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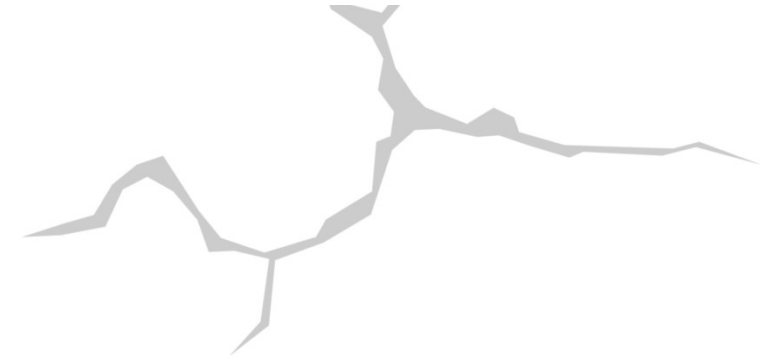
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The coverage and reception of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict in the Polish, Romanian and English-language media

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Agenda



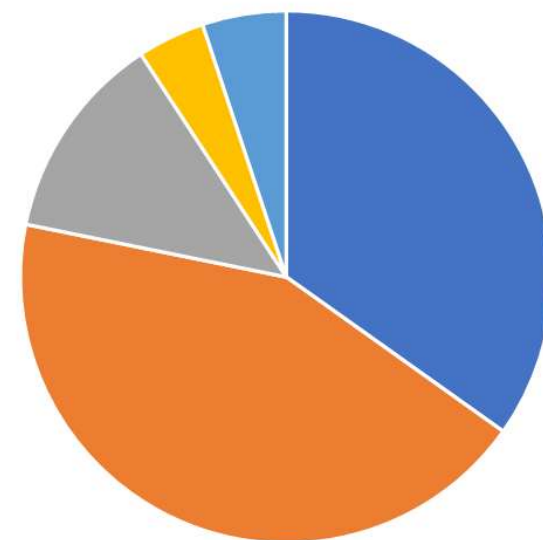
- **Rationale and objectives of the project**
 - Corpus and methodology
 - Conferences and educational actions
 - Publications and results
- **Recommendations for journalism training**



- **CORECON:** The **co**verage and **re**ception of the Russian-Ukrainian **con**flict in Polish, Romanian and English-language media: A comparative critical discourse study.
Polish/Romanian subcorpora of approx. (Feb 2022-June 2024) from mainstream (80%) and social media (20%).
- **English subcorpus** (30 million tokens)
- 39 studies published/prepared 2024-2026 with **cross-cultural** perspective, given the evolving geopolitical situation.
- **Recommendations** for journalism training, critical media literacy and resilience.

Corpus

	Entries	Tokens	Percent
NEWS-PL	1,910	1,212,303	34.8%
NEWS-RO	2,004	1,507,997	43.3%
NEWS-EN	523	439,939	12.6%
SOCIAL-PL	1,995	144,255	4.1%
SOCIAL-RO	730	176,567	5.1%
SUM	7,162	3,481,061	n/a
NEWS-EN	126,176	61,152,636	n/a



