India's Role in Global Cooperation: 
Curbing or Shaping World Politics?

With comparative perspectives from the BRICS and IBSA context

11th June 2013, 3.30 – 6.45 pm
at KHK/GCR21, Schifferstr. 196, 47059 Duisburg (Inner Harbour)

The Workshop Idea

India is an emerging power and its influence, as well as the government’s aspirations in global politics, has steadily been growing in recent years. The economy has experienced impressive growth, but India's political, social and economic development has neither been coherent nor smooth and millions of Indians still suffer from inequalities and poverty. We have taken Ramesh Thakur’s visit at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research as an inducement to invite a select group of specialists to look at two aspects of India’s new global role:

1. The history and its various changes of India’s foreign policy as the basis for the present aspirations of an enhanced global role
2. The IBSA/BRICS context: Is this the avenue for India’s ambitions?

The workshop will be part of KHK/GCR21’s research on the role of emerging powers in shaping Global Governance.

Workshop participants will be invited to stay for dinner in order to facilitate an informal exchange.

On 12th June, Ramesh Thakur will hold the 5th Käte Hamburger Lecture in Berlin, Gendarmenmarkt, on “Global Governance and the State of Nuclear Weapons” (3.00 – 4.30 pm) – with comments from Ambassador Rolf Nikel, Commissioner of the Federal Government for Arms Control and Disarmament, and Uta Zapf, Member of the German Bundestag and Chairwoman of the Sub-Committee on Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation.
**Programme**

3.30 pm  Welcome and Introduction  
Tobias Debiel (KHK/GCR21, INEF)

3.40 pm  Session 1: The Basis of India’s Global Aspiration - The History of the Changing Foreign Policy Concepts  
Panelists:  Herbert Wulf (KHK/GCR21, INEF, 15 min. talk, based on INEF Report), Sandra Destradi (GIGA), Christian Wagner (SWP), Mischa Hansel (University of Cologne)  
Chair: Cornelia Ulbert (INEF)

5.00 pm  Coffee Break

5.15 pm  Session 2: IBSA/BRICS as an Avenue to Changing Global Governance?  
Panelists:  Ramesh Thakur (ANU, 15 min. talk), Silke Weinlich (KHK/GCR21), Meibo Huang (KHK/GCR21), Philipp Rotmann (GPPI, tbc)  
Chair: Lothar Brock (HSFK, KHK/GCR21)

6.30 pm  Conclusion and Outlook  
Dirk Messner (KHK/GCR21, DIE)

6.45 pm  End of Workshop

7.30 pm  Dinner  (in Duisburg’s Inner Harbor)

**Workshop Venue**

Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research is a 8-10 min. ride by taxi from Duisburg Central Station (Hauptbahnhof). You can also take Bus no.934 toward direction “Kaßlerfeld” and get off at the stop “Holzhafen”. Please turn right and walk 5 min. along the inner harbour. After reaching the restaurant “Mississippi”, you can take the stairs and get to our Centre in the H2Office building.