Locating BRICS Development Strategies in Global Development Discourses

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(Come to Cape Town, it has Table Mountain and currently no water but there’s the sea!).

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BRICS IDC: AN ALTERNATIVE PARADIGM

“... the field of IDC as become a true battlefield in which the Western-centric discourse on international development grounded strongly in a belief in linear progress, has been questioned and defied” (ESTEVES AND GOMES)

INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT AND BEYOND AID DEBATE

• DECENTERING OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, REPLACED BY WIN-WIN INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT
• GOOD GOVERNANCE = IMF/WORLD BANK CONDITIONALITIES = BAD GLOBAL GOVERNANCE
• DA YAUNZHU - GRAND AID (TRADE, NON TRADITIONAL AID & INVESTMENT = BEYOND DOXA OF OECD/DAC MODEL
Lin Songtian  Chinese Ambassador, 27 February 2018

"China-SA relations have become a role model for China’s co-operation with other African and developing countries. The fruitful, productive co-operation was under the framework of three major platforms, namely the Forum on China-Africa co-operation (Focac), BRICS, and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) of which South Africa has established itself as both a major contributor and the biggest beneficiary across the continent"
CHINA’S LEADING ROLE IN FOCAC AND BRICS

- BELT AND ROAD
- IDA/EXPORT LED GROWTH POLICY NARRATIVE ON DEVELOPMENT (SEZS)
- **AMPLIFIES** PATTERNS OF GLOBAL CAPITALIST ACCUMULATION?
- DIPLOMACY NOT DEMOCRACY: NO CONDITIONALITIES
- CONCEALS FLAWS IN GLOBAL EC SYSTEM:
  - OVERACCUMULATION,
  - FINANCIALISATION,
  - EXPANSIONISM,
  - WORKER EXPLOITATION/SUPER-EXPLOITATION
BRICS ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT AS A CONSTRUCT: CONSTITUENT ELEMENTS

- GROWTH
- INDUSTRIALISATION, DIVERSIFICATION OF MANUFACTURING BASE
- VALUE CHAINS
- EXPORT LED GROWTH BOOSTED BY FDI
- INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTED BY BRICS COOPERATION
SA WELCOMES
BRICS
JO'BURG 2013

WE'D LIKE TO SAY "MY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN" BUT....

BRAZIL  RUSSIA  INDIA  CHINA  S.A.

SHEESH!
THE ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT MODEL LACKS:

- GRASSROOTS POLICY INCLUSIVITY
- PARTICIPATORY COMPONENT- INSTEAD WORK ETHIC AND PROGRESS
- SKILLS DIVERSIFICATION STRATEGY
- SUFFICIENT POLICY ATTENTION TO SOCIAL JUSTICE AND REDISTRIBUTION
Ambassador Lin Songtian, “I’ve been to many developing countries and industrial development zones and the Coega SEZ is by far the best of them all...
ROLE OF BRICS THINK TANKS AND BRICS FROM THE MIDDLE

- PRAGMATIC RESPONSES, MILD CRITIQUE
- SELF-CENSORSHIP
- ENDORSEMENT OF OFFICIAL NARRATIVE?
BRICS in Africa: Collaboration among developing countries for the inclusive growth & shared prosperity in the 4th industrial revolution

BRICS SHERPAS & SOUS-SHERPAS PUBLIC LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO, 23 APRIL 2018