

**Conference:
“Regional Powers in Asia, Africa, Latin America,
the Near and Middle East”**

Date: December 11 and 12, 2006 (Hamburg)

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Programme

First Day (9:00-19:00)

9:00-9:30

Welcome Address: *Robert Kappel* (GIGA)

I. Introduction: The Rise of (New) Regional Powers: Research Topics and Analytical Concepts

Detlef Nolte (GIGA)

9:30-13:00 (with a coffee break)

II. Regional Powers in the International Multi-Level System

Coordination: *Joachim Betz* (GIGA)

Power and Power Hierarchies in the Global and Regional Context

Jacek Kugler (Claremont Graduate University)

Conditions for Success and Failure of Emerging Power Leadership in Regional and Global Politics

Stefan Schirm (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

The Influence of Regional Powers on Regional and Global Governance Structures

Andrew Hurrell (Nuffield College, University of Oxford)

Can emerging middle powers challenge the international system? Lessons from the IBSA-Dialogue Forum

Daniel Flemes (GIGA)

What do cross-country analysis tell us: The economics of new regional powers

Robert Kappel (GIGA)

Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

III. Regional Powers in their Regional Setting

14:00-16:00 Parallel Panels

Panel A: Latin America: Brazil's regional leadership between cooperation and power

Coordination: *Detlef Nolte* (GIGA)

Brazils regional politics approach - constructing a new CASA (Comunidade Sulamericana de Nações) or just another castle in the air for South American integration?

Wilhelm Hofmeister (KAS / Rio de Janeiro)

Brazil: a wavering leader

Alfredo Valladão (Chaire Mercosur / Sciences Po, Paris)

Old Ambitions and New Ignitions: Brazil and Regional Leadership in Latin America

Jeffrey Cason (Middlebury College) / *Timothy Power* (Centre for Brazilian Studies, University of Oxford)

Lula's Foreign Policy: Global Overstretch and Regional Understatement?

Susanne Gratius (FRIDE, Madrid)

Commentators:

Günther Maihold (SWP, Berlin), *Barbara Fritz* (LAI, Berlin)

Discussion

Panel B: Near and Middle East

Coordination: *Martin Beck* (GIGA), *Henner Fürtig* (GIGA)

The Concept of Regional Power: The Middle East as a Deviant Case?

Martin Beck (GIGA)

Egypt: A Regional Power between Pretention and Reality

Henner Fürtig (GIGA)

How To Avoid the Emergence of a Regional Power. The Case of Israel

Mark A. Heller (Jaffa Center for Strategic Studies, Tel Aviv)

Commentator:

Cilja Harders (Universität Bochum)

Discussion

16:30-19:00

Panel C: Africa

Coordination: *Gero Erdmann* (GIGA)

Regional Powers in Africa

Gero Erdmann (GIGA)

Can South Africa as the former apartheid state become an accepted regional power in Africa?

Ian Taylor (School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews)

Nigeria: Can a Failing State be a Regional Power?

Daniel C. Bach (Centre d'Etude d'Afrique Noire, Université Montesquieu-Bordeaux IV)

Commentators:

Adam Habib (Human Sciences Research Council, Pretoria), *Ulf Engel* (Universität Leipzig)

Discussion

19:30 Keynote speech, Reception/Dinner

Keynote speech: Regional Powers and German Development Cooperation

Michael Hofmann (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)

Second Day (9:00-18:00)

9:00-12:00

Panel Asia D 1: China: Regional or Global Power?

Coordination: *Karsten Giese* (GIGA)

Introductory Remarks: China's rise to dominance in Asia and beyond – a success story of hard or soft power?

Karsten Giese (GIGA)

China's Rise to leadership in Asia – strategies, obstacles and achievements

Shaun Breslin (University of Warwick)

China-Japan antagonism as a source for structural change in East Asia

Dirk Nabers (GIGA)

China's position in Southeast Asia. The emergence of a regional hegemon?

Jörn Dosch (University of Leeds)

China as economic center of gravity in Asia and beyond

Margot Schüller (GIGA)

China on a thorny road to become a global power

Gudrun Wacker (SWP Berlin)

Commentators:

Günter Schucher (GIGA), *Karsten Giese* (GIGA)

Discussion

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-15:30

Panel Asia D 2: India in Search of a Global Role

Coordination: *Joachim Betz* (GIGA)

India's hard power: conventional and nuclear build-up

Stephen P. Cohen (Brookings Institution)

Economic, technological and cultural assets for India's major power aspirations

Joachim Betz (GIGA)

India and its neighbours: Regional cooperation and beyond

Christian Wagner (SWP)

Commentator:

Dirk Nabers (GIGA)

Discussion

16:00-18:00

IV. Panel: Regional Powers in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Near and Middle East - Implications for German Foreign policy

Regional Powers as Partners of German Foreign Policy

Stefan Mair (SWP, Berlin)

Preliminary findings of the BMZ/DIE project 'Cooperation with anchor countries'

Tilman Altenburg (DIE)

Discussants:

Robert Kappel (GIGA), *Jürgen Rüländ* (Universität Freiburg), *N.N.* (Federal Foreign Office)

Discussion