



NeST LATAM Winter School

Detailed information on the 2020 Edition | South-South and Triangular cooperation: Multi-stakeholder partnerships and financing for development

June 15th – 19th, 2020

BRICS Policy Center | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The NeST LATAM

The Global NeST was established in 2014, on the margins of the first High-Level Meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation (GPEDC) in Mexico. It is a network of Southern think tanks that welcomes contributions from a diversity of stakeholders from the Global South – including governments, civil society, private sector and development practitioners. It provides valuable policy recommendations and insights on South-South Cooperation, seeking a shared understanding and an effective application of South-South Cooperation.

The Latin American chapter of the Network of Southern Think Tanks (NeST LATAM) aims to provide a platform for Latin American Think-Tanks and research institutions to collaborate in systematizing, consolidating and sharing knowledge on South-South and Triangular Cooperation (SSTrC), development cooperation and other international development issues.

Founding members of the NeST LATAM, organizing the Winter School, are: BRICS Policy Center/PUC-Rio, Articulação Sul and IPEA, from Brazil, Instituto Mora and Universidad Anáhuac, from Mexico, Universidad Nacional de Quilmes, Universidad Nacional de Rosario and Universidad Nacional de San Martín, from Argentina.

For more information, visit

<http://southernthinktanks.org/>.

The Winter School

The NeST LATAM Winter School is a one-week intensive academic and training program on international cooperation for development from a southern perspective. It offers an intensive and substantial learning experience in theory and practice of international cooperation for development, with a particular focus on issues, questions and experiences related to the Global South.

The goal is to develop and strengthen the participants' knowledge and skills of international cooperation for development with a southern perspective. The focus is on different actors and instruments of SSTrC, which includes the analysis of specific themes, worked across specific cases.

Through case studies conducted by renowned scholars and practitioners, past and on-going processes will be discussed critically and constructively, analysing the actors involved, negotiation details and the successes and failure, of different practical experiences of international cooperation for development.



General Information

The 2020 NeST LATAM Winter School will take place at the **BRICS Policy Center**, in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from June 15th to 19th, 2020.

It will receive a maximum of 30 outstanding participants and will deal specifically with Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and financing for development, with a strong regional focus on Latin America. During the Winter School, we will devote special attention to questions related to (i) agriculture and food and nutritional security; (ii) science and technology; (iii) health; and (iv) social environmental protection.

It will provide the participants with a rigorous introduction to fundamental concepts, theories and perspectives of SSTRC, as well as to its actors and processes. In our advanced courses, the participants will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding of (i) the international agenda; (ii) instruments and modalities;

(iii) capacity building; (iv) financing; and (v) monitoring and evaluation. Technical field visits will be part of the program, to make the necessary link between theory and practice.

Target public

The NeST LATAM Winter School is open to postgraduate students and young professionals (scholars, civil society's representatives, diplomats, NGO staffers, government officials, lawyers, and international organizations' employees, among others) interested in international cooperation for development, with a particular focus on issues, questions and experiences related to the Global South.

*In exceptional cases, undergraduate students with outstanding academic performance, and who intend to pursue a postgraduate degree in international cooperation or related areas, might be accepted.

Certification



Certification will be issued by the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio).

Full participation (morning, afternoon and public roundtables) is required for the certification.



Program

General structure

The NeST LATAM Winter School is a 45-hour course: 40 hours of classes and roundtables and 5 hours of on-line preparatory session.

The core of the NeST LATAM Winter School Program is comprised of: thematic courses, research workshops, technical field visits, and public roundtables.

Thematic courses

Thematic courses will cover four areas: (i) agriculture and food and nutritional security; (ii) science and technology; (iii) health; and (iv) social environmental protection. Participants will be divided in four different groups according to their interest. The academic committee might adapt these thematic areas according to applications.

Technical field visits

Technical field visits will make the necessary link between theory and practice. Field visits will happen in different organizations connected to international cooperation for development in Rio de Janeiro, as Oswaldo Cruz Foundation.

Research workshop

The research workshop will provide the opportunity for participants to present and discuss a work in progress (e.g. PhD proposals or chapters, the draft of an article, and/or project proposal) with the faculty and other participants of the Winter School. Participants will benefit from faculties' and peers' constructive feedbacks, commentaries and suggestions.

Selected participants have to send their piece 15 days before the start of the Winter School. The other participants will act as peer discussants of the presentations.

Presentation is compulsory for participants receiving financial support and/or fee waiver.

Public roundtables

Some of the evenings, the Winter School activities will be open to the public and free of charge. Distinguished specialists and public officials will discuss issues pertaining to SSTRC.

	Sunday, 14th	Monday, 15th	Tuesday, 16th	Wednesday, 17th	Thursday, 18th	Friday, 19th
09:00 - 13:00		Thematic courses	Thematic courses	Thematic courses	Thematic courses	Thematic courses
14:30 - 17:00		Research workshop	Field visit	Research workshop	Research workshop	Public roundtable 3
17:30 - 19:00	Welcome session	Public roundtable 1	Field visit	Public roundtable 2		Closing session



Application and Requirements

Application documents

Completed Application Form (here).

Curriculum Vitae (in English).

Copy of identity (Brazilians) or **passport** (other nationalities).

Motivation letter (maximum 1000 words), indicating the importance of this school and its relevance to help you fulfil your goals, and how it relates to your current studies and/or employment.

School record transcript and one recommendation letter (only for undergraduate candidates).

Application deadline: April 13th, 2020.

Send the materials **in a single pdf document** to bpcdialogues@bricspolicycenter.org.

Please note that the selection committee will not take incomplete applications into consideration. The organizing committee will send an email with the final decision by the end of April. Successful candidates will receive an acceptance letter with specific instructions for confirming registration.

Selection committee

One representative from each academic partner.

Requirements

Be a young professional or registered on a postgraduate program*, interested in international cooperation for development;

Speak English fluently;

Be open to a broad variety of working methods.

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Conditions

All participants' have to be covered with valid travel/health insurance during their stay in Brazil. Participants are responsible for making their own visa and travel/health insurance arrangements.

Absence from class, in the events of illness or emergency, has to be notified immediately to the NeST LATAM Winter School staff. We reserve the right to request medical attests or other attestations in the event of a participants' absence from class.



Participation Fee

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R\$ 1.300,00 (Brazilian Reais)

The fee includes participation in all Winter School activities. Participants are responsible for making their own travel and accommodation arrangements

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