



“In Between”—Hegemony and Rising Powers

Workshop, 30-31 May 2013
Seminar Room 3, Badia Fiesolana
(5 sessions of 2 hours each / 10 credits)

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External Participants:

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Overview and Workshop Goals:

The rise of systemically relevant new powers counts among the most important developments in international affairs over the past two decades. They include what, following Goldman Sachs, we now commonly call the BRICs (Brazil, Russia, India, and China) or BRICS (South Africa, in addition) as well as a number of others, such as Mexico, Indonesia, or Turkey. These and other states have increasingly appeared on the international stage. Their mounting importance illustrates a large scale shift in international relations. They challenge the present world order, at the very least in the sense of putting pressure on formal global and regional governance structures and on informal norms of international organizations.

However, the range and variety of terms commonly used in reference to these countries—rising powers, regional leaders, to (regional) hegemon(s), among others—reveals the infancy of serious thinking and academic debates on these states as well as on the phenomenon of large-scale shift, which they jointly embody. Furthermore, despite the relatively recent emergence of these regional powers, the concept of hegemony is far from new in international relations theorizing. The origins of hegemonic stability theory, for example, with the work of Charles Kindleberger (1973) and Robert Gilpin (1981), at least reach back to the 1970s.

This workshop aims for a clarification of the intertwined phenomena of global and regional hegemony, rising states, and basic change in contemporary world politics. The workshop seeks to clarify the various concepts and approaches in the social sciences with respect to the dominance of states in military, economic and ideational terms. It further wants to contrast the goals and behavior of hegemons and potential hegemons across regions in the contemporary era. Thus, the workshop aims at contributing to the understanding of major states in the present world politics and, in particular, the postures and actions of the so-called rising or emerging powers.

Panel Types and Issues: The workshop will comprise panels of two different kinds: on the theoretical topic of hegemony; and on the empirics of rising or emerging powers. On the one hand, thereby, sessions will clarify the theoretical debates on predominant states in global or regional environments. Theoretical sessions will cover the clarification of terms (hegemony, regional powers, rising powers, etc.); leadership instruments and strategies; and the leadership-follower nexus.

On the other hand, the workshop will generate empirical insights by examining various cases of (global or regional) hegemonies as well as rising powers. The empirical sessions will comprise cases or comparative studies on specific global or regional hegemonies or potential hegemonies, or regional or global risers. The sessions, thus, will focus on Brazil in a regional and global setting, China as a potential hegemon in Asia, and Indonesia and Turkey as regional powers.

Structure and Requirements: The workshop will stretch over two days with a total of 10 hours (5 sessions of 2 hours each). Regular participants will receive 10 credits. Auditors will also be welcome. The regular participants will present and discuss papers related to the workshop's topics.

Presentations should comprise no more than 10-15 minutes, which will be followed by another 10-15 minutes of comments by the discussant. We will then open up each session for a discussion among the participants. Thus, in addition to the comments by the respective discussant, each paper will be generally discussed by the entire group making up the workshop.

In order to be awarded 10 credits, researchers should participate actively within the workshop. This means, 10 credits will be assigned for full participation, and either the presentation or the discussion of a presented paper or both. The workshop participants are expected to have read all the papers as well as the other readings for each session (as indicated below).

Deadline for Paper Submission: 23 May 2013. Please send your papers to Camille Brugier (Camille.Brugier@EUI.eu) and Katharina Meissner (Katharina.Meissner@EUI.eu) Papers may comprise up to a total of 8,000 words (including notes and references). 3

PROGRAMME

Day 1: 30 May 2013

Session 1, 10:15-12:15

Presenter:

Stefan Schirm, Ruhr-University of Bochum

"Leadership, Domestic Politics, and Emerging Powers in Global Governance"

Presentation of ca. 40 minutes, followed by discussion

Readings:

Schirm, Stefan (2010): Leaders in Need of Followers: Emerging Powers in Global Governance, in: *European Journal of International Relations* 16 (2): 197-221.

Schirm, Stefan (2012): Global Politics are Domestic Politics: A Societal Approach to Divergence in the G20, in: *Review of International Studies/ First View Articles*, May 2013, pp.1-22. Available on Cambridge Journals Online, doi:10.1017/S0260210512000216.

Lunch Break, 12:15-13:15

Session 2, 13:15-15:15

(13:15-ca. 14:15)

Stefano Palestini, "Brazilian Foreign Policy"

Discussant: Stefan Schirm

(14:15-ca. 15:15)

Katharina Meissner, "Brazil's Role in MERCOSUR"

Discussant: Stefan Schirm 4

Coffee Break, 15:15-15:30

Session 3, 15:30-17:30

Presenter:

Sandra Destradi, German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Hamburg

"Regional Powers and Regional Security"

Presentation of ca. 40 minutes, followed by discussion

Readings:

Destradi, Sandra (2010): Regional Powers and Their Strategies: Empire, Hegemony, and Leadership, in: *Review of International Studies* 36 (4): 903-930.

Buzan, Barry and Ole Waever (2003), *Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 27-65.

Day 2: 31 May 2013

Session 4, 9:00-11:00

(9:00-ca. 10:00)

Camille Brugier, "China and the EU – An unlikely Partnership?"

Discussant: Sandra Destradi

(10:00-ca. 11:00)

Simon Watmough, "Indonesia and Turkey as Regional Powers"

Discussant: Johannes Karremans

Coffee Break, 11:00-11:15

Session 5, 11:15-ca. 12.45

(11:15-ca. 12.15)

Magnus Schöller, "A Rational-Institutionalist Model of Political Leadership"

Discussant: Alexis Lubow

(ca. 12.15)

Ulrich Krotz, Wrap Up: What Have We Learned? What Next?

Some remarks, followed by discussion

Reading:

Jentleson, Bruce W. (2012): Global Insights: The John Holmes Memorial Lecture: Global Governance in a Copernican World, in: *Global Governance* 18: 133-148. 1

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