

MEVIT3427/JOUR4327 – Spring 2023

Obligatory Activity

You need to submit a draft (at least 3 pages, more or less a third) of your term paper. It is fine to submit more than 3 pages, if you have the material. The point is to get feedback about your work in view of the final submission. Although it is a draft and it will be unfinished, make sure that the text is coherent. This means that a series of bullet points or a very fragmented piece of work will not pass. It should be a genuine start on your work for the final assignment. You need to pass this assignment in order to proceed to the exam (i.e. submission of the whole, finished term paper).

Deadline for obligatory activity: 19 April 2023, 11.00am. Please submit on **Canvas** under “Assignments.”

QUESTION FOR THE TERM PAPER

Select the right question for your level of study, either BA or MA.

BA level - MEVIT3427

It is often claimed that political conflict today is all about spectacle, image, and propaganda, not substance. To what extent is this true and what does this mean for the role of the media and journalism in conflict? Answer this question by using theoretical frameworks, concepts and arguments from the course readings, and, if relevant, class discussions. Make sure you evaluate a variety of arguments and include one or more examples of conflict to illustrate your points. You are required to refer to relevant reading sources in the syllabus. You can use other sources, if you wish, in addition to them, not as a replacement.

MA level - JOUR4427

It is often claimed that political conflict today is all about spectacle, image, and propaganda, not substance. To what extent is this true and what does this mean for the role of the media and journalism in conflict? What implications does this have (depending on your assessment) for the democratic society we live in? Answer these questions by using theoretical frameworks, concepts and arguments from the course readings, and, if relevant, class discussions. Make sure you evaluate a variety of arguments and include one or more examples of conflict to illustrate your points. You are required to refer to relevant reading sources in the syllabus. You can use other sources, if you wish, in addition to them, not as a replacement.

Submission date for TERM PAPER: 16 May 2023, 11.00am.

(the instructions you will receive will be along the following lines)

Inspira closes automatically at 11:00, so we recommend submitting well ahead of the deadline.

- The term paper should be approximately 10 pages, where one page is about 2300 characters excluding spaces.
- The front page, literature list and appendices do not count towards the 10 pages.

- You must use a reference style (e.g. Harvard, Chicago, MLA, APA) consistently and precisely throughout your submission and in the literature list. If you are unsure of how to use sources and citations properly, [please consult the University library's resource page](#), or the [Search and Write webpage](#) .
- Before you submit your term paper, you must also ensure that it conforms to [the University's rules regarding cheating](#).
- The file you submit must be a PDF file (.pdf). Other formats (e.g. .pages., or .odt) will not be accepted by Inspira.
- Do not include your name anywhere on the submission.
- Your file should be named after your candidate number, for instance 1234.pdf.

The front page of your term paper must include the following:

- Your candidate number (available in Studentweb)
- The course code and course name
- The correct semester (spring 2023)
- The title of your term paper