

Aggression und Argumentation: Konfliktdiskurse und ihre sprachliche Verhandlung

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Since the protests of the Euromaidan, the Ukraine has become a space where conflicting discourses of legitimation and competing values are staged. In the course of this, the conflicting parties resort to both rational argumentation and aggressive rhetorics, depending on their goals of communication. Based on the linguistic representations in the current Ukrainian conflict this project analyses the various argumentative strands and strategies which are developed in national discourses and in other modes of communication. Political speeches and legal documents, in combination with radio, television and print media, and social networks form the source basis. The common attitudes, traditional values, historical references and images are discussed with regard to the respective national contexts in order to work out the linguistic negotiation of aggression and argumentation in general. The analysis seeks to contribute to the conceptual development of conflict linguistics. It is conceived as a contribution to the further advancement of conflict linguistics and addresses, amongst others, questions of pragmalinguistics and the methodology of cultural linguistics. The project extends the current field of conflict studies by including cooperative forms of communication in conflict resolution (e.g. controversial reasoning). In doing so, the understanding of conflict itself is not limited to aggressive communicational strategies.

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