

Assessment of Master Thesis – Academic Consultant



Study programme: **Economics of Globalisation and European Integration**

Field of study:

Academic year: **2014/2015**

Master Thesis Topic: **Military Expenditure in European/NATO Countries**

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	Criterion	Mark (1–4)
1.	Overall objective achievement	1
2.	Logical structure	1
3.	Using of literature, citations	1
4.	Adequacy of methods used	1
5.	Depth of analysis	2
6.	Self-reliance of author	1
7.	Formal requirements: text, graphs, tables	1
8.	Language and stylistics	2

Comments and Questions:

This is a very good dissertation in a challenging area of economic research. There is a good strong assessment of the theoretical foundations of the economics of defence (including public goods, alliance-forming and terrorism) as well as a clear research question. The various hypotheses are evaluated well and the comparative study approach allows for a clear set of conclusions to be drawn from the available data. Furthermore, there is an integrated assessment of the economic literature and empirical analysis covering the key matter of military spending as a percentage of GDP. The work focuses well on the underlying economic principals as well as the three nominated countries for deeper assessment (i.e. Belgium, Greece and Poland). Overall, this is a logically sound and structurally well-developed clear piece of work.

Any additional comments:

This dissertation covers an area of economic analysis that is historically difficult to study due to data collection problems. In spite of this perennial issue, the student has done a very good job at finding, assessing and presenting the key information.

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Conclusion: The Master Thesis is recommended for the defence.

Suggested Grade: **1**

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