BRICS Economic and Trade Cooperation in the Third "Golden Decade": Prospects and Pathways

Date: 5 November 2026, 13:30–16:30
Venue: Hall C003
Hosts: Ministry of Commerce of the People' s Republic of China
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Organizers: School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Fudan University

Introduction:

BRICS economic and trade cooperation bears upon the shared interests of emerging markets and developing economies, and represents an essential pillar for improving global economic governance. At the critical juncture as the bloc enters its third "golden decade", coinciding with China' s upcoming presidency in 2027, advancing practical cooperation in economic and trade fields under the BRICS and "BRICS Plus" frameworks will help unlock BRICS trade potential, enable the Global South to jointly address shared challenges, bolster collective economic resilience, and contribute to stable global economic growth. Gathering government officials from BRICS member states and partner countries, as well as representatives from academia and international organizations, the session seeks to establish a high-level platform for dialogue on BRICS cooperation, and contribute solutions for BRICS practical collaboration and concerted development of the Global South.

Program:

Agenda	Timeslot	Honored Guests	Title & Organization
Opening Remarks	13:30–13:45	Chen Chao	Director General of the Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China (MOFCOM)
		Luz Maria De La Mora Sanchez	Director, Division on International Trade and Commodities, UNCTAD
		Chen Zhimin	Vice President, Fudan University, China
Keynote Address	13:45–14:00	Christopher Pissarides, Nobel laureate in Economic Sciences, Professor at the London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom	
Thematic Roundtable I	14:00-15:15	Thematic roundtable I: Intra-BRICS trade cooperation: challenges, potential, and pathways Moderator: Zheng Yu, Professor and Head of Department of International Politics, Fudan University, China Panel discussion: Wang Dawei, Economist, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD Fiona Tregenna, Director, UNU-MERIT Mariano Laplane, Advisor at the Front Office of the President, Brazilian Funding Authority for Studies and Projects (FINEP) Zhang Yan, Professor, Central University of Finance and Economics, China	
Thematic Roundtable II	15:15-16:30	Thematic roundtable II: Beyond BRICS: implication of BRICS+ cooperation on global economic governance Moderator: Wang Dawei, Economist, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, UNCTAD Panelist: Nicolas Maystre, Senior Economic Affairs Officer, UNCTAD Shah Nazar Khan, Coordinator, Group of 77 and China (Geneva Chapter), Permanent Mission of Pakistan to the United Nations, Geneva Yin Zhiguang, Professor and Director of the Secretariat of the Global South Think Tanks Alliance, Fudan University, China Henny Saptatia Drajati Nugrahani, Head of Department of Strategic, Global and Area Studies, University of Indonesia	