

rather than threat, and cooperation partners rather than competitors.

At a recent press conference, Putin had reminded people that the BRICS actually originated from the RIC (Russia-India-China) as proposed by former Russian Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov. While an entirely new dynamic has certainly been born with the additions of South Africa and Brazil—not to mention the four new members added earlier this year—it is hard to imagine the BRICS functioning if India and China were not able to resolve their disputes.

In fact, some enemies of the grouping point this out explicitly. Former Goldman Sachs chief economist Jim O’Neill, who introduced the term “BRIC” but who has gone on to deride the grouping as time has gone by, said during a recent interview with Reuters that it was “very disturbing that they [BRICS] see themselves as some kind of alternative global thing, because it’s obviously not feasible.” “I will take the BRICS group seriously when I see signs that the two countries that really matter—China and India—are actually really trying to agree on things, rather than effectively trying to confront each other all the time,” O’Neill said. This kind of hysteria gives an indication of the significance represented by BRICS and the momentum now underway among a growing portion of the world for a new anti-colonial system.

As Ankit Shah of the Think BRICS YouTube channel told *EIR* in an interview on the sidelines of the summit:

I believe this is going to be the true starting point of multipolarity in the world, where Kazan will be remembered across the globe for being the starting point. So we are looking at a lot of Global South nations wanting to dig out their ancestral wisdom, which was suppressed during the colonization era....

But we are going into a dangerous zone in the next five years right now, because this is the first time a lot of accumulated military and covert might of the U.S. is unable to figure out what its role is going to be in the new world order.

Shah ended by saying that the process unleashed by BRICS is now bringing to an end the 400-year process of colonialism that started with the British Empire.

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## *EIR*’s Exchange with Russian Presidential Advisor Anton Kobyakov

*The following is a close paraphrase of the exchange between Russian presidential advisor Anton Kobyakov and EIR’s Sébastien Périmony and Helen Borodina, at the Kazan BRICS summit on Oct. 24.*

**Périmony:** Even if the BRICS is not anti-West, the West is currently anti-BRICS. If this does not change, we have the risk of nuclear war in the conflicts occurring in Ukraine and the Middle East, and a perpetuation of sanctions. Do you think the BRICS process will change the outlook of the Anglo-American elites, to participate positively in developing a new security and development architecture, as called for by Helga Zepp-LaRouche of the Schiller Institute?

**Kobyakov:** We hope the Anglo-American elites will respond positively. But we have a doctrine of nuclear deterrence. When the Pax Americana ends, we hope that the whole world does not go down with it. We are openly saying that we have to be careful in what we say and be responsible in what we do and say.

**Borodina:** Do you think the BRICS process will deter Israel from launching a strike on Iran that could cause regional and global conflict?

**Kobyakov:** My thought is that Jews are people with common sense. They have been building their country on the basis of ethnicity, after what happened during World War II. We do not approve of what is happening in the Gaza Strip. We think half or more of Israel does not approve of this action. The question is what will they do? Will they keep their statehood, their sovereignty? Since you ask this question representing a U.S.A. media outlet, I think the U.S. is also questioning whether Israel is on the right track. Maybe after hearing the speeches during the BRICS meetings, they will come to their senses. We hope so.

**Borodina:** Would you join the International Peace Coalition, the initiative of the LaRouche movement in the U.S.A.?

**Kobyakov:** Is there such a coalition in the U.S.A.? I have not heard about it, but I will definitely look into it.