

JOUR4427 – Media, War and Journalism: Smokescreens and Blurred Lines

Take home exam, spring 2017

Monday 29th of May – Thursday 1st of June

The exam is to be submitted in Fronter by Thursday June 1st by 11:00 (11AM).
The exam consists of two (2) pages.

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 (for example MLA, Chicago, Harvard 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 two questions:

EITHER

Question 1:

Over history, the development of communication technology has changed both the way war is waged and how it is reported. Which actors have been over time most successful in shaping perceptions of a conflict: governments, the military, journalists, the public, or other actors? What political implications does this have for a democratic society?

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 class discussions.

OR

Question 2:

When it comes to a situation of conflict, does politics drive media coverage or does media coverage drive policy? What political implications does this have for a democratic society?

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 class discussions.

Information about the exam:

Your exam is to be submitted in English.

The submitted paper may be up to 10 pages (one page is calculated to 2300 characters without spaces) excluding front page and references. The exam must be submitted in a widely readable format. We strongly recommend using PDF. Your front page must include your candidate number, and the name of the file you upload should be your candidate number (xxxxxx.pdf/xxxxxx.doc)

You are no longer required to hand in a statement regarding cheating (fuskeerklæring). However, all students are expected to have read and familiarized themselves with the University's rules regarding cheating. All submissions will be checked by the University's plagiarism detection software.

Please see our web site for more practical information about exams at the Department of Media and Communication: <https://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 by Monday May 29th by 13:00. Questions will generally be answered by the end of the day.

The exam results will be published in Studentweb on June 22nd 2017. Results will not be given by phone or e-mail.