

Calcutta Research Group
in collaboration with
Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-South Asia
organises
An online Discussion on the Research in Progress
under the theme titled
Towards a Policy Framing Agenda of the Global South: BRICS and the Challenges of Geopolitics in a Globalised World
24 September 2025, 2:30 PM (IST)

2:30 PM-3:00 PM

Session I

Chair & Discussant: Anindya Jyoti Majumdar, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

Presentations

- a) **In Search of an Alternative Paradigm: BRICS and the Global South**
Speaker: Anita Sengupta, Asia in Global Affairs, Kolkata
- b) **Putting Hunger First: BRICS and the Question of Food Sovereignty**
Speaker: Ratnadeep Maitra, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR

3:00 PM-3:30 PM

Session II

Chair & Discussant: Arup Kumar Sen, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

Presentations

- c) **Precarity, Empowerment and Digital Labour: Gendered Experience of Platform Work in India, South Africa and Brazil**
Speakers: Paula Banerjee, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok
Priya Singh, Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok
- d) **State of Migrant Labour in the BRICS Countries**
Speakers: Sabyasachi Basu Ray Chaudhury, Rabindra Bharati University and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata
Rajat Kanti Sur, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

3:30 PM-4:15 PM

Session III

Chair & Discussant: Achin Chakraborty, Formerly Institute of Development Studies Kolkata and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

Presentations

- e) **Problems and Prospects of BRICS+: Inclusive Development, Climate Change and Alternative Finance**
Speaker: Byasdeb Dasgupta, Institute of Development Studies Kolkata and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

f) Changing Directions in Infrastructure Finance and the Role of BRICS+ in Making of a New Global South

Speaker: Iman Kumar Mitra, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR & Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

g) BRICS and the Climate Change: Debating Issues, Policies, Politics and Actions

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

4:15 PM-4:45 PM

Session: IV

Chair & Discussant: Ananya Chatterjee, Govt. Girls' General Degree College Khiderpore and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

Presentation

h) Gender and Minority Rights in BRICS countries: A literature review

Speaker: Debashree Chakraborty, Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata

4:45 PM-5:15 PM: General Discussion and comments on experts and reflection on the project.

5:15 PM: Vote of Thanks

**Tentative Schedule. Subject to last minute changes.*