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The BRICS return

to finance Transnet's port-petrochem attack
and the job-killing '4th Industrial Revolution'

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John Dunn Hall, Austerville Rd, Wentworth**

The BRICS are back: coming to Durban's International Convention Centre from September 14-16.

The Brazilian, Russian, Indian, Chinese and South African ministers of communications and technology are meeting to discuss how to advance elite interests. Several have become notorious experts at repression of their citizenries through social media surveillance, now led by the Modi regime which is cracking down on progressive activists and thinkers. In China, censors don't allow most internet access. They are all pushing the '4IR' to increase state control, such as China's 'social credit' system pushed by the firm Tencent. Massive unemployment is expected due to 4IR robotics.

At the last BRICS summit, in Sandton six weeks ago, elites celebrated a new \$200 million (R3 billion) BRICS Bank loan to Transnet, for expanding the Durban port-petrochem complex. Transnet is led by a CEO, Siyabonga Gama, who is also a leading member of the BRICS Business Council. But Gama is about to be fired for corruption associated with tens of billions of rands of dubious loans from the Chinese Development Bank, paying for Chinese-made crane and locomotive procurement with generous kickbacks to the Guptas via Transnet's Salim Essa.

What can the residents of Durban do to contest both the 4IR and destructive loans to Transnet?

