

# Rising Powers and Global Challenges

October 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> 2011

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## **1. Background**

Today's international institutions need to be analyzed against the backdrop of two large trends. Emerging actors such as China, India, Brazil and South Africa change the global distribution of power, which puts existing regimes' legitimacy and effectiveness into question. At the same time, we face increasingly global challenges, such as climate change and the proliferation of nuclear weapons, which cannot be solved by a small group of established powers. Both trends require a rethinking of old paradigms and innovative mechanisms.

Will rising powers use their newfound status to pursue alternative visions of world order and challenge the status quo, for example by joining hands with other emerging actors and mounting a counter-hegemonic coalition? Or will they accept existing structures and seek to rise within the current system and become 'responsible stakeholders'?

As the negotiations during the BRIC and IBSA summits over the past years have shown, rising powers' views on how to address global challenges are not automatically aligned. It is therefore necessary to analyze each actor's perspective on specific challenges such as by taking into account their respective domestic constraints. What can emerging powers agree on, and what can be done in areas where their views diverge? And, what is the potential for meaningful collaboration with established powers?

The Center for International Relations at the Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV) seeks, together with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS), to establish an international network for scholars to further explore the issues named above. A particular focus will be laid on strengthening research ties between scholars who study Brazil, India and South Africa, and on facilitating joint publications between them.

## **2. Five Issue-areas for 2011**

Specifically, there will be a focus on five issue-areas which are of significant relevance: Climate change, peace operations, development aid, nuclear proliferation and global governance.

- I. Rising powers and climate change
  - What are the domestic constraints/ factors each country faces, and how do they affect policy?
  
- II. Rising powers and peace operations
  - What are the domestic constraints/ factors each country faces, and how do they affect policy?
  - Can rising powers align greater engagement with their tradition of non-intervention?
  
- III. Rising powers and development aid
  - What are the domestic constraints/ factors each country faces, and how do they affect aid policy?
  - Rising powers' role as 'emerging donors'
  - Developing Country identity vs. Great Power identity
  
- IV. Rising powers and nuclear non-proliferation
  - What are the domestic constraints/ factors each country faces, and how do they affect nuclear proliferation policy?
  - Rising powers and the NPT: 'Nuclear apartheid' or 'Pragmatic inequality'?
  
- V. Rising Powers and Global Governance: An outlook
  - Towards a 'Greater West' or a 'Post-Western World'?
  - What is each actor's overall vision of how to address global challenges?
  - What is the scope for collaboration between rising powers and established powers? What is the European perspective?

**3. Schedule:**

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**14h30**

Introductory Remarks

Thomas Knirsch, Konrad Adenauer Representative in Brazil (*confirmed*)

Oliver Stuenkel, Center of International Relations, Fundação Getulio Vargas (*confirmed*)

**14h45**

I. Rising powers and climate change

Presentation (30 min)

Lydia Powell, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi (*confirmed*)

Comments (20 min)

Luiz Gylvan Meira Filho, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of São Paulo (*confirmed*)

**16h00**

II. Rising powers and peace operations

Presentation (30 min)

Maxi Schoeman, University of Pretoria (*confirmed*)

Comments (20 min)

Kai Michael Kenkel, PUC-Rio, Rio de Janeiro (*confirmed*)

**20h00**

Participant Dinner (Hotel InterContinental)

Keynote speech

B.S. Prakash, India's Ambassador to Brazil

"The changing concept of power in international relations: A perspective from India"

**Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2011**

**9h00**

III. Rising powers and development aid

Presentation (30 min)

André de Mello e Souza, IPEA, Brasília (*confirmed*)

Comments (20 min)

Oliver Stuenkel, Fundação Getulio Vargas, São Paulo (*confirmed*)

**10h15**

Coffee Break

**10h30**

IV. Rising powers and nuclear non-proliferation

Presentation (30 min)

Swaran Singh, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (*confirmed*)

Comments (20 min)

Antonio Jorge Ramalho, University of Brasília (*confirmed*)

**12h00**

Lunch

**14h00**

V. Rising Powers and Global Governance: An outlook

Presentation (30 min)

Thorsten Benner, Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin (*confirmed*)

Comments (20 min)

Flavia de Campos Mello, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo (*confirmed*)

**15h30**

End of day 2