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ABOUT THE BRICS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

The BRICS International School is a unique scientific and educational program aimed at training young experts specializing in BRICS studies in political, economic, humanitarian fields and other relevant areas of interaction within the five countries – Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa.

Participants of the BRICS International School are young diplomats, scientists and researchers, journalists, entrepreneurs, students as well as post-graduates from Russia, Brazil, India, China, South Africa, other countries and regions, aged from 18 to 35, are invited to join this programme.

Participants are offered a specially developed comprehensive course. Mentors of the BRICS International School are top Russian and international experts and practitioners, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations, ministries and agencies, think tanks with considerable experience in BRICS research. The BRICS International School allows participants to broaden their professional horizons, develop communication skills, and study specifics of cooperation among the BRICS countries – their positions on the global arena, prospects of institutionalization of the BRICS format, goals, and priorities of the grouping for the future.

Working language: English

The purpose of the BRICS International School is to expand a pool of young experts-BRICSologists for further development of a youth cooperation within BRICS as well as to support future-oriented projects and ideas of young leaders from BRICS countries.

The main objectives are:

- Accumulating intellectual potential of young experts and introducing new expertise
- Developing a professional community of young experts-BRICSologists
- Supporting the best future-oriented projects and studies from BRICS young leaders

Upon completion of the BRICS International School, participants receive certificates.

ORGANIZER

Russian National Committee on BRICS Research was established in 2011 to implement the plan of measures approved by the President of the Russian Federation to implement the agreements reached at the BRICS summit in Sanya (China). The main purpose is to organize and conduct research on the role and place of the BRICS countries and other "rising powers" in world politics and economics. The Committee is called upon to contribute to the formation of a single information field of domestic BRICS research and the promotion of the Russian position and expert assessments in the international arena; coordination of activities of leading think-tanks and experts on BRICS.

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TERMS OF PARTICIPATION

BRICS International School 2021 will take place on November 29 – December 3, 2021 in Moscow in a **videoconference** format.

The videoconference will be held using the **ZOOM** professional platform for holding videoconferences and online-events.

Please, make sure you have all the necessary equipment for participating in the videoconference: *Computer or laptop with Internet access; Internet connection of at least 30 Mbps; Built-in or externally connected web-camera; Externally connected microphone or an individual headset; Individual headphones.*

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The programme is held under the **Chatham House Rule**, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

This program is aimed at building **inter-civilizational dialogue**. We urge you to treat one another with dignity, respect and civility and acknowledge cultural differences.

Participation in the programme **is free of charge**.

There will be an official **certificate** for participants who obtain at least 75% attendance in the sessions.

PROGRAM

Day 1, November 29

LECTURE AND DISCUSSION



7.00-8.30 AM



1.00-2.30 PM



3.30-5.00 PM



6.00-7.30 PM



12.00-1.30 PM

ROLE OF BRICS COUNTRIES IN THE GLOBAL COORDINATE SYSTEM: THE ERA OF CHANGE

BRICS is a vivid example of the effectiveness of multipolar diplomacy. Countries that are different in cultural and civilizational terms formed an alliance based on a creative foreign policy philosophy, which is demanded in the modern turbulent world. Five countries are taking close approaches to key global and regional issues. BRICS is committed to building inter-state communication on the principles of the UN Charter, based on the values of equality, mutual respect and consideration of interests. BRICS countries oppose the revision of the results of World War II. All this creates the prerequisites for further consolidation of efforts to build a stable and predictable future, to develop common responses to main challenges and global threats. How successful is the BRICS cooperation today? What challenges did the BRICS countries face during the pandemic? How does BRICS solve its internal problems and help other countries to overcome the crisis?

SPEAKER:

H.E. SERGEY RYABKOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION; RUSSIAN SHERPA IN BRICS

MODERATORS:

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MS. VALERIYA GORBACHEVA, GR-DIRECTOR, RUSSIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON BRICS RESEARCH



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8.00-10.00 PM



2.00-4.00 PM

THE END OF GLOBALIZATION? CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

The COVID-19 pandemic caused a real "mess" in international affairs. The usual course of life changed, many sectors of the economy were on the verge of collapse, business activity decreased significantly, global cooperative chains suffered, and the unemployment rate increased. The closure of borders has sharply narrowed the possibilities for maintaining both interstate contacts and diverse communication between people. One of the main lessons of the pandemic is that no one can be immune to such cross-border threats. The pandemic affected everyone. The obvious conclusion is that this kind of global cataclysms must be overcome together, despite all differences. However, the apparent manifestations of "national selfishness," the closure of borders and the creation of new barriers to sustainable development reflects the crisis of globalization. Any crisis is an opportunity to rethink and reassess patterns and priorities. Is the end of globalization round the corner? What kind of world will future generations inherit?

WELCOME SPEECH:

H.E. SERGEY RYABKOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION; RUSSIAN SHERPA IN BRICS (VIDEO)

SPECIAL GUESTS:

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Day 2, November 30

EXPERT DISCUSSION



7.00-8.30 AM



1.00-2.30 PM



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PUBLIC DIPLOMACY IN THE ERA OF COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly changed our daily life. It did not bypass the sphere of Russian public diplomacy, which was and remains exposed to the challenges facing the entire system of international relations today. The lack of direct contact, the cancellation of events, the transition to online reduced the possibilities of public diplomacy. On the other hand, the development of online technologies has simplified many processes and makes it possible to expand the audience of projects limitlessly in the presence of the Internet. How will public diplomacy develop during the pandemic? What trends can be traced in the main directions of public diplomacy both in Russia and abroad?

