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Europe facing a rising multi-polar world

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- Effect of the Cold War
- Reunification of Europe
- Common foreign and security and Neighbourhood Policies
- Mediterranean, Black Sea, Eastern and Northern Dimensions



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Challenges

- Secure neighbours
- EU's priorities vs developing countries' priorities i.e. NPT, environmental policies
- Interdependence is on the rise
- Hard security issues still very important
- "We live in a changing world that we still do not understand fully." Speech by Portuguese Prime Minister José Sócrates, during the presentation of the programme of the Portuguese Presidency to the European Parliament, 11 July 2007.
- No one single voice from EU
- Head of the EU \neq head of the USA or Russia

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Rising powers



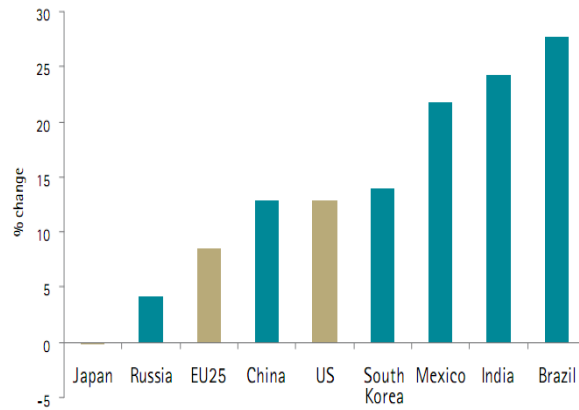
B6: 'Big Six' = Brazil, China, India, Mexico, Russia and South Korea
G6: France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom and United States

Labour force

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Rising powers

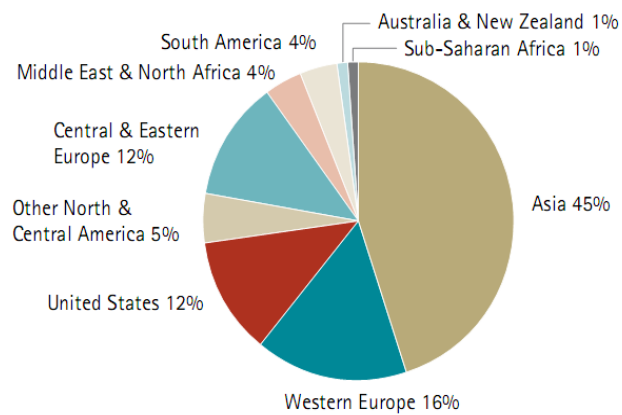
Growth in emerging economy workforces (1995-2005)



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Rising Powers

Geographic origin of science, technology and engineering graduates



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So

- multi-directional capital flows
- new consumer markets
- the battle for resources
- new map of innovation
- much more interlinked relations among the states
- global threats
- global markets
- global media

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What to do?

- Have a strong economy
- A much more influential and stronger neighbourhood policy
- A credible foreign and security policy
- Efficient cooperation in justice and home affairs
- Be multilateral rather than bilateral
- Support regional multilateral projects
- Close relations with China, India, and to a different degree, Brazil and South Africa, as well as Russia

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- Multilateral actor
- It is not the fall of the US but rise of the rest. (Fareed Zakeria)
- So act together both with the USA and Russia
- Go further than national political systems
- Global governance
- Local political engagement and public participation (GLOCAL)

FP7s last year on Multilateralism

- EU4SEAS : analyze the effects of EU policies and strategies on sub-regional multilateralism in four areas: the Baltic, Black Sea, Caspian and Mediterranean basins with a view to formulate some policy recommendations in order to improve the synergies between the EU and sub-regional multilateralism in achieving their shared goals.

WPs: Politics and Security, Environmental and maritime issues, Energy and transport issues and the four freedoms

theoretical framework + findings

<http://www.eu4seas.eu/>

Coordinated by CIDOB Barcelona

- Mercury: explores multilateralism as a concept, an aspiration, and a form of international order
- Research on:
 1. how should we understand multilateralism, both historically and in contemporary terms?
 2. does the EU live up to its ambitions to contribute to effective multilateralism globally?
 3. what lessons can be drawn from Europe's experience of promoting multilateralism?

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- EU-GRASP: proposes to study the role of the EU in peace and security as a regional actor with global aspirations in a context of challenged and changing multilateralism.
- WPs: 'Multilateral cooperation forms (Transversal Issues)', 'Case-Studies I (Traditional Security Issues)', 'Case-Studies II (New Security Issues), Foresight and Scenario Building', 'Policy-dialogue'

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Methodology

- Case studies
- Interdisciplinary, drawing on expertise in law, politics, economics, and international relations
- Comparative
- Normative
- Policy oriented
- Include practitioners, policy makers and academics together: academy+ politicians +bureaucrats
- Include realities, traditions, customs and the culture of the case studies.
- Literature:
http://www.eu4seas.eu/index.php?option=com_jombib&Itemid=16

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- EU's relations with its neighbours and reflection of these relations in other parts of the world
- Environmental politics and energy issues
- EU's role in international organizations
- Perceptions

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