e-mail.