30 MIN

DIGITAL BREAK

SPEAKERS:

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MODERATOR:

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30 MIN

DIGITAL BREAK

INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC



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BRICS: MEASURING INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND SECURITY

The pandemic has demonstrated that international society faces common challenges which can be tackled only together. Unfortunately, this fact has not been recognized by some global actors. The decrease in the level of confidence on international arena became a main trend of modernity. The desire of Western powers to dismantle international law and to substitute it with the concept of "order based on rules" raise concern. At the same time, it is obvious which States are ready to formulate these rules. Meanwhile, equal and indivisible security, value of collective approaches and solutions, truly democratic world order, within which there is no place for discrimination against sovereign States, are common priorities for the BRICS countries. How to strengthen the unity of BRICS? Is it possible to coordinate approaches to improve the response to emerging security threats in five countries and, more broadly, in the world?

SPEAKERS:

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Day 3, December 1

INTRODUCTION TO THE TOPIC



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CHALLENGES TO BRICS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Since the first summit in 2009, BRICS became an institution of global economic governance and an effective platform for coordination and cooperation among five countries. The growing role of BRICS in the global economy is determined by many factors – economic power, contribution to the reform of international economic institutions and impact on the transformation of the international monetary and financial system. Today, the main goal within the framework of the BRICS economic track is to strengthen the existing institutions – the New Development Bank and the BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement. They are designed to assist in stabilizing capital markets in case of global economy crises, as well as to strengthen the investment opportunities of the five countries. These mechanisms have in fact proved their effectiveness and relevance. Another important area includes the financing of projects in the national currencies of the BRICS countries. Joint actions to improve infrastructure are in demand, including in the context of the development of remote territories of the BRICS countries. Five countries continue to expand cooperation between tax, customs, antimonopoly authorities.

What are the future prospects for the development of economic cooperation within BRICS?
How will the BRICS plus format develop?

SPEAKERS:

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THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN ENHANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION: BEST PRACTICES WITHIN BRICS

The main goals of BRICS international youth cooperation are the fulfilment of the creative, educational and social potential of the young generation, the strengthening of friendship, mutual understanding and interaction of peoples, as well as the promotion of the consolidation of a common humanitarian, economic and socio-cultural space based on the experience of BRICS cooperation in various fields of humanitarian activity. BRICS is a striking example of strengthening collective principles in international affairs. Therefore, first of all, it is the youth of the five countries who face the challenge of building a sustainable future. What potential does the development of international youth cooperation within the BRICS framework have? What programmes are implemented in the field of youth policy in BRICS countries? How are the "leaders of the new generation" of the five countries formed?

SPEAKERS:

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MR. VALDIR BEZERRA, MEMBER, CENTER FOR BRICS STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF SAO PAULO, BRAZIL

MS. MARIA LUISA MALTA, HEAD, BRICS OBSERVER

SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RUSSIA-BRICS PROJECT OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL YOUTH COOPERATION AND SOUTH AFRICAN BRICS YOUTH ASSOCIATION

MODERATOR:

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Day 4, December 2

EXPERT DISCUSSION



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INNOVATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES IN BRICS COUNTRIES

How does the cooperation in the field of science, technology and innovation of the BRICS countries develop? Why does the access to digital technologies became a new literacy, and how COVID-19 forces us to teach in a new way? Will digitalization deepen or eliminate social inequality? What opportunities and dangers do cryptocurrencies pose, as well as whether traditions harm progress?

SPEAKERS:

DR. SHEN YI, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR BRICS STUDIES, FUDAN DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE, FUDAN UNIVERSITY, CHINA

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DIGITAL BREAK

MASTER CLASS



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BUILDING CROSS-CULTURAL AWARENESS IN A MODERN BUSINESS CONTEXT

SPEAKER:

MS. MARINA BELOUSOVA, SALES DIRECTOR, CERTIFIED BUSINESS TRAINER, MBA

FACT-CHEKING



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WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP IN BRICS

BRICS, as a striking example of the unification of socially responsible economies, has always attached great importance to ensuring the inclusion of communities and meeting the needs of its citizens. BRICS countries are working towards gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, thereby implementing SDG 5. The priorities of BRICS include efforts to strengthen the voice and representation of women in economy and to promote open and balanced economic development. The BRICS mission today should not be limited to responding to pandemic or other challenges. The mission of BRICS is to build peace for all countries of the world, in which women play a key role in the process of economic recovery.

There is no doubt that BRICS will continue to play its role in promoting the integration and empowerment of women. What is the real situation with women's role in the BRICS countries?

SPEAKERS:

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN BRICS COUNTRIES

Sustainable development goals cover almost all important areas of society, albeit with varying degrees of detail. BRICS countries combine common interests in many areas on the world arena, especially in maintaining acceptable rules of world coordination and management, in particular in the field of finance, trade, and international development. They passed through 10 years of successful cooperation. For SDGs, their relative position is somewhat more complicated. For the five countries, it is not possible to establish uniform specific levels for most indicators (especially in the short term) of the SDGs, but interaction and mutual support in moving forward to higher levels of development of the BRICS countries are very useful. What success have the BRICS countries achieved in achieving the sustainable development goals? What challenges and constraints do the five countries need to overcome on the road to sustainable development?

SPEAKERS:

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CLOSING CEREMONY

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SUMMARIZING RESULTS**OPEN MICROPHONE**

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