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**Economic Policy Forum  
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**Think Tank Profiles**

**Centre for Research on Development (CIDAC)**

CIDAC is a non-profit independent think tank devoted to the study and interpretation of Mexican reality and the presentation of viable proposals for the development of Mexico in the medium and long term. It formulates proposals that: contribute to strengthening the rule of law and creating conditions which encourage the economic and social development of Mexico; that enrich public opinion; and that contain the elements necessary to be useful in society's decision making-process.

**German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)**

The German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) was founded in 1962 and has since provided analysis on foreign policy issues not only to the German Bundestag and the Federal Government, but also to economic actors and the general public. While SWP initially dealt primarily with issues of disarmament, today there is a broad spectrum of analysis ranging from classic security policy issues to aspects of climate protection and the political challenges associated with resource scarcity.

**Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV)**

The Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV) was established in 1944 to promote Brazil's economic and social development. Since then, FGV has been an important research institution in the country's academic history. FGV is well-known for academic excellence, scientific research, technical assistance and advisor capacity assessing public policies. In 2011, FGV was repeatedly considered one of the top 30 think tanks in the world and the most important think tank in South America and the Caribbean by the University of Pennsylvania. FGV comprises a large network of business, economics, applied sciences, and law schools. Among them is São Paulo Business Administration School, whose MBA programme was considered one of the world's top executive MBA programmes by the Financial Times in 2012.

**Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV)**

The Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey is a non-partisan, non-profit think tank based in Ankara, Turkey. It was founded in 2004 by a group of businessmen, bureaucrats and academics who believe in the power of knowledge and ideas in shaping Turkey's future.

Aiming to contribute to public policy design, TEPAV seeks to enrich the knowledge content in Turkey's discussions. What sets TEPAV apart however, is its active involvement in economic and political development. TEPAV carries out projects, which actively contribute to economic development and bring together key policy and opinion makers to tackle the problems of the day. TEPAV sticks to academic ethical principles and quality in all activities.

**Higher School of Economics (HSE)**

The Higher School of Economics (HSE) was founded in 1992, by an Ordinance of the Russian Federal Government. Currently, the HSE is a multi-discipline centre of study and research, which has been developing mutually beneficial partner relations. The HSE enjoys effective partnership relations with

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prestigious foreign universities, international programmes and organisations, research consortia and scientific periodicals, editions, foreign companies and transnational corporations (over 130). Among them, there are 40 foreign partners from 13 countries of Europe, North America, and South and Southeast Asia, who have signed the Cooperation Agreements by 2007.

### Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)

Established in 1968, the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC) conducts large-scale, policy-relevant, social-scientific research for public sector users, non-governmental organisations and international development agencies. Research activities and structures are closely aligned with South Africa's national development priorities. As an interdisciplinary entity, HSRC conducts research in science, technology and innovation; democracy, governance and service delivery; economic performance and development.

### Ifo Institute – Leibniz Institute for Economic Research at the University of Munich

Founded in 1949, Ifo Institute (IFO) is one of the leading economic research institutes in Europe. IFO's work is focused around applied economic research with direct policy implications for achieving greater stability, prosperity and cohesion for Europe and the world. The institute's work is divided between applied research, policy advisory work and direct services to researchers, businesses, the government and the general public.

### Observer Research Foundation (ORF)

The Observer Research Foundation (ORF) was established in 1990 as a private, not for profit, think tank to influence public policy formulation. The Foundation brought together, for the first time, leading Indian economists and policymakers to present *An Agenda for Economic Reforms* in India. ORF advises policy formulation and implementation and develops policy alternatives. The main objective of the foundation is to strengthen India's democratic institutions and to enable coherent, reasoned and consistent policy-making. ORF is known for innovative ideas and believes that ideas are an expression of unfettered curiosity and an urge to explore ways and means to find solutions to vexed issues. The foundations activities evolve around projects and events.

### South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA)

The South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) was established in 1934 as a research institute and has since had a long record as South Africa's premier research institute on international issues. SAIIA's research agenda focuses on the external engagement of South Africa and Africa with the rest of the world - with a view to countering the continent's marginal status in global political and economic affairs; furthering good governance, peace and stability in the region; and ensuring that Africa is placed on a long-term, sustainable growth path. Research centres on governance and democracy, economic diplomacy, great powers and Africa, South African foreign policy and African drivers, global governance, and sustainable development.