Why Global South Academically

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What is Global South

• Geographically: does Global South include Russia?
• Does Global South include Singapore? Australia? New Zealand?
Global South Economically and Academically

- Tuition fees around US$ 1000-5000
- Professor’s salaries about US$ 1000-2500
- Research budgets (average university) US$ 60,000 a year
- Language of tuition native with some options in English

Besides:
- Strong high-school programs in math and sciences (good students)
- High motivation towards success
- Personalized attitude towards bright students (individual approach)
Synergy – Advantages on working with each other directly and not with (through) the North

• Professor’s/staff exchange easier financially and logistically for hosting institutions
• Joint courses easier to build and perform (values and lifestyles, salaries, teaching load, publishing activity comparable)
• Quality and achievements high (higher than in the North – look at the rankings)
Global South Academic Achievements 1

- Indian Its (rankings)

**Indian Institute of Technology Bombay QS #179**

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**Global South Academic Achievements 2**

- **Brazilian universities**

  **University of Sao Paolo QS #121**

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We are good and we can do it, what are the challenges

• The Appeal (Russian students heavily prefer Europe to India and China)
• The recognition (the rankings are Northern product)
• Cutting edge in research
• Labor ethics among graduates
What we can do about it

• Advertise, promote, create stories of success
• The better we know each other the lesser is our need of the rankings
• We can’t get cutting edge alone, but we might get cutting edge together
• Overseas experience is highly beneficial for both our students and researchers for both employability and labor/research ethic
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- fully comprehensive
- research intensive
- 20 faculties
- 16 000 students / 2250 international students
- 50 countries
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