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GIBSA Workshop

Germany, India, Brazil and South Africa:

A Strategic Quadrilogue 2016

Geoeconomics and Geopolitics at Play:

**The outlook from Europe, South Asia, South America and
Africa**

September 25 – 27

Venue

Royal Tulip Hotel, Brasília

The GIBSA Quadrilogue was launched in 2007 as a collaboration between four Think Tanks: Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) in Berlin, the Centro Brasileiro de Relações Internacionais (CEBRI) in Rio de Janeiro, the Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies (IPCS) in New Delhi, and the Institute for Security Studies (ISS) in Pretoria. The forum is supposed to facilitate exchanges of ideas between these countries with regard to their respective perceptions and analyses of international relations.

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Agenda

DAY 1

Date: September 25

Venue: *(to be confirmed)*

8pm-10pm - Opening Dinner: “Brazil’s new political scenery: making sense of it”

- Opening Address
Ambassador Roberto Abdenur
Council Member, Brazilian Center for International Relations
- Keynote
Welber Barral *(tbc)*
Barral M Jorge Consultores Associados

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DAY 2

Date: September 26

Venue: Royal Tulip Alvorada Hotel

9am - 10am - Opening Address

- **Ambassador Roberto Abdenur**
Council Member, Brazilian Center for International Relations
- **Dietmar Ehm**
Deputy Director, Hanns Seidel Foundation

10am-12pm - 1st Session

“The changing political and economic landscape in South America”

- Ideological shifts in South American politics
- Reshaping trade and economics in the region: the impacts of Mercosur, Pacific Alliance and TPP
- Paths to integration: infrastructure, energy and agriculture

Speakers:

Ambassador Marcos de Azambuja

Council Member, Brazilian Center for International Relations

Maria Regina Soares de Lima (tbc)

Instituto de Estudos Sociais e Políticos (IESP)

Open debate

12pm - 2pm - Lunch Talk

“Security dynamics in the Middle East and its implications for the global security”

Speaker:

Samuel Feldberg

Professor, University of São Paulo

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2pm - 4pm - 2nd Session

“The West’s pivot to Asia vs China’s pivot to Europe: redrawing the strategic scene of global trade”

- The US Two-Track Strategy in its Pivot to Asia: the Military/Security Track and the Economic Track
- China’s Pivot to Europe: the OBOR Initiative
- EU’s role: the German perspective after Brexit
- Implications for Brazil, South Africa, India

Speakers:

- **Representative**
Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
- **Representative**
Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies
- **Monica Herz (tbc)**
Pontifícia Universidade Católica - RJ
- **Representative**
Institute for Security Studies

Open debate

4pm - 4h15pm - Coffee break

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4h15pm - 6h15pm - 3rd Session

“Global Governance: changes and challenges and their Impact on geoeconomics and geopolitics”

- The rise of new nationalisms and its implications for the future of democratic values and Human Rights.
- How do new societal and political factors affect geoeconomics and geopolitics?
- Prospects for UN reform: the new SG; expansion of the UNSC?
- The Transpacific and Transatlantic Partnerships - implications for the WTO and the International Trade Regime
- Prospects for the G20, G7 and BRICS
- New Presidency in Brazil: the role in BRICS and G20

Speakers:

- **Hanns Günther Hilpert**
Head of Research Division Asia, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
- **Representative**
Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies
- **Ambassador Braz Baracuhy Neto**
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil
- **Otilia Anna Maunganidze**
Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies

Open debate

6h15pm - Closing

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DAY 3

Date: September 27

Venue: Royal Tulip Alvorada Hotel

9am-10h45am - 4th Session

“Current Difficulties and Uncertainties Regarding Globalization”

- Is Globalization really losing steam?
- Will Regional Organizations contribute to global governance or will they weaken the global order?
- The uncertain recovery in the US, Europe and Japan.
- How China’s “New Normal” impacts GIBSA countries?
- Challenges for international development cooperation in a changing geoeconomic and geopolitical scenario.

Speakers:

- **Lars Brozus**
Associate Division Americas, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
- **Representative**
Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies
- **Representative**
Brazilian Center for International Relations
- **Jakkie Cilliers**
Chairperson of the Board of Trustees and head of African Futures & Innovation,
Institute for Security Studies

Open debate

10h45am – 11am - Coffee break



11am – 1pm - 5th Session

“New facts and trends in geoeconomics and their implications for international security”

- Refugee crisis and its impacts on the EU
- The international migrant crisis: how could the GIBSA countries contribute?
- China’s moves in the South China Sea; reactions by the US and the other countries involved
- Follow up to the Nuclear Security Summit: what could the GIBSA countries do?
- The remarginalisation of Africa?

Speakers:

- **Guenther Maihold**
Deputy Director, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik
- **Representative**
Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies
- **Alcides Vaz (*tbc*)**
Professor, Univeristy of Brasília
- **Ottilia Anna Maunganidze**
Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies

1pm - Closing Remarks

- GIBSA Suggestions to their Governments
- Discussion on Next GIBSA meeting in South Africa (GIBSA members)

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