



## **North, South, East and West:**

### **Presentation to the Fundación Chilena del Pacífico webinar on The “Global South”**

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# The Global South's importance to New Zealand today

- China
- (Russia)
- India
- Brazil
- Other Latin America
- Middle East
- Africa
- Southeast Asia
- Pacific islands



# The origins of that perspective (I): West and North

- History versus geography
- A distant farm (or displaced Scotland)
- Imperial ties: “Where Britain Goes, We Go”
- A guaranteed market
- Cold War alliances
- The Commonwealth
- “Home”
- Concerns over Perón, Castro, the Non-Aligned Movement and the G-77
- Later echoes: The Springbok Tour & the Falklands/Malvinas
- Northern levels of development on a Southern economic base



## The origins of that perspective (II): East and South

- UN champions
- Forward defence in Southeast Asia
- Awakening to the Pacific – migration and decolonisation
- French nuclear testing
- The Vietnam War, the coup in Chile, and anti-Americanism
- Britain joins Europe
- Lobbying for market access
- Discovering the world – the spread of embassies
- “Our foreign policy is trade”
- The Cairns Group



## Two homes

- The rise of the Asian Tigers
- APEC
- “Part of Asia” – the Asia New Zealand Foundation
- A “benign strategic environment”
- A model for China’s relations with the West: the [“four firsts”](#)
- Belt, Road and Southern Link
- Centres of *Asia-Pacific* Excellence
- P4, CPTPP and trans-Pacific ties
- The “Pacific” community – and climate change
- A voice for small states
- Aotearoa New Zealand and an indigenous foreign policy



## Forced to choose?

- Rapprochement with Washington
- A more assertive China
- Economic interests versus foreign policy values
- Pleasing big brother in Canberra
- Switching to the Indo-Pacific
- The rise of India
- The Ukraine War – and sanctions against Russia
- Intruders in our backyard
- The challenge of AUKUS
- Investing in relationships (not preparing our citizens)



# Where to from here?

- New Zealand and the BRICs [dilemma](#)
- Jumping on the India bandwagon
- Closer ties with the EU
- Our sphere of influence: the South Pacific
- The “3 Big Shifts” – from rules to power, economics to security, and efficiency to resilience
- Geopolitics vs. exports
- The centrality of Southeast Asia – trade and security
- Returning to the Anglosphere
- Attention from China
- Decades of public disinterest
- Gaza and Western “moral superiority”
- Internal decolonisation and a world of our own



## Selective “South-South” collaboration

- Bolstering multilateralism and the post-war rules-based order
  - Right not might
  - Solving global challenges
- Keeping Latin America in the conversation
  - New Zealand and the Pacific Alliance
  - Sustainable and inclusive trade agreements
  - APEC in Peru
  - Brazil’s G20 year goal – women’s participation in international trade
  - CAPE research: diplomatic alignment, supply chains and clean energy transitions, and the Blue Pacific
  - University delegation – shared challenges and values
  - [Wayfinding](#)





# Kia ora/Gracias

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# The "Global South" and its Impact on the International Stage: Trends and Priorities

The Chile Pacific Foundation, in partnership with the DAKSHIN - Global South Centre of Excellence (GSCE) from India, are pleased to invite you to this webinar, which will address the determining aspects of the so-called "Global South" or "South-South", including its agenda, trends, opportunities for collaboration and political, economic and social impacts on the international stage.