

**DSA Rising Powers Study Group Meeting**  
**Call for papers**  
**“Rising powers and the recasting of the South”**

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> of April 2019

Location: Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex

The DSA’s Rising Powers Study Group invites submission of abstracts for a one-day workshop in April 2019.

At last year’s DSA Rising Powers Study Group meeting we asked whether it still made sense to talk about the ‘rising powers’. The research we shared across a range of topics confirmed the growing economic, political and normative influence of countries and actors from the Global South in international development. This influence is not just felt in interactions within the South – such as in South-South cooperation, South-South trade and Southern diplomatic alliances – but also in how the South is increasingly shaping global governance across geographical boundaries. The Chinese government has overtly announced its decision to take on a leadership role in world affairs. Trade flows have become irreversibly polycentric. South-South cooperation is consolidating as a site for development innovation that more established development players, such as the UN and Northern aid organisations, are now eager to tap into. On this latter point, this year’s Second High-level United Nation Conference on South-South Cooperation (BAPA+40) will seek to consolidate the role of the UN as the legitimate global broker on development cooperation.

Whilst the term Global South has become normalised, there is no denying that it encompasses a highly heterogeneous reality. How, then, is the South being recast as result of the interplay between its own Southern powers and other established powers, institutions and ideas in international development?

We welcome contributions on topics and questions including, but not limited to:

- How are the rising powers shaping the role of the South in global governance?
- What is the footprint of the South (and its rising powers) in polycentric flows of trade and investment?
- What are Southern framings of development, modernity and prosperity, and how are these contested within the South?
- How is the South reshaping the norms and practices on aid and development cooperation, and how are these contested within the South?
- How is the South responding to a changing North (e.g. Brexit, Trump and Bolsonaro’s anti-South populism)?

We invite proposals for paper presentations addressing any of the above or similar issues. Presentations should be no more than 15 minutes long. **Please email a brief abstract** (300 words max) by 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to and Lidia Cabral l.cabral(at)ids.ac.uk and Rory Horner rory.horner(at)manchester.ac.uk.

Some very limited travel funds are available to cover travel costs for some DSA members to participate in the workshop. Priority will be given for PhD students and early career researchers. Please indicate when submitting the abstract if you would like to be considered.