



PRIMO and Centre For European Studies

Workshop on Regional Powers and EU Foreign Policy

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Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

CONCEPT NOTE

CONTEXT

The Work Package examines and analyses how European politics and private actors engage with emerging powers. In the backdrop of the EU trying to strengthen the CFSP, the workshop will on the interaction between emerging regional powers with the established 'old powers'.

This WP seeks to answer how the rise of regional powers shapes and in turn is influenced by the responses of other powerful actors in the international system. Regional powers are not only rule takers but also slowly influencing rule making on issues of global governance. In this context, how does the EU and the US perceive emerging powers such as India and how do perceptions structure responses to the rise and changing role and the creation of new identities of regional powers such as India, Brazil and China?

AIM

The Conceptual Workshop has four components. First, it looks at how the European Union is trying to be a cohesive foreign policy actor. Second, it examines how regional powers shape global politics and issues. Third, it focuses on the perceptions within the EU and the nature of its interaction with the regional powers and how these are shaping its foreign policy. Fourth, different theoretical tools will be applied to examine concepts of multilevel governance, perceptions, roles and identities, and their intertwined nature with respect to foreign policy.

METHOD

The workshop will consist of specific lectures addressing the above aims delivered by experts from within and outside of the PRIMO network. The structure of the lecture will facilitate an intense exchange between the expert and the participants through an active Q&A mechanism. While the lecture provides knowledge transfer, the Q&A enables active learning, It is also proposed that individual projects can be discussed both within a group format with all participating and also providing focused mentoring on one to one basis for a couple of ESR (ESR's applying to participate will indicate if they want such mentoring).