

The Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) Jindal School of International Affairs

cordially invites you to the



BRICS WEEK AT O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

21– 24 August 2017

In the run up to the 9th BRICS Summit in Xiamen, China (3-5 September, 2017), question marks on the future of the BRICS are repeatedly raised. The Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) at Jindal School of International Affairs is organizing a week-long series of events with scholars, practitioners and government officials in the BRICS countries to discuss some of the most pressing issues to the grouping and the future of development cooperation.

Monday, 21 August 2017 | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Round-Table

Towards the 9th BRICS Summit and Beyond

**Venue: Big Bang Conference Room, O.P. Jindal Global University
Sonipat-131001, Haryana, NCR of Delhi**

22 – 23 August 2017 | 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Workshop

What is the Future for Development Cooperation?

Building innovative and inclusive South-South institutions

Venue: G-5, Anand Niketan, New Delhi-110021

24 August 2017 | 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Conference

Delhi Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation

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The first event of the BRICS WEEK is a lively round table with scholars and practitioners from China (Dr Jiejing Zhu, Center for BRICS Studies at Fudan University), Brazil (Mr. Caio Borges, Conectas Human Rights), and South Africa (Ms Faith Maberera, Institute for Global Dialogue) on the expected legacy of China's current presidency of the BRICS; what can South African presidency in 2018 imprint for the next 10 years of the grouping, and how can academia and think tanks support this process.

Opening Remarks

2:00 pm – 2:10 pm

Professor Karin Costa Vazquez, Assistant Dean for Global Engagements and Executive Director of the Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) at Jindal School of International Affairs

2:10 pm – 3:00 pm

Davos-style debate with scholars and practitioners from Brazil, China and South Africa on the:

- Expectations for the 9th BRICS Summit in China
- Challenges and opportunities ahead of the South African presidency of the BRICS in 2018
- Possible research agenda for academia and think-tanks in BRICS countries.

Concluding Remarks



Dr Jiejing Zhu (China) is an Associate Professor at the School of International Relations and Public Affairs and Head of Research at Center for BRICS Studies, Fudan University, China. His major authored or edited books include *Institutional Design of International Institutions* (2011, in Chinese); *G20 Development Report* (co-edited with Yang Li, 2013, in Chinese); and *BRICS and Global Economic Governance Reform* (2016, in Chinese).



Mr Caio Borges (Brazil) is a Lawyer at Conectas Human Rights and Professor of the MBA program in Sustainability Management at Getúlio Vargas Foundation. PhD candidate from the University of São Paulo. Specialization in the areas of International Economic Law and Human Rights, focusing on Regulation of the International Financial System, Financial Institutions and Human Rights, Regulation of International Investments and Financing for Development. Senior International Associate at the Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) at O.P. Jindal Global University.



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As influential voices in the global arena, BRICS countries also share the responsibility for implementing internationally agreed commitments on sustainable development and climate change. Institutions like the New Development Bank (NDB) can play a central role in helping BRICS countries realize these commitments. But apart from stating that sustainable development will be linked to the financing of particular kinds of infrastructure projects, the NDB has been less clear about how it will ensure that these projects will be rooted in sustainable and inclusive practices. Addressing this question will be critical as the NDB formalizes its five-year strategy and doubles its portfolio by the end of 2017.

This two-day workshop will bring together policy-oriented research spearheaded by the Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) at OP Jindal School of International Affairs (JSIA/JGU) in partnership with Conectas Human Rights, the Center for BRICS Studies at Fudan University, and the BRICS Feminist Watch, while offering a space for broad-based consultation and pragmatic contribution to shaping the future of international cooperation for development.

