



## International Symposium on Development and Governance in the BRICS

24-25 September 2016

Fudan University

Shanghai

**Deadline for submission of abstracts for the symposium: 30 April 2016**

### Background and Coverage

The group of countries that includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, or BRICS, has emerged as a simple acronym created by a bank executive<sup>1</sup> in 2001 to become an economic and political coalition of emerging economies. Initially, the expression just meant the populous and fast-growing economies with potential for investments until the first formal meeting of the then four BRIC countries in 2006 in the United Nations General Assembly followed by the annual meetings since 2009. The BRICS comprise of approximately 3 billion people (40% of the World's population) and 16 trillion dollars (20% of the World's economy). Thus, what happens in the BRICS countries have a huge influence in world's economic, political, social and environmental affairs.

Much has been researched about the economic and political dimensions of the BRICS, both comparing among themselves as well as the block as a whole. However, there is much less research on the public administration and governance aspects of those countries. Thus, this forum has two main objectives. The first is to compile a series of research papers that can examine the state of governance and public administration on those countries to analyze the main challenges, similarities and differences in those countries, as well as possibilities of learning from each other. The second is to nurture a network of government officials and scholars in public affairs in the BRICS countries that can exchange information and engage in policy learning and joint research.

Therefore, this call invites researchers in the BRICS countries and scholars with interest in the BRICS to submit abstracts and papers analyzing public affairs in BRICS countries. Papers can be about general aspects of the public administration or governance in those countries, or specific studies in one or more sectors or localities at the subnational level. We also encourage the submission of comparative studies or studies related to the new institutions led by BRICS (like the New Development Bank created in 2014) or the influence of BRICS in other countries (like ODA), as well as theoretical implications of the BRICS practices of administrative reforms and governance, which may not be captured by existing conceptual frameworks. The best papers will be considered for a possible joint publication (book or journal) planned by the members of the scientific committee.

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<sup>1</sup> The expression BRICs was coined by Jim O'Neill the chairman of Goldman Sachs in 2001. South Africa was added in 2010, and it became BRICS.

We hope this will be the first of a series of meetings related to the topic of development and governance in the BRICS coming in the following years.

Specifically, the forum symposium is structured as follows:

*24 September*

Afternoon – Opening of the symposium

6:30-8:30pm – Reception

*25 September*

9:00am-6:00pm – Symposium panels

### **Scientific Committee**

- Jose A. Puppim de Oliveira, COPPEAD-UFRJ and Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), Brazil
- Alexey Barabashev, Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
- Navdeep Mathur, Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, India
- Yijia Jing, Fudan University, Shanghai, China
- Christopher Tapscott, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa

### **Symposium Co-organizers**

- Yijia Jing, Fudan University, China
- Jose A. Puppim de Oliveira, COPPEAD-UFRJ and Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), Brazil

### **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

Submission Timetable and Deadlines:

- \*Submission of abstracts for the symposium: 30 April 2016
- \*Feedback on the abstract: 15 May 2016
- \*Submission of first drafts of the papers: 15 July 2016
- \*Feedback on the first draft: 31 July 2016
- \*Submission of the revised article: 31 August 2016
- \*Symposium in Shanghai: 24-25 September 2016
- \*Submission of the final version of the chapter/paper: 30 November 2016

### **REVIEWING PROCESS**

The review process involves the following stages. 1) Invited abstracts will receive feedback from the scientific committee. Authors will be requested to submit drafts of the articles for the symposium. 2) The drafts will be reviewed by the scientific committee and reviewers during the symposium. 3) Based on this feedback, authors will be requested to prepare another draft when the authors will have the opportunity to another set of reviews. 4) Authors will be requested to revise their papers based on to submit a final draft by end of November 2016.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS FORMAT AND PROCEDURES**

Abstracts should be between 300 and 500 words with the main points that will be covered in the article. Theories/perspectives, research methods and data shall be briefly described. Articles should be between 6,000 and 8,000 words.

Abstracts and papers will be accepted by email only. Please email your abstract to:  
[brics\\_pa@fudan.edu.cn](mailto:brics_pa@fudan.edu.cn)

Put “abstract for the BRICS symposium” in the subject of the message.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted in MS Word format (version 97-2003 or any more recent version). Save the file as the last name of the first author.

**LOGISTICS**

We will offer three-night hotel on Sep 23, 24 and 25 (one author per paper) and provide conference meals.