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The BRICS at the Doha Round.

Comparing Crisis-Born Agendas and Strategies

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Analytical Logic

- Global economic crisis has affected all countries, including the BRICS.
- Global crises have domestic effects, beyond their international nature or external origin.
- Domestic effects however translate into external agendas.



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Analysis structure

- How have these crisis-effects translated into:
 - Capacity and execution of leadership to coordinate with others at the WTO negotiations.
 - Policy learning from previous crises (early 1990s, Asian Financial Crisis, etc)
 - Rethinking or reform of development strategies (export-led, what sectors, what partners).



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Common trends

- July 2008 deal seems more attractive than before...
- Reasons for July breakdown also seem more relevant than before...
- Effectiveness of counter-cyclical response increases support for July 2008 deal (subject to conditions).



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Learning done

- WTO deals must have appropriate crisis-contingencies well built in.
- Continued commitment to the previously-made deal demonstrates BRICS resilience and the will to invest that in a common future.
- BRICS countries are fast understanding the unique nature of their place and space in the global economy.
- The resolution of this crisis will impact strongly on their future role at the WTO.



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Any questions, comments?

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