22 August 2017 | 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Building Innovative and Inclusive South-South Institutions - Pathways for the New Development Bank

9:00 am – 9:30 am **Registration**

9:30 am – 10:00 am **Welcome Remarks and Round of Introductions**

- **Professor (Dr.) Raj Kumar**, Vice Chancellor, O.P. Jindal Global University
- **Professor (Dr.) Sreeram Chaulia**, Dean, Jindal School of International Affairs
- **Professor Karin Costa Vazquez**, Assistant Dean for Global Engagements and Director of the Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) at Jindal School of International Affairs

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session 1: Strategy Implementation and Accountability

The Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) at O.P. Jindal Global University and Conectas Human Rights, in partnership with Fudan University, are developing a BRICS Sustainability Index to help guide the NDB's operations in sustainable development. As the NDB formalizes its five-year strategy, we are looking to ensure that it is equipped with the necessary policy tools to realize its vision around sustainable development and contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals. These tools can also benefit the work of civil society groups, academia and the private sector. This session will offer an opportunity for the team to present the preliminary findings of the work and collect inputs to some of the key questions in the research.

- Brief presentation of the BRICS Sustainability Index project
- What are some of the strengths, weaknesses and risks associated with the working definition of sustainable infrastructure presented? And with the sustainability framework?
- How can we address these weaknesses and mitigate the risks?
- What kinds of incentives could the NDB adopt to encourage clients to apply these sustainability criteria? How they can be mainstreamed in the implementation of NDB strategy?

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Session 2: Gender

Formed in 2016, the BRICS Feminist Watch (BFW) is a feminist alliance from BRICS countries that brings the collective strength of feminist analysis and activism to promote gender responsive inclusive economic development. Since its formation, the BFW has been part of meetings in Brazil and in India with NDB representatives and shared its members' concerns about the lack of gender equality commitments within the NDB. It also presented suggestions including setting up of a multi-stakeholder taskforce within NDB with the mandate to develop a gender policy for NDB's consideration. Topics for discussion:

- Brief presentations of the research gender equality and Multilateral Development Banks.
- Why does the NDB need a Gender Policy? What could this policy look like? What could be the road map for the development of such a policy?
- Recommendations for NDB Gender Policy

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Closed BFW meeting**

23 August 2017 | 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Exploring options for civil society interaction with the New Development Bank

9:30 pm – 10:00 pm **Recap of day 1 and Introduction to Day 2**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Session 3: NDB Interaction with Academia, Civil Society Networks and NGOs

In this session, participants will discuss existing and envisaged options for academia, civil society networks and NGO interaction with the NDB (background note to be prepared by CALACS/JGU-Conectas team). Topics for discussion:

- What are the existing positions on NDB-CSO interaction and possible options (structure, actors, roles, governance, gender task force)?
- What are some of the strengths, weaknesses and risks associated with each option? How can we address these weaknesses and mitigate the risks?
- What are the key issues to be taken into account in the processes of formalization of interaction between civil society and the NDB?

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Lunch**

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Session 4: Strategic Planning for the Shanghai meeting with the New Development Bank

In this session, participants will review emerging issues and key messages to the CSO-NDB meeting in October, in Shanghai. Topics for discussion:

- From the discussions in day 1 and 2, what are some of the converging/diverging points? Are there any gaps/issues not resolved? What are they?
- What are the key principles and messages for the strategy and implementation session?
- What are the key principles and messages regarding gender for each other session?
- What are the key principles and messages for the NDB interaction with CSOs session?

5:00 pm – 5:10 pm **Way Forward and Closing Remarks**

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Delhi Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation

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In recent years South-South and Triangular Cooperation have emerged as important modalities of engagement across the developing world. The role of India assumes great significance in this respect because the logic of sharing has always been on the forefront of bringing together all stakeholders to deliberate on different modalities of South-South Cooperation. Such deliberations have become all the more important with the launching of the Sustainable Development Goals agenda.

In order to carry forward this process further, the Indian think-tank Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries is organizing an International Conference on South-South and Triangular Cooperation in partnership with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; United Nations; Forum for Indian Development Cooperation and the Network of Southern Think-Tanks.

The Center for African, Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) at Jindal School of International Affairs was invited to present the findings of the BRICS Sustainability Index project in partnership with Conectas and Center for BRICS Studies at Fudan University during the conference.