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The BRICS Academic Forum is a Track 2 platform for Academics from the five countries to deliberate on issues of crucial importance to BRICS and come up with ideas and recommendations. Such Academic Fora have been held before every BRICS Summit so far. It is a matter of pride for this platform that in the past many of its ideas have been reflected in the final Summit documents. The Forum usually invites 10-12 scholars from each member nation to speak on themes of importance. In addition, a large number of scholars from all countries participate in the deliberations.



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AGENDA: PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

DAY-ZERO

Monday, September 19, 2016	
18:00 – 18:10	Welcome and Opening Remarks: Sunjoy Joshi Director, Observer Research Foundation, India
18:10 – 18:30	Keynote Address by Shri. Laxmikant Yashwant Parsekar , Honorable Chief Minister of Goa
18:30 – 18:40	Vote of Thanks: Sachin Chaturvedi , Director General, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), India Master of Ceremony— Samir Saran , Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, India
18:45 – 20:15	Inaugural Session: Emerging Geo-Political Order: Challenges and Opportunities for BRICS (Aguada Ballroom) <i>This session will discuss the future of the multilateral and multi-layered system as established since the 20th century. It will discuss contemporary political, economic and security challenges; the role of the BRICS nations in managing an increasingly uncommon world and the need for reforms or for new institutions and mechanisms to respond to these emerging challenges.</i>

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	<p>Inaugural Session: Emerging Geo-Political Order: Challenges and Opportunities for BRICS (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p>Moderator:</p> <p>Samir Saran, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>HHS Viswanathan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>ZHAO Zhongxiu, Vice President, University of International Business and Economics, China</p> <p>Vladimir DAVYDOV, Director of the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Latin America, Chairman of the Presidium of Academic Council of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research</p> <p>André de Mello e Souza, Coordinator of International Cooperation, IPEA, Brazil</p> <p>John Pampalls, Special Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Government of South Africa</p>
20:15	Conference Dinner

Tuesday, September 20, 2016	
09:00	Conference Registration
09:30-11:00	<p>Opportunities and Challenges for BRICS in the Emerging Global Trade Architecture and the potential for Intra-BRICS Trade Expansion (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss the rapidly evolving global trade architecture as a result of the emerging emphasis on product and services standards, Singapore issues, intellectual property, GVC and several other market access-related issues. Each BRICS country has an integral part of global value chains and therefore they must coordinate to protect their economic interests, maintaining the centrality of the multilateral framework though the role of Southern led initiatives to correct Western-dominance on global institutions. In that backdrop the session may explore how best the BRICS can cooperate to strengthen and support the WTO as the essential global trade regime?</i></p> <p>Keynote Address: Sunanda Sen, Former Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</p> <p>Moderator: Leonid Grigoryev, Chef Adviser to the Head of the Analytical Center under the Government of the Russian Federation, Professor HSE University, Russia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>SK Mohanty, Professor Research & Information System For Developing Countries (RIS), India</p> <p>ZHAO Zhongxiu, Vice President, University of International Business and Economics, China</p> <p>Jaya Josie, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), South Africa's, South Africa</p> <p>Natalia Piskulova, Professor, International Economic Relations and Foreign Economic Relations MGIMO University, Russia</p> <p>André de Mello e Souza, Coordinator of International Cooperation, IPEA, Brazil</p>
11:00-11:15	Tea/Coffee

