

**Literature 2nd examiner (“Zweitprüfer”)
for students of the Master in *Communication Science* (MSc)**

Reading list effective as of examination week CW 26.

Please take note of the following rules:

- You must choose any **two topics** from the list below. It does not matter whether they are labeled A or B.
- You do **not** need to search for additional literature; only the texts on this list are relevant for the exam. Most of the literature can be accessed via the UNIVIE client (<https://univpn.univie.ac.at/>) or through google scholar (<https://scholar.google.com/>), using u:access (<https://bibliothek.uaccess.univie.ac.at/en/uaccess.html>).
- **Attention:** Please send an email to Claudia Koska (claudia.koska@univie.ac.at) **after** you have chosen your topics, indicating their title and number, **before** you actually start studying for your exam. You will receive a brief notification indicating whether your choice of second examiner is approved.
- When choosing the two topics, please be mindful of the fact that you are **not allowed** to choose texts that are directly related to the topic of your Master’s thesis. If in doubt, please email Prof. Lecheler (sophie.lecheler@univie.ac.at).

A: Current Debates in Political Communication

Topic A.1: The Role of Emotions

- Aarøe, L., Petersen, M. B., & Arceneaux, K. (2017). The behavioral immune system shapes political intuitions: Why and how individual differences in disgust sensitivity underlie opposition to immigration. *American Political Science Review*, 111(2), 277–294.
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- Widmann, T. (2021). How emotional are populists really? Factors explaining emotional appeals in the communication of political parties. *Political Psychology*, 42(1), 163–181.
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Topic A.2: Understanding News Avoidance

- Betakova, D., Boomgaarden, H., Lecheler, S., & Schäfer, S. (2025). I Do Not (Want To) Know! The relationship between intentional news avoidance and low news consumption. *Mass Communication and Society*, 28(3), 413–440.
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Topic A.3: Hate Speech, Incivility, and Content Moderation

- Alizadeh, M., Gilardi, F., Hoes, E., Klüser, K. J., Kubli, M., & Marchal, N. (2022). Content moderation as a political issue: The Twitter discourse around Trump's ban. *Journal of Quantitative Description: Digital Media*, 2. <https://doi.org/10.51685/jqd.2022.023>
- Gorwa, R., Binns, R., & Katzenbach, C. (2020). Algorithmic content moderation: Technical and political challenges in the automation of platform governance. *Big Data & Society*, 7(1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2053951719897945>
- Meerson, R., Koban, K., & Matthes, J. (2025). Platform-led content moderation through the bystander lens: a systematic scoping review. *Information, Communication & Society*, 28(16), 3175–3192. <https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2025.2483836>
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- Wiesner, A., Schäfer, S., & Lecheler, S. (2023). Navigating the gray areas of content moderation: Professional moderators' perspectives on uncivil user comments and the role of (AI-based) technological tools. *New Media & Society*, 27(3), 1215–1234. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14614448231190901>

Topic A.4: Algorithmic Power and Platform Governance

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Topic A.5: Contemporary Election Campaigns Effects

- Dimitrova, D. V., Shehata, A., Strömbäck, J., & Nord, L. W. (2011). The effects of digital media on political knowledge and participation in election campaigns: Evidence from panel data: Evidence from panel data. *Communication Research*, 41(1), 95-118. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0093650211426004>
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- Walgrave, S., Lefevere, J., & Nuytemans, M. (2009). Issue Ownership Stability and Change: How Political Parties Claim and Maintain Issues Through Media Appearances. *Political Communication*, 26(2), 153–172. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10584600902850718> —> gibt es auch nicht in u:search

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B: Advances in Journalism Studies

Topic B.1: Emotionality in Journalism

- Beckett, C., & Deuze, M. (2016). On the role of emotion in the future of Journalism. *Social Media + Society*, 2(3), 1-6
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- Wahl-Jorgensen, K. (2020). An Emotional Turn in Journalism Studies? *Digital Journalism*, 8(2), 175–194. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21670811.2019.1697626>

Topic B.2: Constructive Journalism

- Hermans, L., & Drok, N. (2018). Placing constructive journalism in context. *Journalism Practice*, 12(6), 679–694. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17512786.2018.1470900>
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Topic B.3: Journalists and Politicians

- Maurer, P., & Beiler, M. (2018). Networking and political alignment as strategies to control the news: Interaction between journalists and politicians. *Journalism Studies*, 19(14), 2024–2041.
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Topic B.4: Data, Algorithmic & Computational Journalism

- Coddington, M. (2015). Clarifying journalism's quantitative turn: A typology for evaluating data journalism, computational journalism, and computer-assisted reporting. *Digital Journalism*, 3(3), 331-348.
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Topic B.5: Audience-Centred Journalism

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- Sánchez Laws, A. L. (2020). Can immersive journalism enhance empathy? *Digital Journalism*, 8(2), 213–228. <https://doi.org/10.1080/21670811.2017.1389286>
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