

REVA University
Roundtable Discussion
on
BRICS in the Emerging World Order
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Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS) comprise voices of 3.5 billion people (45% of the world population), boast a combined economy of US\$ 25.8 trillion (28 % global economy), and two of its Member States are the Permanent Members of the UN Security Council.

This multilateral grouping has expanded from four members in 2006 to ten; South Africa joined in 2010, and Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the UAE were admitted as full members in January 2024. Türkiye, Azerbaijan, and Palestine have conveyed expressions of interest to join the BRICS.

Russia assumed BRICS Chairship on 01 January 2024 under the theme “Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security”. President Vladimir Putin announced his country’s intention to “jointly seeking effective responses to the challenges and threats to international and regional security and stability” through “practical implementation of the Strategy for BRICS Economic Partnership 2025 and the Action Plan for BRICS Innovation Cooperation 2021-2024 for ensuring energy and food security, enhancing the role of BRICS in the international monetary system, expanding interbank cooperation and expanding the use of national currencies in mutual trade”. He also identified cooperation priorities in science, high technology, healthcare, environmental protection, culture, sports, youth exchanges, and civil society.

The Joint Statement following the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit (09 July 2024) notes New Delhi’s support for “BRICS spirit featuring mutual respect and understanding, equality, solidarity, openness, inclusiveness, and consensus” as also “ensuring continuity and consolidation of BRICS cooperation, seamless integration of new members in BRICS, and developing modalities for establishing a BRICS Partner Country Model”.

India has conveyed its commitment to working together with Russia for the success of the XVI BRICS Summit to be held on 22-24 October in the city of Kazan, southwestern Russia. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the Summit.

In the above contexts, the Center of Excellence for Geopolitics, and International Studies (CEGIS) in partnership with Department of International Relations & Research Collaborations of REVA University have planned a Roundtable Discussion on “BRICS in the Emerging World Order.”

Programme

Opening Remarks: Dr. Vijay Sakhuja, Professor and Head, Center of Excellence for Geopolitics, and International Studies (CEGIS), REVA University

Remarks by Dr. P. Shama Raju, Hon'ble Chancellor, REVA University, Bengaluru

Remarks by Mr. Apparao V. Mallavarapu, Honorary Consul, Embassy of Brazil in India

Keynote Address: Professor M. D. Nalapat, Professor Emeritus, REVA University

Panel Discussion:

- BRICS in a Multipolar World: *Ambassador Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House, Mumbai*
- Politics, Geopolitics and Strategic Alignments: *Dr. Abhinav Pandya, Usanas Foundation, Udaipur*
- Trends in BRICS Expansion: *Mr. Niranjana Marjani, M S University, Baroda*
- Global Trade and its De-dollarization: *Dr. Rajeev Kumar, Pro Vice Chancellor, Desh Bhagat University, Punjab*
- BRICS University Networks: *Dr. Bharati Hiremath, Head, Department of International Relations, University of Mysore*

Concluding Remarks by Dr. Visweswara Rao Pasupuleti, Director, Department of International Relations & Research Collaborations and Associate Dean, School of Applied Sciences, REVA University,