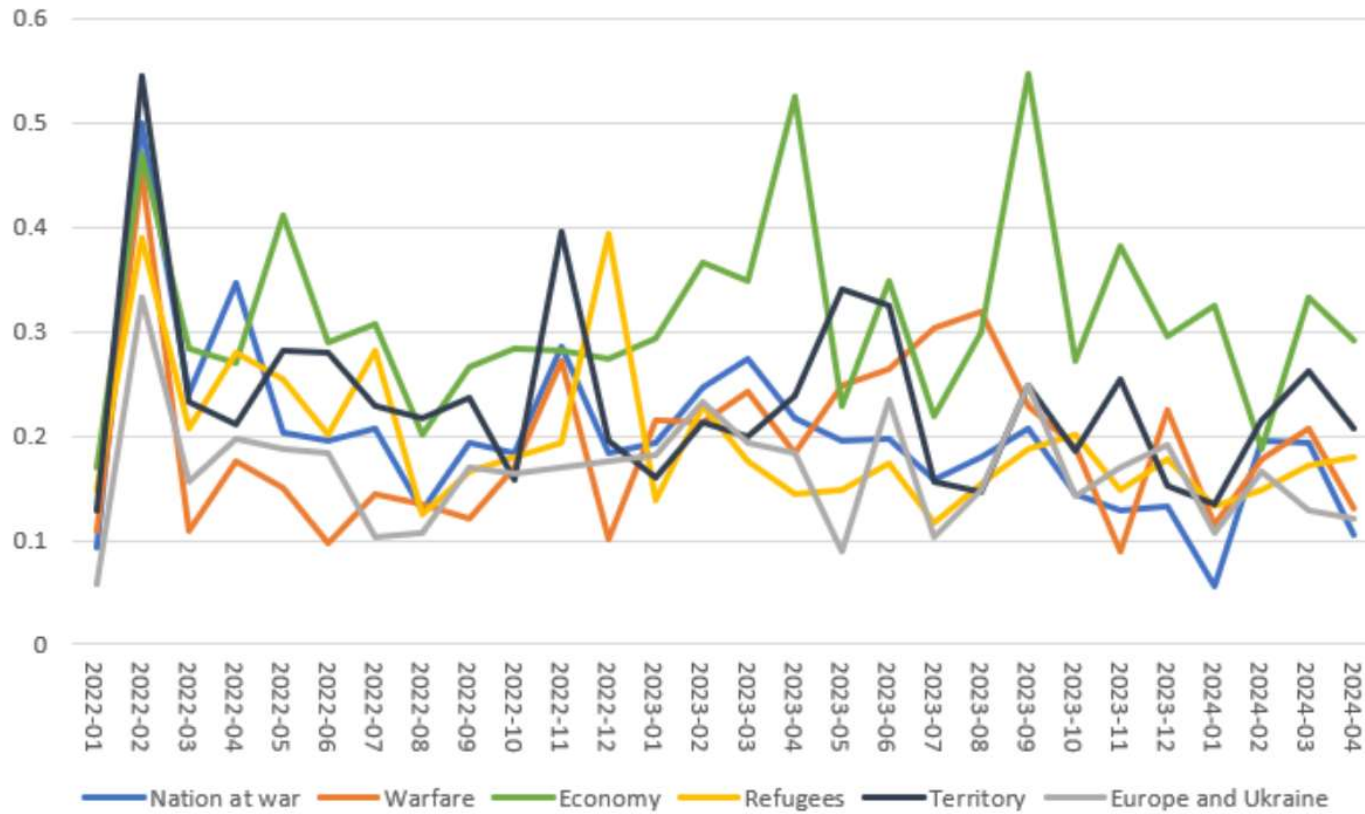
■ NEWS-PL ■ NEWS-RO ■ NEWS-EN
■ SOCIAL-PL ■ SOCIAL-RO

Methodology

- ➔ News corpora collected based on media rankings;
- ➔ 5 articles per outlet per month;
- ➔ Recorded in a database using expanded Dublin Core **metadata** standard;
- ➔ The data enabled **qualitative and quantitative** studies to be carried out.



