

# Sharing the Defense Burden Among Western Allies: Uncovering New Insights

Outline for a Bachelor thesis/Master thesis

**Context** The research project aims to revisit and reexamine the work of Strihou (1967) on sharing the defense burden among western allies. The following is an insight into the publication:

"While defense expenditures of western countries in earlier periods served mainly nationalistic aims, they now serve a more common purpose. It is therefore necessary to define criteria for sharing what has become a common burden.[...] We also need to have as precise an idea as possible of the present effort made by each country in the field of defense. This is the main purpose of this article. It will enable us at the end of this study to confront the actual burden borne by each of the more developed NATO countries with the proposed shares which are derived with respect to the criteria developed in the above mentioned study."

Despite the passage of over fifty years since its publication, the core ideas presented in the work are still more relevant than ever.

## Aspects of the thesis

1. A literature review.
2. Redoing the analysis with new data.
3. Are there any indicators that should be considered now, which have not been previously?
4. Policy implications.

The thesis can be written in German or English.

**Requirements** Basic data analysis skills are beneficiary.

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## References

Strihou, Jacques van Ypersele de (1967). "Sharing the Defense Burden Among Western Allies". In: *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 49.4. Publisher: The MIT Press, pp. 527–536. DOI: 10.2307/1928338.

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