



BRICS and other rapidly-changing and progressively influential middle-income countries, such as Turkey, Indonesia or Mexico, are increasingly recognised as epicentres of development policy innovation, even while their role as drivers of global growth has come into question. Policymakers in Africa and the global North alike are moving to court these countries' investments and to emulate their policies, whilst researchers and policy analysts are increasingly seeking to study the economic and geopolitical implications of their rise.

In the first year of the Sustainable Development Goals and on the verge of key events such as the BRICS Summit in India or the G20 summit in China, the [Centre for Rising Powers and Global Development](#) and the [Rising Powers Young Researcher Network](#) invite you to take part of an excellent opportunity for showcasing your research, relevant to the political debates that will occur. Several questions are arising:

- *How different are the development cooperation models adopted by rising powers from each other and from those espoused by the OECD-DAC?*
- *What new types of development encounters are emerging from rising powers' development cooperation activities?*
- *What are the tensions between the roles played by solidarity, geopolitics and commercial interest in rising powers' engagements with Africa and other regions?*
- *Does the recent decline in rising powers' rates of economic growth signal the decline of their appeal as partners and models for developing countries?, or*
- *What can the North learn from the rising powers for its own development in an era of universal SDGs?*

The questions are many, and these do not exhaust the debate. The conference organizers invite you to participate and submit completed papers or substantial abstracts (4-7 pages) on the broad topic of *Emerging Trends Within and Roles of Rising Powers in Global Development*. The submissions can be theoretical, empirical, or policy oriented and could range from topics such as:

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| • Agriculture | • Development finance and new financial institutions | • Health |
| • Civil Society | • Energy and sustainability | • Private Sector |
| • Climate Change | • Global Governance | • Science and Innovation |
| • Conflict and Security | • Inequality | • Trade Policy |

If you are interested in presenting, please send your submission to r.santos@ids.ac.uk and l.oakley@ids.ac.uk by the deadline of 15 January 2015. Presenters will be notified in late January if their abstracts have been accepted, and papers/presentations will be required by 17 February 2016.