



Instituto de Relações  
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## **International seminar, October 6 and 7, 2016 in Rio de Janeiro at IRI - Instituto de Relações Internacionais - PUC-Rio**

### **The dragon and the elephant meet the jaguars: China and India in Latin America**

While China is now a major player in Latin America and there exists a growing number of academic publications on Chinese-Latin American relations, we know much less about India's engagement and interests in Latin America. While in other regions (Africa and parts of Asia) there is competition between China and India, this does not seem to be the case (yet?) in Latin America. In the seminar, we will analyze the economic and strategic interests of China and India in Latin America. Are there differences between the Chinese and the Indian modes of interaction with Latin America? What are the interests of Latin American countries with regard to both Asian giants? Are there differences in Latin American countries' approaches to China and India, and can we identify different patterns of cooperation among them? What are the future prospects (for the next 10 to 20 years) for cooperation between Latin America and both Asian countries? Will there be competition between India and Latin America? What are the repercussions for relations with other partners of Latin America (the US, Europe)? With regard to India and China, Brazil has a special status in Latin America because it cooperates with India in the IBSA forum and with China and India in the BRICS. How does this cooperation affect the relations between the three countries?

### **Program**

**October 6**

**Location: RDC, PUC-Rio**

**9:00-9:30 - Introduction/Welcome**

**Detlef Nolte GIGA / Renato Flores FGV / Paulo Esteves PUC-IRI**

**9:30 – 10:15 - Keynote**

- **Jorge Heine, Chilean Ambassador in China**  
**"Latin America in the Asian Century: Linking Up with the Asian Giants"**

10:15 -10:45 - Coffee Break

10:45 – 13:00 - India, China and Latin America in the global context

Chair: Paulo Esteves (PUC IRI)

- Nanno Mulder, CEPAL División de Comercio Internacional e Integración, Santiago de Chile  
“China, India and Latin America in the World Economy”
- Evan Ellis, Center for Strategic and International Studies , Washington DC  
“Chinese and Indian engagement in Latin America”

13:00- 14:30 – Lunch

14:30- 17:00 - China and India in Latin America: economic engagement and interest

Chair: Sandra Destradi, GIGA

- Marcos Costa Lima, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco  
“The dragon is thinking: building a theory of International relations with a Chinese profile”
- Rengaraj Viswanathan, Gateway House  
“The New India and the New Latin America: synergies and complementarities”
- Renato G. Flores Jr, FGV Rio de Janeiro  
“The reverse rhetoric: Brazil in China and India”
- Nele Noesselt, Universität Duisburg  
“China’s global financial activities in Latin America: Banks as new architects of the PRC’s foreign strategy”

October 7

Location: RDC, PUC-Rio

9:00- 11:00 - China and India in Latin America: political and strategic interests

Chair: Claudia Fuentes (PUC IRI)

- Haibin Niu, Shanghai Institute for International Studies  
“Overlooked Strategic and Political Dimensions of China-Latin America Relationship”
- Danielly Silva Ramos Becard, Universidade de Brasília  
“China’s governance impact in Latin America: the Brazilian case”
- Sandra Destradi, GIGA  
“Out of Sight, Out of Mind? Latin America in India’s Foreign and Security Policy”

11:00 – 11:15 - Coffee break

**11: 15- 13:15 - Brazil, China and India in the BRICS and IBSA**

**Chair: Detlef Nolte (GIGA)**

- **Ana Flávia Granja e Barros, Universidade de Brasília**  
**“Is Brazil still in the BRICS and IBSA? A Multidimensional Assessment”**
- **Haibin Niu, Shanghai Institute for International Studies**  
**“Reevaluate the Importance of BRICS in China’s Global Strategy“**
- **Abhijnan Rej, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi**  
**“Sovereign Preponderance as an Organizing Principle for BRICS”**

**Conclusion**

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