

SECURITY ANALYSIS: THE EMERGING POWERS: BRICS

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The world is changing and is becoming more interdependent. This global interdependence has led to a real international cooperation and, given this configuration, the emerging powers – Brazil, India, Russia, China, and recently South Africa – cannot be ignored in the global government process. Having as starting point a theoretical approach of the concept of emergent power, this article aims to present the positioning of emerging powers (Brazil, India, Russia, China, South Africa – BRICS) in the changing global system and how they are influencing the patterns of power in the system.

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Introduction

The world is changing. Through its socio-effects, globalization changes the hierarchy of power centers both by transforming the way in which actors assume and play roles and by emphasizing the trends of reconfiguring strategic partnerships, depending on the interests and security objectives of the main actors¹. The world is becoming increasingly interdependent, not only economically, but also with respect to the threats and challenges our societies are facing. The globalization process is characterized by a global interdependence and the international cooperation cannot be ignored; in addition, the emerging powers such as Brazil, India, Russia, China, and South Africa must be taken into account in the new global era. The world of the 21st century is becoming increasingly multipolar, characterized by the emergence of these new powers (China, India, Brazil, or the resurgence of Russia). The American “unipolar moment”²

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² Charles Krauthammer, “The unipolar moment”, *Foreign Affairs*, vol7:1, 1990, pp.23-33