**Course Syllabus: Rising Powers in World Politics**

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Welcome to "Rising Powers in World Politics"!! We are in the middle of an unprecedented shift in wealth and power away from the West and towards the countries of the developing world. How will this dramatic shift in power affect international relations? Are we headed towards an era of increased instability and great power conflict? Or will the rise of the developing world increase economic equality and political representation at the level of global politics?

This class will explore these and other questions through the lens of international relations theory. We will focus on the five major rising powers: Brazil, Russia, India China and South Africa (colloquially known as the BRICS), looking at the domestic and international factors that are behind their rise and the impact they have had on major areas of international politics. We will also look at the approaches they take to major 21st Century policy questions, such as terrorism, economic development, climate change, and reform to international financial institutions after the latest economic crisis.

**Course requirements and grading:**

**Participation and attendance**: 30%

This course requires not only attendance but active participation. This entails doing the readings before class, thinking critically about them and the topics we are discussing, and coming to class prepared for discussion. Active participation can significantly help your grade in the course, non-participation can significantly lower your grade, and habitual non-attendance WILL significantly lower your grade.

Everyone will also be required to do a short 10 minute presentation at least once during the semester. The topic will be a recent event or news item that directly relates to the themes we have discussed in class.

Here are a couple of useful websites that can help you keep an eye on international events related to our seminar.

 1) The Financial Times' Beyond BRICS blog provides a great source of info on the latest developments in emerging markets.

<http://blogs.ft.com/beyond-brics/>

 (You need to register for the Blog but it is free).

 2) Foreign Policy's website also gives a nice view into how US elite's and policy makers are thinking about the latest developments.

<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/>

 I particularly recommend Steve Walt's Blog:

<http://www.foreignpolicy.com/voices/walt>

**Research Paper proposal**: 20 %

A one page proposal (around 500 words) outlining the topic of your research paper and the major theoretical or substantive issues you will examine in the research paper.

**Final Research Paper:** 50 %

A 15 page research paper touching on the themes and topics discussed in class. This is an original piece of research that should incorporate sources outside of the materials we cover in class. You should be thinking about/working on this throughout the semester and you should meet with me to discuss your topic. We will also talk about topics and research methods in class.

**Course Schedule:**

**Introduction: Decline of the West and the Rise of the Rest?** (2/14)

Charles Kuphan, "Nobody's World", Chapter 4 : "The Next Turn: The Rise of the Rest"

Ruchin Sharma, "Broken BRICS: Why the Rest Stopped Rising", *Foreign Affairs*, November/December 2012

Naazneen Barma, Ely Ratner and Steven Weber, “A World Without the West”, *National Interest,* Number 90 July/August 2007, pp 23-30

Recommended:

National Intelligence,*Council, Global Trends 2025: A Transformed World*, http://www.dni.gov/nic/PDF\_2025/2025\_Global\_Trends\_Final\_Report.pdf, pp v-xii, 1-17, 28-37, 92-98

Robert Kagan, *The Return of History and the End of Dreams* (New York : Knopf, 2008), Ch 1

**II. Major Power Transitions in the International System** (2/21)

In this section, we will look at the major theoretical approaches to the study of power transition in the international system and look at some prominent scholars’ predictions about the future.

Barry Posen, "Emerging Multipolarity: Why Should We Care?"

G. John Ikenberry and Thomas Wight, “Rising Powers and Global Institutions”, *Century Foundation Working Paper*, New York 2007

Aaron Friedberg, “The Future of U.S.-China Relations: Is Conflict Inevitable?”, *International Security* 30.2

(2005)

Recommended:

Robert Gilpin, *War and Change in World Politics* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1983), Ch 2

Robert Keohane, *After Hegemony* (Princeton, N.J. ; Woodstock : Princeton University Press, 2005), Ch 4

**III. Getting to Know the BRICS – Domestic Politics and Global Ambitions**

We will take a closer look at the individual BRICS, their experiences with economic and political development, the factors behind their rise, and their expanding role in regional and global politics.

