Abstract:

The mainstream media discourse on the rise of India and China, despite their recent slowdowns and domestic problems, continues to place them as actors in a process of what they call ‘global rebalancing’. This notion essentially involves incorporating the emerging countries in the prevailing global political and economic order with marginal adjustments in the existing rules. The argument presented in this paper is that their rise, and the emergence of many multilateral organizations such as BRICS, herald elements of yet another process unfolding in the contemporary world, a process of what can be called ‘global restructuring’. This process is more evident in the debates on development paths going on inside these countries and in the platforms of global people’s movements. They demand alteration of power relations at every level, challenging hegemonic forces in the global political economy as well as at national and local levels.

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