



1st Regional Powers Network (RPN) Conference:

**Ideas, Interests, Resources and Strategies of Regional Powers –
Analytical Concepts in Comparative Perspective**

**GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
Hamburg, 15 – 16 September 2008**

(Participation by invitation only)

Preliminary Conference Programme

15 September 2008

Introduction

9.00 hrs. **Regional Powers Network**
[Daniel Flemes](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

[Ideas, Interests, Resources and Strategies of Regional Powers](#)
[Detlef Nolte](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

Panel I: Theories and Analytical Concepts ([pdf](#))

Chair: [Joachim Betz](#), German Institute of Global and Area Studies

9.30 hrs. **[Dimensions of Hard Power: Regional Leadership and Material Capabilities](#)**
[Douglas Lemke](#), Pennsylvania State University

[Playgrounds of Regional Powers: Regional Powers and the Global System](#)
[Andrew Hurrell](#), University of Oxford

[The Foreign Economic Policies of Regional Powers in the Developing World: Towards a Framework of Analysis](#)
[Philip Nel](#), University of Otago

11.00 hrs. *Coffee Break*

11.20 hrs. **[Leadership and Discursive Hegemony in International Politics](#)**
[Dirk Nabers](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

[The Role of Domestic Interests and Ideas in Regional Power Projection: Assessing the Leadership-Followership Nexus](#)
[Stefan Schirm](#), Ruhr University of Bochum

12.15 hrs. *Lunch Break*

Panel II: Foreign Policy Strategies of Regional Powers in Comparison ([pdf](#))

Chair: [Henner Fürtig](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies
Discussant: [Detlef Nolte](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

13.30 hrs. [Brazil's strategic options in a multiregional world order](#)
[Daniel Flemes](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

China and India

[Alka Acharya](#), Jawaharlal Nehru University

Regional Politics in a Highly Fragmented Region: Israel's Middle East Policies, September 2008

[Martin Beck](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

15.15 hrs. *Coffee Break*

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Panel III: Idea-Driven Foreign Policies in Comparative Perspective ([pdf](#))

Chair: [Martin Beck](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

Discussant: [Andrew Hurrell](#), University of Oxford

15.45 hrs. [Idea Driven Foreign Policies in Comparative Perspective: Iran](#)
[Henner Fürtig](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

Ideology-Driven Foreign Policies in Comparative Perspective: The Case of Venezuela

[Susanne Gratius](#), Fundación para las Relaciones Internacionales y el Diálogo Exterior

Ideas Driving Brazil's Regional Policy

[Matias Spektor](#), Fundação Getulio Vargas

An 'Ideas Driven' Foreign Policy For India

[Ummu Salma Bava](#), Jawaharlal Nehru University

The Idea-driven Foreign Policy of a Regional Power: The Case of South Africa

[Deon Geldenhuys](#), University of Johannesburg

20.00 hrs. *Reception and Buffet Dinner at the City Hall of Hamburg*

16 September 2008

Panel IV: Domestic Factors' Impact on Regional Powers' Foreign Policies ([pdf](#))

Chair: [Gero Erdmann](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

Discussant: [Cord Jakobeit](#), Universität Hamburg

9.30 hrs. [Domestic Underpinnings and Constraints of Contemporary Brazilian Foreign Policy](#)

[Alcides Costa Vaz](#), Universidade of Brasília

China's Domestic Transitions and Implications for Foreign Policy

[Li Mingjiang](#), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

The Interaction Between Domestic Factors and Foreign Policies in India

[Joachim Betz](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

11.00 hrs. *Coffee Break*

11.20 hrs. [Domestic Factors' Impact on Russia's Foreign Policy](#)
[Irina Busygina](#), Moscow State Institute of International Relations

[South Africa's Foreign Policy: Hegemonic Aspirations, Neoliberal Orientations and Global Transformation](#)

[Adam Habib](#), University of Johannesburg

12.15 hrs. *Lunch Break*

Panel V: Foreign Policy Implications for the US and Europe ([pdf](#))

Chair: [Luis Peral](#), The European Union Institute for Security Studies

Discussant: [Alfredo Valladão](#), Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

13.30 hrs. [The European Union: 'regional power', 'global pole', 'paper tiger' – or what?](#)

[Hans-Joachim Gießmann](#), Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg

[France, Germany, Britain – Responses of Traditional Regional Powers to Rising Regions and Rivals](#)

[Hartmut Mayer](#), University of Oxford

[American Responses to Rising Regional Powers - Guided by Grand Strategy or "Muddling Through"?](#)

[Mark Brawley](#), McGill University

[Brazil: An Ambiguous Leader](#)

[Alfredo Valladão](#), Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)

15.00 hrs. *Coffee Break*

Concluding Remarks from Theoretical Perspective

Chair: [Robert Kappel](#), GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies

15.30 hrs. [Douglas Lemke](#), Pennsylvania State University

[Philip Nel](#), University of Otago

[Stefan Schirm](#), Ruhr University of Bochum