

# Global Consequences of the War in Ukraine: Energy, Economy and Security

Scholarship Opportunity for graduate students, Call for Papers

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has pushed the world into a dangerous and unstable era. The use of military force in flagrant violation of Ukrainian sovereignty and international law has compromised not only world human, political, defense and security relations, but also global commercial ties. The immediate consequences of this war for Ukraine are devastating, in terms of lives lost, cities destroyed, and families uprooted. Its implications for Russia and Europe are profound, and are still to be specified. One outcome is certain: Putin's war has united the transatlantic community in ways not seen since the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001.<sup>1</sup>

The Atlantic Alliance is making every effort to support Ukraine without resorting to direct military confrontation with Russia. North America, the United Kingdom and EU members, joined by a host of other countries such as Japan and neutral Switzerland, unleashed a barrage of economic and financial sanctions against Russia. Western countries and their partners are also working to deny Russia most-favored-nation trade status, which will lead to higher tariffs on Russian goods. Germany's response was not instant but particularly striking. Berlin suspended the approval process for its controversial Nord Stream 2 natural gas pipeline with Russia, committed to increase its defense spending, dropped its resistance to arming Ukraine, and embarked on a costly path to reduce its energy dependence on Russia.



<sup>1</sup> Hamilton D. and J. Quinlan. 2022. *The Transatlantic Economy 2022*. Annual survey of jobs, trade and investment between the U.S. and Europe.

**Picture 1. Transatlantic ties, 2022.** Source: *The Transatlantic Economy 2022. Annual survey of jobs, trade & investment between the United States and Europe.*

**Research Questions:**

- *What are the consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine for Russia itself?*
- *What are the short- and long-term economic, political, defense, security – including cyber security – implications for Europe?*
- *What is the impact of the war in Ukraine on the global economy and security?*

While NATO has risen to the occasion, supporting Allies in the delivery of humanitarian and non-lethal aid and strengthening defense on the Eastern Flank, an aggressive Russia committed to stoking conflict and instability on NATO's borders in countries like Moldova, Georgia, Belarus and Ukraine, represents a new normal in geostrategic threats to Allies and partners alike.

**Research Question:**

- *As NATO shifts its strategic posture to address new threats and challenges under the 2022 Strategic Concept, how should NATO adapt to address this new world order?*

The Ashburn Institute is dedicating its 2022 research effort to examining the global consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. It announces a competition open to U.S. graduate students (master's or PhD level) to submit their research proposals focused on listed above or other relevant research questions.

**How to Apply**

Graduate students (Master and PhD level) in all relevant fields must submit an abstract (500-600 words and 3-5 key words) along with a motivation letter, indicating their interest in pursuing the research on the above indicated topics and providing details about their educational institution, program of study, and year of enrolment to [ashburninstitute@gmail.com](mailto:ashburninstitute@gmail.com) by **September 26, 2022**.

Selected applicants will be invited to attend the orientation webinar at the end of **September 2022**, to submit their full research papers electronically to the Ashburn Institute by **October 30, 2022**, and to attend [the Ashburn Institute's "Global Consequences of the War in Ukraine: Energy, Economy and Security"](#) conference on **November 30, 2022** to present their findings. Students' papers will be published by the Ashburn Institute following their presentation at the conference.

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