**China: The Next Hegemon?** (2/28)

Arrighi, Giovanni, Adam *Smith in Beijing: Lineages of the Twenty-First Century*, (London: Verso, 2007), Ch 12 “Origins and Dynamic of the Chinese Ascent” (in folder)

Hung Fo Hung, China: America's Faithfull Servant, New Left Review, New Left Review 60, November-December 2009

Susan Shirk, *China: Fragile Superpower* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007), Ch 1

Wang Gungwu , “China and the International Order: Some Historical Perspectives”. In Wang Gungwu and Zheng Yongnian (Eds), *China and the New International Order* (London: Routledge, 2008), pp. 21-31

Optional:

Randall L. Schweller and Xiaoyu Pu, "After Unipolarity: China’s Visions of International Order", *International Security*, Vol. 36, No. 1 (Summer 2011)

Peter Mattis, “China’s Right To Speak”, *Jamestown China Brief*, Volume XII s Issue 20 s October 19, 2012

**Russia: Fallen Super Power and/or Reemerging Great Power?** (3/7)

Rajan Menon and Alexander Motyl, “The Myth of Russian Resurgence”, *American Interest*, Mar/Apr2007, Vol. 2 Issue 4, pp96-101

Andrei P. Tsygankov, “Preserving Influence in a Changing World: Russia’s Grand Strategy”, *Problems of Post-Communism*, Vol. 58, No. 1, March-April, 2011, pp. 28-44

Sergei Karaganov, "Russia’s Asian Strategy", <http://eng.globalaffairs.ru/pubcol/Russias-Asian-Strategy-15254>

Recommended:

Dmitri Trenin, “Russia Leaves the West”, *Foreign Affairs*, v85:4, 2006

Andrei Tsygankov, “Contested Identity and Foreign Policy: Interpreting Russia’s International Choices”, *International Studies Perspectives*, Vol. 14, No. 1, March, 2013

**India: The *Other* Asian Rising Power** (3/14)

Stephen B. Cohen, *India :Emerging Power*, Chapter 4

Gucharan Das, “The India Model,” *Foreign Affairs*, vol. 85, no. 4 (July-August 2006)

Yasheng Huang and Tarun Khanna, “Can India Overtake China?” *Foreign Policy*, July- August 2003

Recommended:

R. Basrur, “India: A Major Power in the Making,” in T. Volgy ed, *Major Powers and the Quest for Status in International Politics* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2011), pp. 181-202

**Brazil: New Power in the Western Hemisphere** (3/21)

Larry Rohter, Brazil on the Rise; “The Story of a Country Transformed”, Ch 6 and 7 (scan)

Joao Augosto De Castro Neves, "Brazil as an Emerging Power in the 21st Century" (in Books folder) in Nadkarni and Noonan

Maria Regina Soares de Lima and Monica Hirst, “Brazil as an Intermediate State and Regional Power: Action, Choice, and Responsibilities”, *International Affairs* 82:10, 2006, pp 21-40. (scanned from box)

Recommended:

Leslie Elliott Armijo and Sean W. Burges, “Brazil, the Entrepreneurial and Democratic BRIC”, *Polity* Volume 42, Number 1 . January 2010

**IV. The BRICS’ Impact on Major International Issues:**

In this section we will look at the impact the BRICS are having on major issue areas and on the ways that they are adjusting to the challenges of globalization.

**Security – Conventional and Non-Conventional Threats** (3/28)

Aris, Stephen, “The Shanghai Cooperation Organization: ‘Tackling the Three Evils’ A Regional Response to Non-traditional Security Challenges or an Anti-Western Bloc?”, *Europe-Asia Studies*, 2009, 61: 3,

T.V. Paul, “Soft Balancing in the Age of U.S. Primacy,” *International Security*, Vol30, No1, Summer 2005, 46-71

William Walker, A *Perpetual menace: Nuclear Weapons and International Order* (Routledge: New York, 2012), Ch 8 "Heading for the Rocks", pg 181-194, 216-218

Avery Goldstein, China’s Real and Present Danger*, Foreign Affairs* (September 2013/October 2013)

Recommended:

Mohammed Ayoob, *The Third World Security Predicament: State Making, Regional Conflict, and the International System* (New York: Lynne Rienner, 1995), Ch 1.

