



(RE-)EMERGING POWERS IN THE IMF AND THE WTO

Group Hegemony, Multilateral Cooperation or Westphalian Reassertion?

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OBJECTIVES

Main Question: How do (re-)emerging powers influence the policies and politics in international institutions such as the IMF and the WTO?

Sub Questions: A) Do (re-)emerging powers form alliances in international institutions? B) Behave (re-)emerging powers as 'status quo' or as 'revisionist' powers? C) What kind of aims and goals do (re-)emerging powers have in the IMF and WTO?

Hypothesis 1: To challenge the existing order, (re-)emerging powers need a convergent narrative towards that order.

Hypothesis 2: To create a convergent narrative, (re-) emerging powers need common fields of interest in their policies.

Dependent Variable: Political cooperation and coordination of (re-)emerging powers in the WTO and IMF.

INITIAL FINDINGS AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

There is a **gap in the literature** on (re-)emerging powers cooperation. Most studies only classify (re-) emerging or regional powers or are case studies on one single country.

First clusters and comparisons of BRICS domestic economic structures show **convergent fields** (shard market model) and **divergence** (trade structure in different sectors).

Cooperation (re-)emerging powers is increasing.

Observation of **current stagnation** in the WTO and IMF, and the **creation of new institutions** - by (re-)emerging powers.

Expected Outcome: In order to archive a certain level of cooperation and influence in international institutions, emerging powers have a need to make concessions from their initial domestic preferences.

METHODS

Cluster Analysis: This part analyses economic clusters of WTO and IMF member states to find similarities and differences in the economic contexts of (re-) emerging powers. A training took place at the SPBU Method Training Workshop in April 2015.

Case Study: This part evaluates current developments and changes in the DOHA Development Round of the WTO and the engagement of emerging powers in that processes. A training will take place at the Hamburg Method Training Workshop in July 2015.

Qualitative Interviews and Content Analysis: Expert interviews and analysis of the existing literature as well as of documents will explain deviation. A field trip to the WTO is planned for 2016. Contact has been established and access to state officials will be possible. A training has taken place at the Oxford Method Training Workshop in May 2015.

MY FUTURE

- The PRIMO Network enables me to work in the interdisciplinary field of International Political Economy, as well as in an (re-)emerging. This qualifies me with a new and highly valuable set of skills and knowledge.
- Besides continuing my studies in International Political Economy at a research institute, I am actually looking forward to **work at, or consult and supply research for an international institution.**
- The skills, knowledge and methods I learn in the PRIMO Network are **of urgent need** in international institutions.
- Finally I learn a lot of **soft skills** - *as teaching, intercultural experiences, and in my case the Russian language* – which are of high value for my personal future.

