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### **Conference Invitation**

Dear colleagues,

We would like to inform you about the Call for Papers for a conference on *War and Semiotics* (CfP below) that will be held at Nord Universitet, Bodø on November 9-10, 2018. We also would like to take the opportunity to invite you to submit a paper proposal, to act as a panel moderator, or to simply attend as a debater.

Please feel free to share this invitation with interested colleagues in the field as well as current PhD students, who might be interested in presenting some of their current work that is related to the overall topic of the conference.

Best regards,

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## **CfP: War and Semiotics**

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War changes not only political and geographical realities, it also changes language in general, and the use of words and images in particular within their specific semiotic and semantic dimensions. Propaganda in particular redefines the use of images and language within the cultural settings to provide a narrative that supports the war effort as such. Consequently, every war is demanding its own visual and “translated” narrative to successfully engage with its supporters in general, and soldiers in particular. These narratives allow new classifications of a just war, the creation of acceptance of specific victimologies, and also racist or imperialist preconditioning of soldiers and war supporters in a broader sense.

The aim of a two day conference at Nord Universitet, Norway is to discuss the interrelationship between war, semiotics, and semantics in a broader perspective - global and comparative approaches are as welcome as proposals dealing with any period in history. The organizers have a particular interest in, but do not limit proposals to, the following topics:

\*semiotic and semantic narratives of

- the bellum iustum
- the enemy
- the victims of war

\*semiotic and semantic memories of

- guilt
- violence
- war trauma

\*semiotic and semantic forms of propaganda

\*political semiotics and semantics in war

Interested scholars and PhD students should send a **short proposal** (max. 300 words) and a **one page CV** to [jacob.m.a84@googlemail.com](mailto:jacob.m.a84@googlemail.com); [steinar.aas@nord.no](mailto:steinar.aas@nord.no) and [kjetil.jakobsen@nord.no](mailto:kjetil.jakobsen@nord.no) until **April 30, 2018**.