Topic modelling

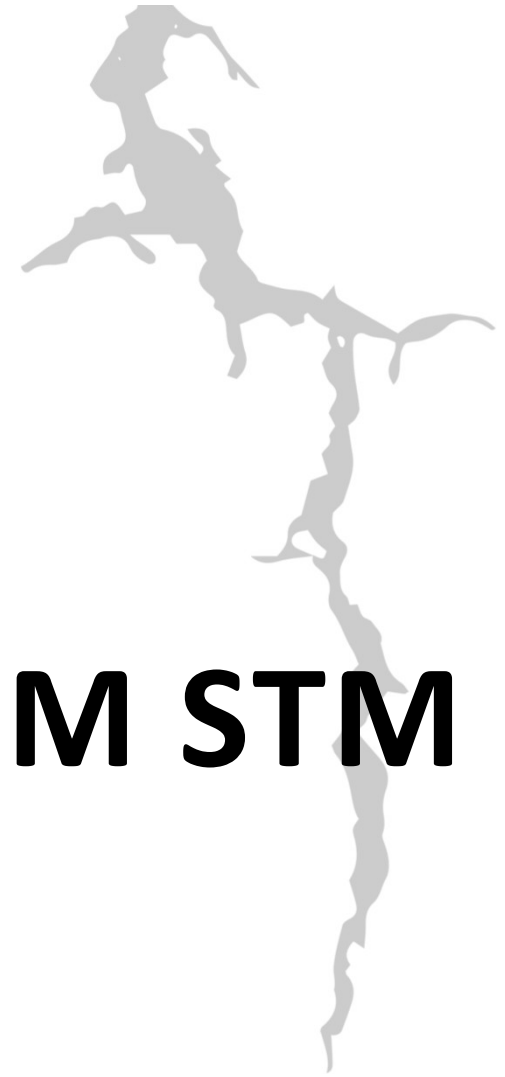


Corpus applications



- ➔ News headlines (aided by our broad metadata);
- ➔ Media representations of broad concepts such as "peace", "victory" and "war";
- ➔ Development of narratives about the war (e.g., visibility of fear in media discourse);
- ➔ Representations of men and women in the media reporting on the conflict;
- ➔ Analysis of topoi present in social media.

Events and FORTHEM STM



Event 1: 29th IAICS Conference

- ➔ **Intercultural Encounters: Global perspectives - local contexts**
September 18-20, 2024
over **100** onsite and online participants
- ➔ **Panel: Understanding conflict across cultures and discourses**
- ➔ to share **preliminary** results of and get feedback on approaches and methods of our cross-cultural and cross-linguistic studies (PL, RO, EN)



Program

- ➔ **Subjectivities and storylines in the coverage of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict in Polish and English-language tabloids** (Katarzyna Molek-Kozakowska - moderator)
- ➔ **Framing of the economic situation of Ukraine and Russia in Polish media** (Rafał Krzysztof Matusiak and Robert Radziej)
- ➔ **Unwanted encounters. Anti-Ukrainian rhetoric in media coverages of Russian-Ukrainian conflict** (Marcin Deutschmann and Jędrzej Olejniczak)
- ➔ **Alternate construals of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict: A pilot study of framing in the discourse of conflict** (Przemysław Wilk)

Event 2: CORECON conference



➔ **Interdisciplinary perspectives on the mediation of Russian-Ukrainian war: Language, representation, society, culture**
July 9-11, 2025

➔ **40 participants** (PL, RO, US, UA, GB, GR, IN, CA, CZ, ES)

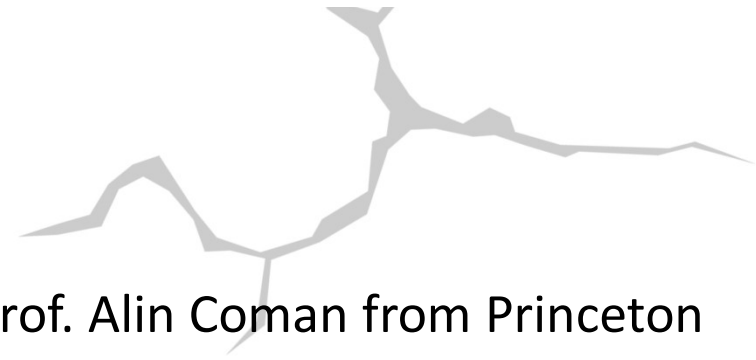
➔ **3 plenaries, 3 workshops, 6 thematic panels**

- to see various perspectives on linguistic and multimodal means of framing the RU-UA war in the media

- to share the results of **advanced** linguistic and media analyses conducted in CORECON




Plenary lectures



- ➔ **Narratives that shape worlds: for better and for worse.** Prof. Alin Coman from Princeton University on psychological mechanisms behind how stories shape our worldview and how they can mitigate or amplify conflicts.
- ➔ **From conflict discourse to military conflict: Media construction of worldview narratives.** Prof. Valentyna Ushchyna on how aggressive media discourse lays grounds for actual armed conflict by constructing specific visions of the other (Ukrainians in Russian discourses).
- ➔ **Hostile communication actions carried out by the Russian Federation in the public space of Romania.** General Constantin Spînu on the Russia's cyberattacks within the Romanian public sphere and concrete options Ministry of Defence used for difusing them.

