

*Section 4*

News Media and the Public Sphere

*Wann wird die Geschichte  
zur Waffe;  
wann zum 'Monster',  
das sich von unseren Sehnsüchten und Ängsten nährt?*

—Sturm, on page 348.

“We know the names and faces  
of victims of acts of terror such as 9/11  
but we hardly know the names or faces  
of the many thousands of Afghans  
who have died as a result of the  
so-called ‘War on Terror’”

—Ottosen, on page 305.

“The ‘common enemy’,  
a designated monster to fear,  
suggests a morally justified friend–  
enemy relation and can represent  
a powerful instrument to corral  
public opinion about policy options  
dealing with ‘others’ in so far  
as it makes mutual understanding/  
peaceful forms of contact appear unlikely”

—Andreasen, on page 333.

“[...] rumour can have the potential  
to become destructive,  
to ‘be a monster’,  
because we love it so dearly—  
and have been loving it for such a long time”

—Sturm, on page 347.