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Nuclear Ambitions in a Changing International Order – the Case of Brazil

When it comes to nuclear ambitions, the possession of nuclear weapons remains a prominent topic in the field of International Relations (IR), given that nuclear weapon states (NWSs) and non-nuclear weapon states (NNWSs) are primary categories in the Non-Proliferation Treaty and other components of the non-proliferation regime. However, in recent decades, the ambition to develop nuclear power plants has gained traction, particularly in the Global South. Traditionally, nuclear energy has been associated with industrialized states; however, the increasing interest in nuclear energy is now being driven by emerging economies, with their demands for technological expertise and financial support being increasingly met by other emerging and newly industrialized states. China and India are key players and the resulting partnerships are likely to endure over time.

This presentation contributes to the analysis of these emerging connections within the context of the global power shift. Brazil serves as a case study, illustrating how nuclear ambitions impact external relations and diplomatic activities.

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