



South African Research Chair
**in Multilevel Government,
Law and Policy**



INTERNATIONAL BRICS CONFERENCE
**“THE BRICS PARTNERSHIP AND MULTILEVEL
GOVERNANCE IN MEMBER COUNTRIES: AN
UNEXPLORED DIMENSION”**

**At University of the Western Cape
Bellville, South Africa
15 and 16 October 2015**

Hosted by

South African Research Chair in Multilevel Government, Dullah Omar Institute,
University of Western Cape; Financial and Fiscal Commission; Human Sciences
Research Council’s Programme Democracy, Governance and Service Delivery; HSRC
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Draft Programme

Day 1

**Thursday, 15 October 2015 , School of Public Health, University of the
Western Cape**

9.00: Welcome: Prof Tyrone Pretorius - Rector and Vice Chancellor, University
of Western Cape

Keynote address: Mr Lungisa Fuzile, Director-General, National Treasury

**9.30-12.30: Theme one - The dialectic between the BRICS Partnership and
multilevel government in member countries**

Papers:

1. **Brazil:** Prof Gilberto Rodrigues - Federal University of ABC, Sao Paulo
2. **Russia:** Prof Ivan Leksin - School of Public Administration, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow
3. **India:** Dr Balveer Arora - Centre for Multilevel Federalism, New Delhi
4. **China:** Dr Ma Bin - Centre for Russia and Central Asia Studies, Institute of International Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai
5. **South Africa:** Prof Nico Steytler - South African Research Chair in Multilevel Government, Law and Policy, Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape, Bellville

Respondents:

- Ambassador Anil Sooklal – Deputy Director-General, Department of International Relations and Cooperation
- Prof Jaap de Visser - Dullah Omar Institute, University of the Western Cape

12.30-13.30: Lunch

13.30-16.30: Theme 2 - The impact of the BRICS Partnership on domestic intergovernmental financial relations in member countries

Papers:

6. **Russia:** Dr. Anton Tabakh - Department of Applied Economics, Faculty of Economic Sciences at the of National Research University "Higher School of Economics", Moscow
7. **India:** Dr Pinaki Chakraborty - National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, New Delhi
8. **China:** Dr Wang Lei - Centre for BRICS Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai
9. **South Africa:** Bongani Khumalo and Dr Ramos Mabugu - Financial and Fiscal Commission
10. **Brazil:** Dr Luis de Mello - Deputy Chief of Staff of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Secretary-General, Paris

Respondents

- Dr Jaya Josie - HSRC BRICS Research Centre
- Ms Tania Ajam, member of Davis Tax Reform Commission

Day 2: Friday, 16 October 2015

School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape

9.00-9.30: Keynote address: The Hon. Ms Thandi Modise - Chairperson of the National Council of Provinces

9.30-12.30: Theme 3 - The possible impact of the BRICS Partnership on major cities and urbanization in member countries

11. **India:** Dr Jagan Shah - National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi, India
12. **China:** Dr Liu Jianwei - Institute of Defense Economics and Management, Central University of Finance Economics, Beijing
13. **South Africa:** Prof Daniel Plaatjies & Dr Ivor Turok, Human Sciences Research Council, Cape Town
14. **Brazil:** Dr Marco Aurélio Costa - Institute of Applied Economic Research, Brasilia
15. **Russia:** Dr Viacheslav Seliverstov, Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Siberian International Centre for Regional Studies, Novosibirsk, Siberia

Respondents:

- Prof Edgar Pietersen - South African Research Chair in Urban Policy & Director of African Centre for Cities, University of Cape Town
- Mr Ravi Naidoo - Executive Director: Economic Development & Tourism, City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Council (tbc)

Closing remarks: 12.30-13.00

- Dr Ari Sitas – Chairperson South African BRICS Think Tank Council

13.00-14.00 Lunch