Rising Powers and Intervention:
Contested Norms and Shifts in Global Order

15th – 17th September 2014
Institute of International Relations - PUC-Rio
Gávea Campus, Rio de Janeiro

This seminar analyzes the normative tensions within the international system between notions of sovereignty and putatively universal norms associated with international interventions. The assumption underlying the seminar is that engagement in interventions is a crucial element in indicating a state’s capacity to contribute to the maintenance of international order and responsibility within the international system. The event is the continuation of a workshop funded by the International Studies Association at its Annual Convention in Toronto in March of this year. The seminar situates emerging powers’ engagement in international interventions within the broader context of shifts in the distribution of power within the international system.
Program

September 15th:

9h45 – 10h00
Opening Session
Rector Fr, Josafá Carlos de Siqueira, SJ
Kai Michael Kenkel (IRI/PUC-Rio)
Phillip Cunliffe (University of Kent)

10h00 – 12h00
Panel 1 Rising Powers’ Roles in International Relations

This first session aims to contextualize the seminar’s central topic within broader IR and to layout foundational questions and approaches for the remaining sessions. Including how the notion of a “rising power” can be laid out in a conceptually cohesive fashion; how participation in interventions is important to the global strategies of this category of state to gain influence; what their future role in the endeavors will be, and how these states can participate in interventions without abandoning their own traditions.

Participants:
Chair: Kai Michael Kenkel (IRI/PUC-Rio, Brazil)
- Brian Job (University of British Columbia, Canada) “Between a Rock and a Softer Place: China, India Confront the Dilemmas of Responsibilities of Protection”
- Stephanie Hofmann (The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland) paper TBC
- James Pattison (University of Manchester, United Kingdom) “The Ethics Of ‘Responsibility While Protecting’: Brazil, The Responsibility to Protect, and Guidelines for Humanitarian Intervention”
- Alcides Vaz (University of Brasilia, Brazil) paper TBC

14h00 – 16h00
Panel 2 Rising Powers’ Normative Responses to International Intervention

The second session will evaluate emerging powers’ response to recent and ongoing normative changes in the concepts of sovereignty and intervention, particularly with respect to the concept of the responsibility to protect (R2P) and to the issue of the use of military force.

Participants:
Chair: Phillip Cunliffe (University of Kent, United Kingdom)
- Marta Fernandéz (IRI/PUC-Rio, Brazil) paper TBC
- Carlos Chagas Vianna Braga (IRI/PUC-Rio; Brazilian Marine Corps) “International Interventions and the Use of Force: Between Absolute War and Absolute Peacekeeping”
- Anastasia Shesterinina (University of British Columbia, Canada) “Evolving Norms of Protection: China, Libya, and the Problem of Intervention in Armed Conflict”
- Dawisson Belém Lopes (Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil) “Brazil’s Rendition of the Responsibility to Protect Doctrine: Promising or Stillborn Diplomatic Proposal?”
September 16th:

10h00 – 12h00
Panel 3 The Drivers and Direction of Changes in Rising Powers’ Normative Behavior

The third session targets rising powers’ motivations to engage in interventions and conceptual debates, focusing on their processes of normative reframing and reassessment of the international balance of influence. Is their process of adaptation a response to external factors, or does it result from change in internal perceptions?

Participants:
Chair: Brian Job (University of British Columbia, Canada)
- Dawisson Belem Lopes (Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil) “Brazil’s Rendition of the ‘Responsibility to Protect Doctrine’: Promising or Stillborn Diplomatic Proposal?”
- Antônio Jorge Ramalho (University of Brasilia, Brazil) paper TBC
- Maíra Siman (IRI/PUC-Rio, Brazil) “Theorizing “emerging powers” intervention: the case of Brazil’s military engagement in MINUSTAH”
- Stephanie Hofmann (The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland) paper TBC

14h00 – 16h00
Panel 4 Accounting for Variation in Rising Powers’ Responses to Changing Norms Around International Intervention

The fourth session will analyze possible variables with the power to explain rising powers’ divergent behaviors concerning intervention. These include cultural, economic and political differences will be appointed as fundamental in order to address those behavioral distinctions. Moreover, their effects regarding the International System’s perceptions on international interventions will be listed and further debated.

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16h Keynote Speech:
Ambassador George E. Moose
Vice-Chairman, Board of Director of the United States Peace Institute
September 17th:

10h00 – 12h00
Panel 5 Closing Session: Conclusions and Perspectives

The closing round table pulls together the Seminar’s key reflections in order to incite further research studies that will address the Seminar’s theme.

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Chair: Kai Michael Kenkel (IRI/PUC-Rio, Brazil)
Antonio Jorge Ramalho (University of Brasília, Brazil)
Philip Cunliffe (University of Kent, United Kingdom)
Alcides Costa Vaz (University of Brasília, Brazil)
Brian Job (University of British Columbia, Canada)

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