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11:15-12:45	<p>Plenary Session: International Finance and Technology Transfers to Developing and LDCs for Development (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p><i>This panel will debate the ways to overcome the large development deficits faced by some BRICS countries and a large part of the developing world, focussing on the global financial architecture and the requirements flowing from the SDGs, the COP21 at Paris and the Financing for Development conference at Addis Ababa. It will explore ways in which the development finance flows can be enhanced creating new institutions such as the NDB; facilitating long term support towards specific sectors such as infrastructure and reforming the global banking rules that are currently working on the principle of credit adequacy as against the need for credit enhancement.</i></p> <p>Keynote Address: Rathin Roy, Director, NIPFP, India</p> <p>Moderator: Paulo Luiz Moreaux Lavigne Esteves, Supervisor of BRICS Policy Center, Brazil</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Rajat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, India</p> <p>LIU Yong, Chief Economist, China Development Bank; Director of Finance Research and Development Centre, China Development Bank, China</p> <p>Zakhele Shamase, University of Zululand, South Africa</p> <p>Irina Yarygina, Professor, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Russia</p>
12:45 – 13.45	Lunch
13:45 – 15:15	<p>Plenary Session: BRICS Partnership–Scripting a New Development Paradigm (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss three key themes: How are the BRICS responding to their respective development challenges? How can the five nations cooperate to achieve their development targets through new modalities for engagement on R&D and innovation? And, how can the BRICS support the development efforts of other developing nations?</i></p>

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	<p>Keynote Address: Pulin Nayak, Professor, Delhi School of Economics, India</p> <p>Moderator: Zhao Zhongxiu, Vice President, University of International Business and Economics, China</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, India</p> <p>SU Changhe, Associate Dean, Professor, School of International Relations & Public Affairs, Fudan University, China</p> <p>Godfrey Netswera, Academic Director for BRICS, National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, South Africa</p> <p>Georgy Toloraya, Executive Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Professor, MGIMO University, Russia</p> <p>Paulo Esteves, Supervisor of BRICS Policy Center, Brazil</p>
15:15 – 15:30	Tea/Coffee
15:30 – 16:45	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	<p>SESSION-1: Common Health Challenges and Prospects for Cooperation among BRICS (Hermitage Hall)</p> <p><i>This panel will explore the access to quality health care at affordable costs; the role of preventive health care in achieving the SDG, the linkages between health and other sectors such as environment, education, agriculture, transport, drinking water, sanitation and hygiene and public expenditure. It will focus on sharing of experiences and on cooperation among BRICS countries in the programmes for achievement of universal healthcare, including development of a normative approach.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Jaya Josie, Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), South Africa's, South Africa</p>

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	<p>Speakers:</p> <p>Dr. WANG Yu, Director-General, Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention</p> <p>Aquina Thulare, Technical Specialist on Health Economics, National Health Insurance (NHI), Department of Health, South Africa</p> <p>Olga Viazovskaia, Program Director of the Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia</p> <p>Luiz Eduardo Fonseca, Fundação Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil</p>
	<p>SESSION-2: BRICS Cooperation on Managing New Security Threats (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p>This panel explores asymmetrical and un-conventional security threats from state and non-state actors that threaten to undermine the efforts of the international community to maintain the peace and harmony across geographies. The session will discuss possible responses by the BRICS looking to manage and contain such extreme contemporary developments.</p> <p>Moderator: Georgy Toloraya, Executive Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Professor, MGIMO University, Russia</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Harsh Pant, Distinguished Fellow and Head of Strategic Studies, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>Wang Lei, Executive Director, BRICS Studies Centre; Associate Professor, School of Government, Beijing Normal University, China</p> <p>José Eduardo Malta de Sá Brandão, The Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brazil</p> <p>Buntu Siwisa, Independent consultant and Senior research Fellow Accord, South Africa</p> <p>Vladimir Orlov, Head of the Center for Global Trends and International Organizations, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation</p>

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16:45 – 17:00	Tea/Coffee
17.00 – 18.15	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	<p>SESSION-1: Regulating the New Commons and Related Global Public Goods: A Vision from BRICS</p> <p>(Hermitage Hall)</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss the paradox facing the international community when it comes to managing the global commons of cyberspace and outer-space. On the one hand, these can neither be owned nor completely ring-fenced through regulation; on the other, nations are attempting to establish sovereign spaces within these. It is therefore important that BRICS countries share perspectives on the risks of inter-state rivalry in managing these global commons, as well as perspectives on international law and the commonalities between different areas.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Luiz Eduardo Fonseca, Fundação Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, Brazil</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>LI Yuxiao, Leading Fellow, Chinese Academy of Cyberspace Studies; Secretary-general, Cyber Security Association of China, China</p> <p>José Eduardo Malta de Sá Brandão, The Institute for Applied Economic Research, Brazil</p> <p>Rasigan Maharajh, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa</p> <p>Pavel Gudev, Senior Research Fellow, Center for North American Studies, Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia</p>

