



CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars invites you to attend a conference on Tuesday, June 28, 2011 from 1:00-5:30 on the rise of the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa). The original BRIC acronym traces its origins to a 2001 paper by Jim O’Neill, a Goldman Sachs economist, which analyzed the emergence of these countries as economic powerhouses. Over the intervening 10 years, this term has come to symbolize the growing power of the world’s largest emerging economies and their potential challenge to the developed G7 economies. At the same time, it remains unclear to what extent the BRICS countries represent a cohesive unit – or just a clever acronym. Substantive differences in economic performance, demographic trends, and geopolitical interests all raise questions about the future performance of these countries both individually and as a collective unit.

The conference will gather five leading experts who will address how each respective BRICS nation views its inclusion in this group and the broader political, economic, and social challenges that these countries pose to the traditional advanced economies. After each individual country report, a roundtable discussion will be moderated by the Wilson Center’s Amy Wilkinson on the future prospects of the BRICS countries. The conference is co-sponsored by six programs within the Woodrow Wilson Center (the Africa Program, the Asia Program, the Brazil Institute, the Kennan Institute, the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States, and the Program on America and the Global Economy).

What: “BRICS: Shaping the New Global Architecture”

Who: *Moderator: Amy M. Wilkinson*, Senior Fellow, Center for Business and Government, Harvard University, and Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center
João Augusto de Castro Neves, Founding Partner, CAC Political Consultancy, and Contributing Editor, Politics and Foreign Policy, *The Brazilian Economy*
Fyodor Lukyanov, Editor, *Global Affairs*, Moscow
Inderjit Singh, Professor of Economics and Strategic Studies, National War College
Wei Da, Director and Research Professor, China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR)
Francis A. Kornegay, Research Associate, Institute for Global Dialogue, Pretoria

When: Tuesday, June 28, 2011
1:00 to 5:30 pm

Where: 6th Floor Flom Auditorium
Woodrow Wilson Center
1300 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC

Seating for this event is open to the public and is available on a first-come/first-served basis. For more information, please contact Joseph Dresen by email to joseph.dresen@wilsoncenter.org or by phone to (202) 691-4245.

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