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CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference is open to individual and group paper presentations. Those willing to present their papers are invited to submit their proposals following the GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTER CANDIDATES described below. The conference call for papers lasts from November 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019. The selected proposals will be communicated to their authors between December 2018 and February 2019.
INTRODUCTION

In July 2018, under the presidency of South Africa, the BRICS states (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) held their 10th summit of coordination in Johannesburg. In their Final Declaration, the Heads of State and Government first expressed satisfaction with the positive results achieved by this international body in the first decade of activity and defined new growth strategies to be implemented in the next decade, starting already in 2019, during which the rotating presidency is entrusted to Brazil.

Against all forecasts, which were also widespread among many authoritative experts and analysts, in the last few years the BRICS coordination has not weakened nor dissolved. On the contrary, the coordination has been consolidated and this despite the great political, economic and social differences between the member states, the lack of territorial contiguity, the negative effects of the last great economic-financial crisis that has affected some states, the very ambitious level of their ultimate goals which are: the creation of a new world order, more balanced and fairer in its development dynamics, and the promotion of a new multilateralism in the world governance system.

Launched in 2006 on the basis of informal meetings promoted between Brazil, China, India and Russia, the coordination was formally established in 2009 — initially as BRIC — at the first summit held in Ekaterinburg (Russia) and subsequently in the 2011 has been expanded, as BRICS, to the participation of South Africa. In particular, the last summits have clarified well the terms of their strategy. For example: the 7th summit of 2015 (Ufa, Russia) made it clear that the coordination of the BRICS does not intend to operate “against” the current international institutions and bodies, such as the United Nations and the G20 summits, but, on the contrary “for”, that is, in favour of a collaboration aimed at overcoming the major imbalances in world development; the 8th 2016 summit (Goa, India) helped define the terms of the internal collaboration between the BRICS states; the 9th summit (Xiamen, China) approved the BRICS Plus strategy, for the enlargement of the structure to respond as good as possible to the requests for collaboration and in some cases of membership from other states and international platforms outside the coordination.

The session offers the interested participants the opportunity to deepen the BRICS evolutionary process, reflect on the opportunities they offer, help to find answers to the main open questions, which are:

1) The 10th Johannesburg Summit promoted a strong commitment of the coordination throughout the African continent. Will 2019, with the BRICS presidency of Brazil, start a similar process for Latin America too? The question is linked to two factors: a) the novelty of the Brazilian political situation and b) the objective need to build a better, more coordinated and incisive presence of the Latin American economy in international markets.

2) The BRICS institutional set-up, which currently refers mainly to two economic structures — the New Development Bank (NDB) and the Contingent Reserve Arrangement (CRA) — is adequate to allow the BRICS to play an effective role on the international scene?

3) How can BRICS combine the protection of their internal interests with the need to reform the current global development model? This requires a careful analysis and evaluation of the relationship between the commitments officially assumed, in the summits declarations and in the numerous sectoral agreements, and concrete achievements; a useful analysis to understand how the BRICS intend to play
really their role as global actor, for different and more balanced processes of common growth

(Marco Ricceri, Secretary General, EURISPES Institute of Political, Economic and Social Studies, Rome, Italy).

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTER CANDIDATES

The selection of presenters is based on the abstract and the basic personal data of the presenter candidates in respect to the following dates:
1. Deadline for abstract submission: January 31, 2019
2. Announce of the selected presenters: December 2018-February 2019
3. Deadline for full paper submission: February 28, 2019

The abstract is limited to approximately 300 words (figures, tables, and references should not be included in the abstract) accompanied by basic personal data of the author(s) including:
- Full name and surname
- Gender (male/female/other)
- University title (if any)
- Specialism (if any)
- Professional category (lecturer/researcher or activist/practitioner or both)
- Institution/organisation/company
- Function in institution/organisation/company
- Full address (physical/postal address, phone and fax numbers, email)

The basic personal data are to be presented below the abstract (in the same file of the abstract, not in a separate file)

The full paper is to be presented according to the following basic rule:
- Paper size: A4 (kwarto)
- Margins: 2.5 cm from all the borders (top, bottom, left, right)
- Interline: double space
- Typography: Times New Roman, 12 points
- Article size: around 4000 words
- Language: English, British style, article to be checked by a competent person in language editing before submission

The abstract with basic personal data and the full paper are to be sent by e-mail to the following e-mail address: conference-masterasie@univ-lehavre.fr

FINANCING

The presenters as well as simple participants of the conference are supposed to find the necessary fund for their own participation (visa, international and national transport, accommodation).

PRACTICAL MATTERS

The organising committee will provide practical information related to local hotels and transport in Paris and Le Havre. The participants will be accompanied by students of the Université Le Havre Normandie in Master’s Degree in Exchanges with Asia (with their language proficiencies in Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean and Russian, in addition to English and French) and Master’s Degree in Exchanges with Latin America (with their language proficiencies in Portuguese and Spanish, in addition to English and French).