MA Thesis

100 Word Summary

Inform, Uninform, Disinform; a Wittgensteinian Analysis of Internet Mediated News

Communication of news events has undergone a seismic shift with the advent of internet-mediated instantaneous news. This form of communication of news possesses particular linguistic characteristics that can be made sense of through the linguistic behaviour of participants interacting on the internet. This linguistic behaviour can be analysed using Wittgenstein's theory of language games. By researching three representative phenomena of internet-mediated news through the lens of Wittgenstein's language games, this research aims to provide an account of the linguistic behaviour of the phenomenon of internet-mediated news, as well as offer a case-based study of the concept of language games itself.

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