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	<p>SESSION-2: Exchange of Views and Sharing of Experiences on Implementation of the SDGs (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss how the BRICS can cooperate to implement development indicators along with contextual transparency and voluntary monitoring frameworks that focus on actions by both the developing and developed worlds. It will also discuss whether “one size fits all” or if more local templates need to be adopted to measure SDGs and progress to achieve them.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, Research and Information Systems for Developing Countries (RIS), India</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Vikrom Mathur, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>Dr. JIANG Shixue, Deputy Director, Institute of European Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, China</p> <p>Siphamandla Zondi, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue, South Africa</p> <p>Viktoriia Pavliushina, Adviser, Department for Research Studies of the Analytical centre under the Government of Russia, Russia</p> <p>Luis Fernando Lara Resende, Coordinator-General of International Studies, IPEA, Brazil</p>
18:30-19:00	<p>Reports from Rapporteurs of all sessions on Day 1 (Aguada Ballroom)</p>
20:30 onwards	<p>Conference Dinner</p>

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DAY-TWO

Wednesday, September 21, 2016	
09:00	Conference Registration
09:30-11:00	<p>Future of Energy: Implications and Opportunities for BRICS</p> <p>(Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p>This panel will discuss the strategic opportunities and challenges in the energy sector today and the various aspects of the Future of Energy, including the extant geopolitical and geostrategic challenges in this sector, the technological and financial underpinnings of energy transformations across the world, the sustainability of existing energy systems and the role of emerging and developing countries in the days ahead. The discussion will be held in the backdrop of the Paris Climate Agreement and the SDGs where energy for all is seen as a prerequisite for development.</p> <p>Keynote Speaker: Sunjoy Joshi, Director, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>Moderator: Rasigan Maharajh, Tshwane University of Technology, South Africa</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>G. Mini, Fellow, Green Growth and Resource Efficiency Division, The Energy and Resources Institute, India</p> <p>GAO Shixian, Deputy Director General, Research Professor, Energy Research Institute, National Development and Reform Commission, China</p> <p>Alex Tsela, Mzansi Energy Solutions and Innovations, South Africa</p> <p>Leonid Grigoryev, Chef Adviser to the Head of the Analytical Center under the Government of the Russian Federation, Professor HSE University, Russia</p>
11:00-11:15	Tea/Coffee

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11:15-12:30	<p style="text-align: center;">BREAKOUT SESSIONS</p> <p>SESSION-1: Gender, Development and Politics—Towards a New Leadership Vision from BRICS (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss the imperatives of addressing gender based issues, particularly in the context the SDG's recognition of gender inclusion as integral issue in the overall development agenda. The session will deliberate upon the proven synergies between women's empowerment and economic, social and environmental sustainability; and how the BRICS countries can not only address the issue within their geographical boundaries, but also take the lead in promoting the cause of gender equality in all societies.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Wang Lei, Executive Director , BRICS Studies Centre; Associate Professor, School of Government, Beijing Normal University, China</p> <p>Speakers: Anuradha M. Chenoy, Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India</p> <p>Zhao Hongju, Deputy Director-general, International Department, All-China Women's Federation, China</p> <p>Rozena Maart, Director, Centre for Critical Research on Race and Identity, University of Kwa Zulu Natal, South Africa</p> <p>Valeriia Gorbacheva, Advisor to the Executive Director, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia</p> <p>Paula Drumond, Researcher, BRICS Policy Center, Brazil</p>
	<p>SESSION-2: Micro, Small and Medium Size Enterprises, and the Informal Sector—A BRICS Proposal for Growth (Hermitage Hall)</p> <p><i>This panel will discuss the role of small firms and the informal sector as drivers of economic growth. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises form the majority of businesses in developed and developing countries alike, however, informal sector firms are generally</i></p>