**The Environment** (4/4)

Garrett Hardin, "The Tragedy of the Commons", Science, Vol. 162 (December 1968)

Carl Dahlman, The World Under Pressure, pg 154-182

Alexei Barrionuevo, “Whose Rain Forest Is This, Anyway? Does The Amazon Belong to Brazil?”, *New York Times,* May 18, 2008.

Recommended:

John Whalley and Sean Walsh, “Bringing the Copenhagen Global Climate Change Negotiations to Conclusion”, *CESifo Economic Studies* 55(2) 2009, pp 255-285

Elizabeth Economy “The Great Leap Backward?", *Foreign Affairs*, (September/October 2007): pp 38-59

**Global Governance and International Institutions** (4/11)

Ian Bremmer and Nouriel Roubini, “A G-Zero World”, *Foreign Affairs*, March/April 2011

Stewart Patrick, “Irresponsible Stakeholders?”, *Foreign Affairs*, Nov/Dec 2010, pp44-53

Andrej Krickovic, *Imperial Nostalgia or Prudent Geopolitics: Russia’s Efforts to Integrate the Post-Soviet Space* (Forthcoming)

Recommended:

Miles Kahler, “Rising Powers and Global Governance: Reforming a Resilient Status Quo”

**Economy – Opportunities and Challenges for Rising Powers** (4/18)

Stefan Halper, *The Beijing Consensus: How China's Authoritarian Model Will Dominate the Twenty-First Century* (New York: Basic Books, 2010), Ch 2 “The Rise and Fall of the Washington Consensus”, pp 49-74.

Kevin Gallagher, “Understanding Developing Country Resistance to the Doha Round”, *Review of International Political Economy* 15(1), 2008, pp 62-85.

Ian Bremmer and Robert Johnston, "The Rise and Fall of Resource Nationalism", Survival., vol. 51 no. 2, April–May 2009

Recommended:

Peter Evans, “From Situations of Dependency to Globalized Social Democracy”, *Studies in Comparative International Development* 44, 2009, pp 318-336.

**Human Rights and Democracy** (4/25)

Amartya Sen, “Human Rights and Asian Values”, *New Republic*, Vol. 217 Issue 2/3, July 14-21, 1997, pp 33-40

Azar Gat, “The Return of Authoritarian Great Powers”, *Foreign Affairs*, Vol86:No4, July-August 2007

Oliver Stuenkel and Jabin T. Jacob, “Rising Powers and the Future of Democracy Promotion: the Case of Brazil and India”, *Portuguese Journal of International Affairs*, No 4 Autumn/Winter 2011, pp 23-34

James Fallows, “Arab Spring – Chinese Winter”, *Atlantic Monthly*, Vol 308: No2 September 2011, pp 50-58

Recommended:

Kevin Narizny, “Anglo-American Primacy and the Global Spread of Democracy: An International Genealogy”, *World Politics*, Volume 64, Number 2, April 2012, pp. 341-373

Joshua Kurlantzick, Beijing’s Safari: China’s Move into Africa and Its Implications for Aid, Development, and Governance, *Carnegie Foundation Policy Outlook*, November 2006

**V) Beyond BRICS** (5/16)

While the BRICS have garnered most of our attention, other developing countries are also rising to geopolitical prominence -- some because of their strengths and others because of their weakness. In the concluding section we will take a look at a few of these and examine the impact that they are having on regional and global politics.

Stephen Larrabee, “Turkey's New Geopolitics”, *Survival*, Vol. 52 Issue 2, Apr/May 2010, p157-180

Vali Nasr, “Iran: The New Hegemon”, New Republic; Vol. 235 Issue 25,December 18, 2006, p32-37

Mohammed Ayoob, “Beyond the Democratic Wave in the Arab World: The Middle East's Turko-Persian Future”, *Middle East Policy*, Summer 2011, Vol. 18 Issue 2, p110-119

“Indonesia: The Missing BRIC in the Wall”, *Economist*, Vol.399:No.8743, July 23, 2011

Recommended:

CITIGroup Report, “Global Growth Generators: Moving beyond ‘Emerging Markets’ and ‘BRIC’” (2011)