Event 3: FORTHEM Collective short-term mobility

- ➔ **Responsible journalism in the era of AI** (October 27-31, 2025) - an education event, combining research and practice to produce insights and recommendations about ethical challenges and media resilience, and to strengthen international cooperation.
 - ➔ **13 student** participants from FORTHEM universities met experts, researchers and media professionals to explore challenges of contemporary journalism.
 - ➔ Integration activities, **presentations related to CORECON research**, workshops focused on language awareness in the media texts, a debate on responsible AI uses in journalism, a simulation game, a study visit at a radio station, a meeting with local online news outlet editor.
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Newsroom simulation game

A final activity of the week connecting theory and practice

- ➔ encouraged participants to translate knowledge into actionable newsroom strategies;
- ➔ used to test and refine journalism ethical guidelines and policy frameworks;
- ➔ increased participants' understanding of AI-related challenges in media work.



Publications



Articles and Volume



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CORECON is a research project dedicated to analyzing the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, focusing on the media's coverage and societal reception.

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Obserwatorzy: **Denisa Bâlc Fratean, Ecaterina Ilis, Przemek Wilk** i 1 inny użytkownik

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This week we are bringing academics, practitioners and students from all over **FORTHEM Alliance** together to develop ideas on "Responsible journalism in the...więcej

Pokaż tłumaczenie



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1 komentarz

Academic blog

→ 30 blogposts;

topics:

- • methodological reflections,
- summaries of events,
- small-scale follow-up studies,
- announcing publications;

→ disseminating research results to non-specialists;



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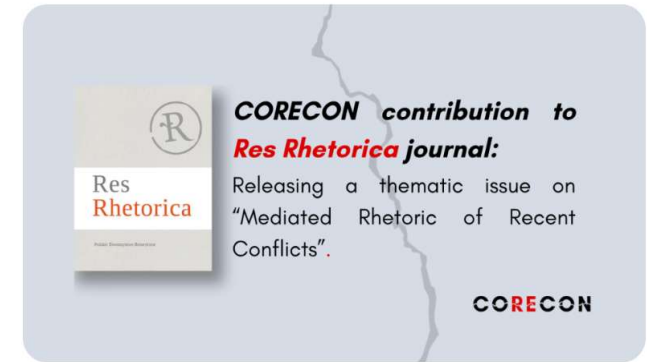
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in critical thinking, Katarzyna Molek-Kozakowska, media literacy, publication, report, Robert Radziej

This blogpost showcases the recent online publication that is made available as a CORECON output: Recommendations for Journalism Training and Critical Media Literacy: Based on CORECON Project (2024–2026) By early 2026, the CORECON



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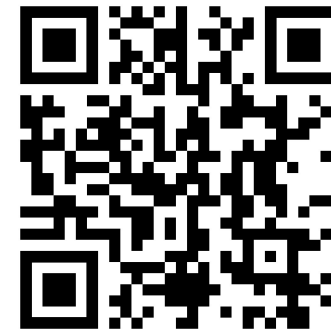
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This blogpost is an adaptation of the introduction to the thematic issue entitled “Mediated Rhetoric of Recent Conflicts” released in June 2025 as issue 2 of volume 12 of Res Rhetorica – a Web-of-Science and Scopus-indexed journal of the Polish Rhetoric Society. The blogpost explains the motivation for the issue and presents its most interesting...



Recommendations



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AND CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY:**

BASED ON CORECON PROJECT
(2024-2026)

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