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	<p><i>less productive than formal sector counterparts: this can be offset by technology, access to finance and requisite capacity building interventions such as sharing of technical know-how.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Urvashi Aneja, Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>Keshab Das, Professor Gujarat Institute of Development Research, India</p> <p>Xiaochen Chen, Researcher, Chongyang Institute for Financial Studies, Renmin University of China</p> <p>Watson Ladzani, Professor of Entrepreneurship & Small Business Management, University of South Africa, South Africa</p> <p>Ekaterina Sharova, Academic Secretary, Head of Scientific planning and development department of Russian Institute for Strategic Studies, Russia</p>
12:15 – 12:30	Tea/Coffee
12:30 – 13:45	<p>CLOSING SESSION:</p> <p>Plenary Session: The Future of BRICS (Aguada Ballroom)</p> <p><i>This session will discuss a number of remaining questions on the cooperation format instituted by BRICS including the rationale for expansion ; the creation of new institutions ; and the vehicles for development (such as the NDB) for bargaining as a group in multilateral forums.</i></p> <p>Moderator: Samir Saran, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Chai Shangjin, Senior Fellow, China Center for Contemporary World Studies, China</p> <p>John Pampalls, Special Advisor to the Minister of High- er Education and Training, Government of South Africa</p> <p>Vyacheslav Nikonov, Chairman, Committee on Education of the State Duma; Chair of the Board, Russian National Committee on BRICS Research, Russia</p>

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	<p>HHS Viswanathan, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India</p> <p>Luis Fernando Lara Resende, Coordinator-General of International Studies, IPEA, Brazil</p>
Valedictory Session	
13:50 – 14:00	Welcome Remarks— Sunjoy Joshi , Director, Observer Research Foundation, India
14:00 – 14:20	Keynote Address— Smt. Mridula Sinha , Honorable Governor of Goa
14:20 – 14:25	<p>Vote of Thanks—Sachin Chaturvedi, Director General, RIS, India</p> <p>Master of Ceremony—Samir Saran, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, India</p>
14:30 – 15:30	Lunch
15.30 - 16:00	Reports from Rapporteurs of all sessions on Day 2 (Aguada Ballroom)
16:00-17:00	Preparing Outcome Document with the BTTC Members

DAY-THREE

Thursday, September 22, 2016	
10:00	Meet at Hotel Lobby
10:30	Departure for offsite forum roundup and networking lunch



SPEAKERS



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Shri. Laxmikant Parsekar

Honorable Chief Minister of Goa

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa since November 2014, Shri Laxmikant Parsekar is a Post-Graduate in Science and B.Ed from Bombay University. Being an educationist at heart, Shri Laxmikant Parsekar began his profession modestly as a teacher and soon rose to the position of Principal at Harmal Panchakroshi Higher Secondary school, Harmal—Goa. He has held prominent positions of Secretary, General Secretary & President in the Bharatiya Janata Party, Goa Unit.

He has been elected as a member of the Legislative Assembly, Government of Goa in 2002, 2007 and 2012. He was also the Minister for Health, Panchayati Raj, Ports, Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services since 2012 before being elected as the Chief Minister of Goa in 2014.



Sunjoy Joshi

Director, Observer Research Foundation, India

Sunjoy Joshi joined the Madhya Pradesh Cadre of the prestigious Indian Administrative Services in 1983, but has taken premature retirement from the service in 2009 in order to pursue his primary interests in energy and environment. During his career spanning over 25 years in the Indian Administrative Service, Sunjoy has gained experience across the conventional as well as non-conventional energy sectors. He has handled oil and gas exploration as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and was the Government nominated Director on the Boards of ONGC, OVL, OIL and MRPL. Sunjoy headed the Madhya Pradesh Energy Development Agency as its Managing Director and served as Chairman of M.P. Windfarms.

He has a Master's Degree in English Literature from Allahabad University, India, as well as in Development Studies from University of East Anglia, Norwich. He also studied Upstream Economics and Risk Analysis at the Petroleum Economist, Woking, UK. He has been Visiting Associate at the International Institute of Strategic Studies, London as well as Distinguished Visitor to the Programme on Energy and Sustainable Development, University of Stanford, USA.



Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General, Research and Information System for Developing Countries, India

Sachin Chaturvedi is Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based autonomous Think-Tank. He was also a Global Justice Fellow at the MacMillan Center for International Affairs at Yale University. He works on issues related to development cooperation policies and South-South cooperation. He has also worked on trade and innovation linkages with special focus on WTO. Dr. Chaturvedi has served as a Visiting Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and has also worked as consultant to the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation, World Bank, UN-ESCAP, UNESCO, OECD, the Commonwealth Secretariat, IUCN, and to the Government of India's Department of Biotechnology and the Ministry of Environment and Forests, among other organizations.



Samir Saran

Vice President, Observer Research Foundation

Samir Saran is Vice President at the Observer Research Foundation, and the Indian Chair for the Civil BRICS Initiative. He spearheads ORF's outreach and business development activities. He is a frequent commentator on issues of Global Governance, including climate change and energy policy, global development architecture, cyber security and internet governance, and India's foreign policy. His latest published work includes, "India's Contemporary Plurilateralism" in the Oxford University Press Handbook on India's Foreign Policy; "New Room to Manoeuvre: An Indian Approach to Climate Change", a Global Policy-ORF publication; "Attitudes to Water in South Asia," a joint ORF-Chatham House Report; "A Long Term Vision for BRICS," a comprehensive vision document submitted to the BRICS Think Tanks Council; "The ITU and Unbundling Internet Governance: An Indian Perspective," for the Council on Foreign Relations; a joint research project between ORF and the Heritage Foundation, "Indo-U.S. Cooperation on Internet Governance and Cyber Security;" and a paper on "The Shifting Digital Pivot: Time for Smart Multilateralism" for Digital Debates. In addition to his academic publications, Samir features regularly in Indian and international print and broadcast media. He also chairs CyFy, the India conference on cyber security and internet governance.



H.H.S. Viswanathan

Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India

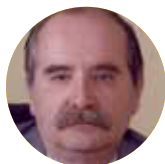
H.H.S. Viswanathan is a Distinguished Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation. Earlier, he was a member of the Indian Foreign Service for 34 years. He has a long and diverse experience in International relations and Diplomacy. His foreign assignments include Belgium, Zaire, Czechoslovakia, Germany, China, Italy, Cote d' Ivoire, USA and Nigeria. He was the Head of Mission (Ambassador/ High Commissioner) in Cote d'Ivoire and Nigeria with concurrent accreditation to Niger, Guinea (Conakry), Sierra Leone, Cameroon , Benin, Chad, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe. At the Headquarters in MEA, he has been Deputy Secretary (East Europe) and Joint Secretary (Administration). In USA, he was Consul General of India in San Francisco with a consular jurisdiction over 14 States in the mid-West and West coast of the US.



Zhao Zhongxiu

Vice President, University of International Business and Economics, China

Zhongxiu Zhao, Ph.D. is Professor and Vice-President of the University of International Business and Economics, China (UIBE). He joined UIBE as an assistant professor in 1991. After receiving his first degree from Peking University in 1988, Mr. Zhao completed his Ph.D. in Economics from UIBE specializing in international trade in 2000. Dr. Zhao's prolific academic career has included contributions as co-author and editor for fourteen books, including *International Trade Theory and Policy* (Peking University Press, 2009) and *Green Low-Carbon Development in China* (Springer, 2013), author of numerous academic articles, and a frequent participant in academic conferences. He has also utilized his academic expertise in frequent consulting positions for government agencies, international organizations, and both Chinese and international companies, including his position as Vice Chairman for the China Society of World Economics, General Secretary for China International Business Graduate Education Steering Committee, Member of Advisory Committee for Trade Policy of Ministry of Commerce, PRC (MOFCOM). Professor Zhao is an active member of European Academy of Sciences and Arts.



