

Programme Schedule

Workshop on
Towards a Policy Framing Agenda of the Global South: BRICS and the Challenges of
Geopolitics of the Globalised World
organised by
Calcutta Research Group
in collaboration with
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia
Conference Room (Palacia-II), Monotel, Kolkata
3-4 November 2025

3 November 2025 (Day 1)

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM: Registration

3:00 PM-4:00 PM- Inaugural Session

Chair: Samir Kumar Das, University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, India

3:00 PM- 3:05 PM: Welcome Remarks by Shyamalendu Majumdar, Director, Calcutta Research Group, India.

3:05 PM – 4:00 PM: Keynote Lecture

Speaker: Rajendra Govind Harshé, Formerly Central University of Allahabad, India

4:00 PM- 4:30 PM: Tea Break

4:30 PM- 6:00 PM: Session I

Chair & Discussant: Anjan Chakrabarti, University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, India

1. **Problems and Prospects of BRICS+: Inclusive Development, Climate Change and Alternative Finance**

Speaker: Byasdeb Dasgupta, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata & Calcutta Research Group, India

2. **Changing Directions in Infrastructure Finance and the Role of BRICS+ in Making of a New Global South**

Speaker: Iman Kumar Mitra, Shiv Nadar University & Calcutta Research Group, India.

4 November 2025 (Day 2)

10:00 AM-10:30 AM: Registration & Tea

10:30 AM-12:00 PM: Session II

Chair & Discussant: Mahalaya Chatterjee, University of Calcutta & Calcutta Research Group, India

1. **Precarity, Empowerment and Digital Labour: Gendered Experience of Platform Work in India, South Africa and Brazil**

Speakers: Paula Banerjee, Asian Institute of Technology & Calcutta Research Group, India

Priya Singh, Asian Institute of Technology & Calcutta Research Group, India

2. State of Migrant Labours in the BRICS countries

Speakers: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University & Calcutta Research Group, India.

Rajat Kanti Sur, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM: Session III

Chair and Discussant: Rajendra Govind Harshé

1. In Search of an Alternative Paradigm: BRICS and the Global South

Speaker: Anita Sengupta, Asia in Global Affairs & Calcutta Research Group, India

2. Putting Hunger First: BRICS and the Question of Food Sovereignty

Speaker: Ratnadeep Maitra, Shiv Nadar University, India.

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM: Lunch

2:30 PM- 4:00 PM: Session IV

Chair: Gopa Samanta, University of Burdwan, India.

1. BRICS and the Climate Change: Debating Issues, Policies and Actions

Speakers: Sohini Sengupta, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, India
Shatabdi Das, Calcutta Research Group, India

Discussant: Gopa Samanta

2. Gender and Minority Rights: A Review of Literature from BRICS Countries

Speaker: Debashree Chakraborty, Calcutta Research Group, India.

Discussant: Sumit Chakraborty, Presidency University, India.

4:00 PM-4:30 PM: Tea Break

5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: The Impact of BRICS as an Alternative Policy Making in the Global South (A Roundtable Discussion of Journalists & Activists)

Moderator: Paula Banerjee

Participants: Britta Petersen, Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia, Germany
Jayanta Roychowdhury, The Secretariat, India
Sujan Dutta, The Telegraph, India

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: After Seventy Years of Bandung: BRICS as an Idea (Hybrid)

Moderator: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury

Speakers: Biao Xiang, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany
Ranabir Samaddar, Calcutta Research Group, India

7:00 PM: Vote of Thanks

***Tentative Schedule. Subject to Last Minute Changes*