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Geographies of Development: New Maps, New Visions?

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Abstract

The use of categories (such as developing world or Third World) to demarcate world regions on the basis of their levels of development is increasingly disputed. Moreover, in the last few years, references have proliferated to the BRICs (Brazil, Russia, India, China), or sometimes BRICA (adding the Arab states of the Gulf), as hyperlinks to future-oriented investment in the world economy. These new labels rest on more than

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El uso de categorías (como países en desarrollo o del Tercer Mundo) para delimitar a las regiones del mundo sobre la base de sus niveles de desarrollo es cada vez más disputada. Más aún, en los últimos años han proliferado las referencias a los BRICs (Brasil, Rusia, India, China), o a veces BRICA (añadiendo a los Estados Árabes del Golfo), como hipervínculos para inversiones orientadas al futuro en la economía mundial. Estas nuevas etiquetas se basan en más de dos décadas de debate sobre los "mercados emergentes" y son las personificaciones y agentes en la descomposición del Tercer Mundo, denotando una significativa categoría geopolítica y epistemológica. ¿Dónde están y qué queda entonces de la geografía del desarrollo y del Tercer Mundo? Para atender tales preguntas se necesitarán los mapas de matices. Este artículo esboza algunas alternativas.

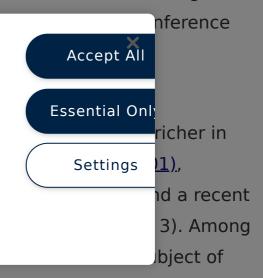
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Prashad's (2007) volume and a set of papers on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Third World Quarterly (Berger 2004). See also Simon (2009) for another line of enquiry into the moment "when development was all new, the world was full of optimism and the prospects for development and poverty alleviation were unquestioned" (881).

² See Thirlwall (2008) and White (2008) for more on the Human Development Index and other indexes. See Power (2006) for some useful background on its creation and the key role of the Pakistani economist Mahbub UI Haq (1934–1998) in establishing the index as a widely used measure, via the United National Development Program's Human Development Report series. See Morse (2008) and Rigg (2008) for other critical reflections on development indexes.

³ The naming of the crisis merits reflection. As noted in Sidaway (2008, 197): "the media don't usually call this a predatory lending crisis, let alone an American crisis. Arguably however, such alterative labels shift the ways that the crisis is interpreted."

⁴ In addition to the U.S.-focused literature cited earlier, see Kothari (2005) on the British role and case. For a case study of a site of development that was, like many others in the Caribbean, shaped by first British and then American power, see Wainwright (2008).

⁵ This has evolved in tandem with a deconstruction of the claim that the experience of the West is the chief arbiter of modernity. In other words, it recognizes that there are multiple (geographical and historical) experiences of and modes of modernity (Eisenstadt 2000). In turn, these relate to wider debates about Eurocentrism and the long term of the world system. The literatures on these are vast, but for an interpretation of what he termed the reorientation to an Asia-centered world system, from a writer whose earlier work on development and underdevelopment was briefly influential, see Gunder Frank (1998).

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... as Sachs so forcefully argues?" As another paper (in the set that Poon and Yeung assembled) addressing Sachs argued, asking this "is perhaps less important than asking how political economic and policy processes convert these geographic conditions into factors that do have material implications" (Bebbington 2009, 11). The mirror image of Sachs's advocacy of aid for and stress on environmental constraints on development is Moyo's (2009) Dead Aid: Why Aid Is Not Working and How There Is a Better Way for Africa, emphasizing economic and political mismanagement, although both also advocate market-led strategies. Both are also in a long tradition of diagnoses (and self-diagnoses) of the African condition. As a counter to either, Rodney (1972) or Chabal and Dalosz (1999) is rewarding. According to her Web site, Moyo once worked for Goldman Sachs and is now writing a sequel about how the BRICs and selected Middle East countries are set to become dominant players in the twenty-first century.



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