Vladimir Davydov

Director of the Russian Academy of Sciences
Institute of Latin America, Chairman of the
Presidium of Academic Council of the Russian
National Committee on BRICS Research

Vladimir Davydov graduated from Lomonosov Moscow State University (MSU) with a Doctor of Sciences in Economics. He has been a RAS Corresponding Member and a full member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences. Since 1995, He has been Director of the RAS Institute of Latin America and Professor of the Faculty of World Economy and International Affairs at the Higher School of Economics. He has been a member of the presidium of the National Committee for Promotion of Economic Cooperation with Latin American Countries; a member of the management committee of the European Council for Social Research on Latin America; a member of the editorial board of the Lesser Russian Encyclopedia, of the scientific journal of Cambridge University, and of the Latin America and IBEROAMERICA journals. He has authored over 180 academic papers.



Luis Fernando Lara Resende

**Coordinator-General of International Studies,
IPEA, Brazil**

Mr. Lara Resende is a public officer since 1980. He has a M.A. Degree (with Distinction) on International Relations from The Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies – SAIS (1985) and a B.A. Degree on International Relations from University of Brasilia (1979). He was a Visiting Fellow on the Public Policy Department at Maryland University at Central Park (1992.) He hold several posts in Brazil, such as Ipea's Chief of Staff (2000-2002); UNICEF's senior officer (1998-99); National Director of Trade Policy (1994-95); and Coordinator at the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (1992-94). He has been directly involved on the MDG's and SDG's development strategies since 2004. Besides other activities, he was in charge of the MDG's National Monitoring Reports and the MDG's National Award. He is now directly involved on the Government's work on how to develop a national strategy to deal with the SDG's.



John Pampallis

Special Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education and Training, Government of South Africa

John Pampallis was appointed a Special Advisor to the Minister of Higher Education and Training in 1 July 2009. He was previously the Director of the Centre for Education Policy Development (CEPD) for over twelve years and, before that was Director of the Education Policy Unit at the former University of Natal. From 2004 to mid-2009 he was a member of the Council for Quality Assurance in General and Further Education and Training (Umalusi) and for two years served as its Chairperson. In May 2013, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Education by the University of Fort Hare.



Sunanda Sen

Former Professor of Economics, Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Sunanda Sen has retired as Professor from Centre for Economic Studies and Planning (CESP), JNU in 2001. Since then she has been a Visiting Professor in Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi and recently also a Visiting Professor at the ISID, New Delhi.

She has been a Visiting Professor in various Universities and institutions at home and abroad, including Delhi University, Barcelona University, Grenoble University, Hans Lim A Po Institute at Suriname etc. Also a Visiting Fellow at ISS (Netherlands), IDS (Sussex), University of Cambridge (where she is a Life member). In addition, she has been a Consultant at various United Nations organisations. She was a member of the Forwards Market Commission (1994).

Her recent publications include *Global Finance at Risk: On Real Stagnation and Instability*, Houndsmills Palgrave-Macmillan 2003; *Globalisation and Development*, National Book Trust 2007; *Unfreedom and Waged Work: Labour in India's Manufacturing Industry*, Sage Publications India Pvt Ltd, April 2009.



SK Mohanty

Professor, Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), India

Professor Saroj Kumar Mohanty is serving at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi based think-tank, supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. As an economist, he has researched extensively on blue economy and Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA). He has been working on issues relating to bilateral and regional trading arrangements, South-South cooperation and multilateral trading issues. He is currently working on Asian economic integration, Mega-FTAs, BRICS, IBSA, TPP, RCEP, SAARC, COMESA, TFTA, CLMV, bilateral trade agreements, regional fisheries management, global value chain, trade and environment and export-orientation of manufacturing sector, etc among others. His recent assignments include India's bilateral economic engagement with countries like China, Canada, Nepal, Singapore, Vietnam and Bangladesh and regions like Africa and Latin America. His other research interest includes trade in traditional medicine, food security, social sector issues, environmentally sensitive goods, economic reforms, WTO issues, trade & employment, CGE modelling and productivity analysis. He has directed and coordinated number of cross-country studies relating to bilateral and regional FTAs, Global and Regional Value Chain, implications of Mega regionals on excluded countries, GSTP and food processing industries in Asia. At present, he is heading India's Focal Point for the IORA academic group.

