

## BRICS and the global political economy

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**Start date** 13 June 2020 **End date** 14 June 2020

**Venue** Virtual Classroom

**Tutor** Dr Tanvi Pate **Course code** 1920NDR010

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### Tutor biography

Tanvi Pate is a Senior Sessional Tutor and a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Politics & International Studies, University of Warwick as well as an Associate Tutor and a Visiting Fellow at the School of History, Politics & International Relations, University of Leicester. At the Institute of Continuing Education, University of Cambridge, Tanvi Pate is a Panel Tutor and one of the course directors for Summer Programme in International Politics and short courses on BRICS and the Global Order and South East Asia politics.

Her primary research interests include critical approaches to international relations and security with a focus on great power - rising power encounters, India and the global order, India's bilateral relations and the politics of Indo-Pacific.

## **Course programme**

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These interactive online sessions will run as detailed below. Each session will last approximately one hour and all sessions will be recorded and made available to students shortly after the course has finished. The lectures will be online using a secure version of Zoom, and you will get an email before the lecture with the meeting invitation, URL, and password. If you are new to Zoom, there will be a separate guide for how to set it up.

### **Saturday 13 June, 2.00pm:**

BRICS and the global economy – New Development Bank and Contingent Reserve Arrangement: lecture, interactive exercise and discussions

### **Saturday 13 June 4.00pm**

BRICS and the G20 – Contested global economic governance: lecture, interactive exercises and discussions

### **Sunday 14 June 2.00pm**

BRICS and multilateralism – Promoting inclusive global trade: lecture, interactive exercise and discussions

### **Sunday 14 June, 4.00pm**

Troubles in BRICS and limitations to the post-Western challenge: lecture, interactive exercise and discussions

## **Course syllabus**

### **Aims:**

- (i) To understand who the BRICS are and the extent of their impact on the global economy
- (ii) to appreciate the opportunities and constraints that the BRICS face in global security
- (iii) to understand the theoretical underpinnings and practical implications of the politics of rising/emerging powers;

### **Content:**

The institutionalisation of the BRICS – Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa – as a group of rising powers, has generated numerous questions in terms of its impact on the current Western global order in midst of the ongoing debates on the BRICS' cohesiveness as a bloc. Nevertheless, there are indications that the BRICS is emerging as a cohesive unit, for all its member states 'have global ambitions'. When it comes to putting in place a 'fairer decision-making process' to address new realities of the rising powers' global ambitions – the BRICS remains at the core of the post-Western world order.

Much is made of the global economy but who are the main players and how does it affect us? How are Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa linked to the global economy? We will learn about the New Development Bank and Contingent Reserve Arrangement, the relationship of the BRICS with the G20 and the limitations of the post-Western challenge.

### **Presentation of the course:**

We will trace the formation of BRICS, analyse major developments of the groups' functioning in global security and the global economy, and will also discuss the limitations of BRICS in the context of the group's pursuit of a post-Western global order. The course includes virtual synchronous lectures followed by group discussions and interactive exercises.

### **As a result of the course, within the constraints of the time available, students should be able to:**

- i. demonstrate an understanding of the BRICS;
- ii. articulate theoretical underpinnings and practical implications of the politics of rising/emerging powers;
- iii. reflect on opportunities and constraints that the BRICS face in global security;
- iv. clarify the extent to which the BRICS pose a challenge to Western political norms.
- v. think critically about the extent to which the BRICS have an effect on global economy

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## Reading and resources list

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Listed below are texts that might be of interest should you wish to supplement your learning on the course. There is no requirement to complete extensive preliminary reading, and the books listed below can be read at any time.

Author	Title	Publisher and date
Oliver Stuenkel	<i>The BRICS and the Future of Global Order</i>	Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2015
Andrew F. Cooper	<i>BRICS: A Very Short Introduction</i>	Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016
John Kirton and Marina Larionova (eds.),	<i>BRICS and Global Governance</i>	London: Routledge, 2018
Ray Kiely	<i>The BRICs, US 'Decline' and Global Transformations</i>	Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015
Cedric de Coning, Thomas Mandrup and Liselotte Odgaard (eds.)	<i>The BRICS and Coexistence: An alternative vision of world order</i>	Abingdon, Oxon: Routledge, 2015
Oliver Stuenkel	<i>Post-Western World: How Emerging Powers Are Remaking Global Order</i>	Cambridge: Polity Press, 2016
Vidya Nadkarni and Norma C. Noonan (eds.)	<i>Emerging Powers in a Comparative Perspective: The Political and Economic Rise of the BRIC Countries</i>	New York and London: Bloomsbury Publishing Plc, 2013
Harsh V. Pant	The BRICS Fallacy	<i>The Washington Quarterly</i> , vol. 36, no. 3, pp. 91-105 (see weblinks)
Ming Liu	'BRICS development: a long way to a powerful economic hub and new international organization'	<i>The Pacific Review</i> , vol. 29, no. 3, 2016, pp. 443-453.
Katarina Kralikova	'BRICS: Can a marriage of convenience last?'	<i>European View</i> , vol. 13, 2014, pp. 243-250 (see weblinks)
Katarina Kralikova	'The BRICS at Hague slam attempts to isolate Putin'	<i>The BRICS Post</i> , 24 March 2014 (see weblinks)

## Weblinks

'The BRICS Fallacy'

[http://csis-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/legacy\\_files/files/publication/TWQ\\_13Summer\\_Pant.pdf](http://csis-prod.s3.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/legacy_files/files/publication/TWQ_13Summer_Pant.pdf)

'BRICS: Can a marriage of convenience last?'

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1007/s12290-014-0326-2>

'The BRICS at Hague slam attempts to isolate Putin'

<http://thebricspost.com/brics-at-hague-slam-attempts-to-isolate-putin/#.W3wS1ehKiUk>

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## Additional information

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### Venue

Online using 'zoom'. A link to the course will be made available via email, and any queries should be emailed to [shortcourses@ice.cam.ac.uk](mailto:shortcourses@ice.cam.ac.uk).

**Note** Students of the Institute of Continuing Education are entitled to 20% discount on books published by Cambridge University Press (CUP) which are purchased at the Press bookshop, 1 Trinity Street, Cambridge (Mon-Sat 9am – 5:30pm, Sun 11am – 5pm). A letter or email confirming acceptance on to a current Institute course should be taken as evidence of enrolment.

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