

# Crown, Oil, and Armed Forces

# Mediatization of Transcendence: The Coronation of King Charles III

## Introduction

- 'Secular' British society
- Correlation of monarchy and media
- Economical and political crisis
- 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023: BBC live stream of the coronation

## Question

How does the media convey the connection between King Charles III and transcendence?

## Theoretical Concepts

### Ritual and Transformation

Victor Turner's 'liminal phase'

### Performance creates Meaning

Autopoiesis and audience

### Transcendence

Order controls chaos

## The British Coronation Ritual

## Method

- Close reading and analysis of four selected scenes from THE CORONATION SERVICE, YouTube, The Royal Family Channel
- Parameters: space, main characters & props, music, camera & editing

### Entering the Cathedral



### Anointing



### Investiture and Crowning



### Return of the King



## Results

- Interdependence of religion, politics, and the media
- Film narrative constructs meaning
- Combination of religious liturgy, an orchestrated ritual, and the display of military order: King Charles III as enabler of an all-encompassing order, representing and forming society's values, social order, and national identity
- **The BBC's live stream of the coronation stages**  
**King Charles III as the personification of transcendence, linking God and nation.**