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Jaya Josie

**Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC),
South Africa's, South Africa**

Dr Josie is an economist with experience in development economic research in public finance, fiscal policy, and intergovernmental fiscal relations targeting inequality, unemployment and poverty. He was formerly a Senior Research Manager in the HSRC's Economic Performance & Development (EPD) unit. He led the HSRC South African BRICS Think Tank (SABTT) team that prepared the BRICS Think Tank Council's (BTTC) recommendation, "Towards a Long Term Strategy for BRICS", that was endorsed by the Sixth BRICS Heads of State Summit in Fortaleza Brazil in July 2014.



Natalia Piskulova

Professor, International Economic Relations
and Foreign Economic Relations MGIMO
University, Russia

Natalia Piskulova is Associate Professor, Chair of International Economic Relations, Moscow State Institute of International Relations. She studied at the MGIMO the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR as an economist-foreign affairs specialist with knowledge of a foreign language, a postgraduate study of Institute of economy of world socialist system of Academy of Sciences (now Institute of economy of RAS). She completed his Doctor of Economics in 2011 and was a Candidate of Economic Sciences in 1999.



André de Mello e Souza

Coordinator of International Cooperation, IPEA, Brazil

André de Mello e Souza is coordinator of international cooperation at the Institute for Applied Economic Research (IPEA), a Brazilian governmental think-tank. He earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from Stanford University, United States. He has previously worked for five years as Professor of International Relations at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio), Brazil. His main areas of research include the global governance of intellectual property rights and its impact on health and biotechnology, and international private and south-south development cooperation and foreign aid, with a country focus on the BRICS. He is one of the authors of "The Politics of Private Aid", published in International Organization, and several articles and book contributions on these topics.

2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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2. SPEAKERS



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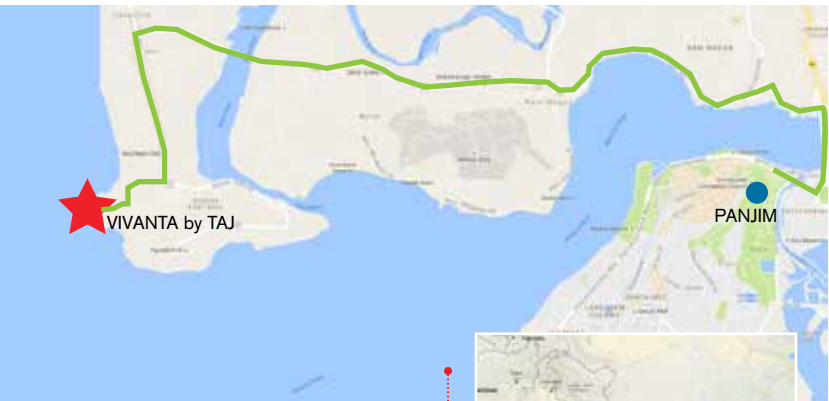
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ABOUT Goa

THE NAME Goa came to European languages from the Portuguese colonisers, but its precise origin is unclear. The Indian epic Mahabharata refers to the area now known as Goa, as 'Goparashtra' or 'Govarashtra' which means a nation of cowherds. 'Gopakapuri' or 'Gapakapattana' were used in some ancient Sanskrit texts, and these names were also mentioned in other sacred Hindu texts such as the Harivansa and the Skanda Purana. In the latter, Goa is also known as "Gomanchala". Gove, Govapuri, Gopakattan, and Gomant are some other names that the region is referred to in certain inscriptions and texts such as the Puranas. It has also been known as "Aparant".

Goa is a land that is synonymous with holidays, with its exquisite mix of sun, surf, and beaches; Goa is one of India's star tourist destinations. It is a tiny emeralds land with its natural scenic beauty, attractive beaches and temples, famous for its architecture, feast and festivals and hospitable people with a rich culture.

We sincerely hope that this precious historic part of India will make an ideal venue for a stimulating and enjoyable BRICS Academic Forum 2016. The citizens of India and the organisers of the conference welcome the participants.

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