

Brazil in the Global Crisis

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A former Portuguese colony, Brazil is an emerging economy with a historical democratic and social equality deficit now struggling to overcome past structural obstacles to its full development. Having devoted itself to a long process for the stabilization of its currency, which required a great deal of fiscal responsibility, the global crisis has struck Brazil while the nation was in the process of consolidating recent positive results in social and economic areas, posing new challenges to the future. In this context, spontaneous social movements and street political demonstrations similar to those erupted in other countries have unveiled a more aware and demanding civil society to which the three branches of Power have paid increasing attention. The sustainable development of the country's huge natural resources and specific national expertise in strategic areas have been and will be crucial in facing domestic and foreign challenges, present and yet to come, in which federative solidarity and international multilateralism should be the basis for Brazil's assertion as a generous nation towards its people and a peaceful softpower country in world context.

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