

International Conference on the nexus between Security & Economy: BRICS Perspectives

The discipline of Criminology and Forensic Studies in the School of Applied Human Sciences invites academics from a multidisciplinary background to a conference focusing on the intersection of security studies and economic objectives within the BRICS Framework. The BRICS nations- (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa)- represent a significant geopolitical and economic force on the global stage. Beyond their economic prominence, these nations share complex security challenges that intersect with their economic objectives. The evolving dynamics within the BRICS framework demand a nuanced understanding of the interplay between security studies and economic imperatives.

The conference aims to delve into the intricate interplay between security challenges and economic imperatives within the framework of the BRICS nations. This conference provides a platform for scholars, policymakers, practitioners, and stakeholders to engage in critical discussions, share insights, and explore innovative approaches towards understanding and addressing the complex dynamics at the intersection of security and economic priorities within the BRICS context.

Conference Theme

Exploring the nexus between security and economic priorities in the BRICS context

We invite submissions of original research papers, abstracts, and panel proposals addressing, but not limited to, the following subthemes:

1. Geopolitical implications of security challenges on BRICS economic cooperation
2. Security risks and their impact on investment and trade within the BRICS nations
3. Cybersecurity threats and economic resilience in the BRICS context

4. Terrorism financing and its implications for economic stability in BRICS countries
5. Energy security and its role in shaping economic policies within the BRICS framework
6. Environmental security and sustainable development goals in the BRICS nations
7. Defence spending and its impact on national economies within the BRICS context
8. Regional security dynamics and their influence on economic integration among BRICS nations
9. The role of international institutions and cooperation in addressing security and economic challenges in the BRICS framework
10. Case studies and comparative analyses of security-economy interlinkages in individual BRICS countries
11. Upholding human rights, democracy, and the rule of law as essential foundations for peace and security
12. Gender and Peacebuilding

Who should attend?

- Researchers in Higher education
- Researchers in government and non-governmental departments
- Practitioners in the relevant fields
- Postgraduate students

Submission Guidelines

- Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and must clearly outline the objectives, methodology, and key findings of the proposed paper.
- Panel proposals should include a summary of the theme, objectives, and proposed panelists.
- Submissions must be original works not under consideration elsewhere.
- Title should be clear and not exceed 15 words.

- Include affiliation of author/s and a reliable email address of the corresponding author.
- Clear indication of the sub-theme your abstract addresses.
- Include a clear problem or research interest, methodology and a summary of findings or preliminary findings.
- Full papers should not exceed 8,000 words (including references) and must adhere to APA or Havard style guidelines.
- Please email abstracts and full papers to HadebeS8@ukzn.ac.za

NB* The best papers will be invited for a peer-reviewed publication.

Conference Highlights

- Keynote speeches by renowned experts in security studies, economics, and international relations from BRICS countries (TBA)
- Plenary sessions and panel discussions featuring leading scholars, policymakers, and practitioners.
- Networking opportunities for participants to engage with peers and forge collaborations.
- Publication opportunities in conference proceedings or affiliated journals.

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **06 May 2024**
- Notification of Acceptance: **15 May 2024**
- Full Paper Submission Deadline: **01 August 2024**
- Conference Date: **15 August 2024**

Conference Venue

The conference will be held at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (Unite Building) at the Howard College Campus with both in-person and virtual participation options available.

Contact Information

For inquiries or further information, please contact Professor Nirmala Gopal at gopal@ukzn.ac.za or email Dr Venencia Nyambuya on NyambuyaV@ukzn.ac.za We look forward to receiving your contributions and fostering enriching discussions on the imperative fusion of security studies and economic objectives within the BRICS framework.

Registration Fees

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