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## Call for papers

### **The 2nd International Forum on “Development and Governance in the BRICS” ---The Symposium on International Development Aid in the BRICS**

**Date:** 23-24 September 2017

**Host and Venue:** Fudan University, Shanghai, China

**Deadline for submission of abstract:** 15 April 2017

### **BACKGROUND AND COVERAGE**

The group of countries that includes Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa, or BRICS, has become a major player on the international stage. The BRICS states comprise approximately 3 billion people (~40% of the World's population) and in terms of GDP account for 16 trillion dollars (~20% of the World's economy). Thus, what happens in the BRICS countries has a huge influence in the world's economic, political, social and environmental affairs. Over the last decade the loose coalition has evolved to become a formal partnership on both economic and political fronts. The first formal meeting of the then four BRIC countries took place in 2006 during the United Nations General Assembly, and this was followed in 2009 by the first summit of BRICS heads of state, an event which has been convened annually ever since. In September 2017, the ninth BRICS Summit will be hosted in Xiamen, China.

Following the first International Forum on “Development and Governance in the BRICS” held in 2016 at Fudan University, we propose to have "International Development Aid in the BRICS" as the theme of the second Forum held in Sep 2017 at Fudan University. In the last three decades, the BRICS partners have significantly increased their political, financial and economic influence worldwide. Some have become important aid donors to developing states and significant investors in both emerging and developed economies. China, in particular, is now one of the leading investors worldwide. Recently, the BRICS created the New Development Bank (NDB) and China played a leading role in the establishment of the Asia Infrastructure

Investment Bank (AIIB). There is hope that the BRICS' investments may assist in transforming the international aid landscape to become more pluralistic and equitable. The BRICS states have also expressed interest in using aid to transfer some of their successful experiences to emerging economies and to exert soft power in stimulating their growth. In pursuit of this objective, BRICS agencies and officials are paying considerably more attention to the effectiveness of aid and investment in other countries. On the other hand, whilst many countries recognize the importance of BRICS in the international aid landscape, concerns have also been expressed about the impact of BRICS' aid on the recipient countries.

However, research on the potential impacts of the flow of international development aid to, from, and between BRICS countries has been limited. Adding complexity to this process, some BRICS states are both the recipients of aid and simultaneously aid donors and they confront the dual task of governing the inflow and outflow of aid. The BRICS have growing, but limited, experience in aid governance, development management, and measurement of the effectiveness of aid. This symposium, therefore, aims to explore the varied dimensions of international development aid in BRICS and to analyze their theoretical and practical implications for public administration and development. To that end, the symposium has a central focus on the governance and performance of development aid in the context of the emergence of BRICS. Papers may focus on general aspects of the international development aid in BRICS countries, or on specific studies in one or more sectors or regions.

Research papers for the symposium may examine different aspects of the current state of international development activity undertaken by BRICS countries, including, but not limited to:

- the type of BRICS Official Development Assistance (ODA) and the quality of its performance,
- organizational issues related to the domestic and international decisions on ODA,
- different BRICS experiences of ODA on the ground,
- the similarities and differences of ODA within the BRICS countries,
- comparisons between BRICS and traditional OECD-Development Assistance Committee (DAC) countries,
- the impact of BRICS on the ways traditional DAC donors operate,
- South-South and triangular cooperation involving one or more BRICS states,
- studies related to the new institutions led by BRICS (e.g. NDB and AIIB) or comparisons between them and traditional multilateral institutions.

This call invites researchers with an interest in international development aid in BRICS to submit abstracts and papers on the themes identified above. ***Papers should demonstrate strong connections to public administration research and theories.*** The best papers will be peer reviewed and will be considered for publication in a special issue of the journal *Public Administration and Development* – PAD (Wiley). Thus, we

encourage potential authors to get familiar with PAD's scope and editorial lines ([wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/pad](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/pad)). We will also explore the possibility of publishing an edited book based on the symposium.

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### **SCHEDULE**

\*Submission of abstracts for the symposium: Apr 15, 2017

\*Feedback on the abstract: May 15, 2017

\*Submission of first drafts of the papers: Aug 1, 2017

\*Feedback on the first draft: Sep 1, 2017

\*Submission of the revised article: Sep 16, 2017

\*Symposium in Shanghai planned on 23-24 Sep, 2017

\*Submission of the final version of the chapter/paper: Nov 30, 2017

### **CONTRIBUTIONS FORMAT AND PROCEDURES**

Extended abstracts should be between 300 and 500 words and should include the main points that will be covered in the article. Theories/perspectives, research methods, results and findings should also be briefly described.

Articles should be between 5,000 and 7,000 words.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted by email only. Please email your abstract to: brics\_pa@fudan.edu.cn

Label your message “Abstract for the BRICS symposium 2017”.

Abstracts and papers should be submitted in MS Word format (version 97-2003 or any more recent version). Save the file as the last name of the first author.

## **LOGISTICS**

We will offer three-night hotel on Sep 22, 23 and 24 and provide conference meals for a limited number of selected papers (one author per paper).

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