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The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) (上海经济合作组织: 简称上经合) is a Eurasian political, economic and international security organization of ten member states.

It was established in 2001 by China, along with five other nations: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekist.

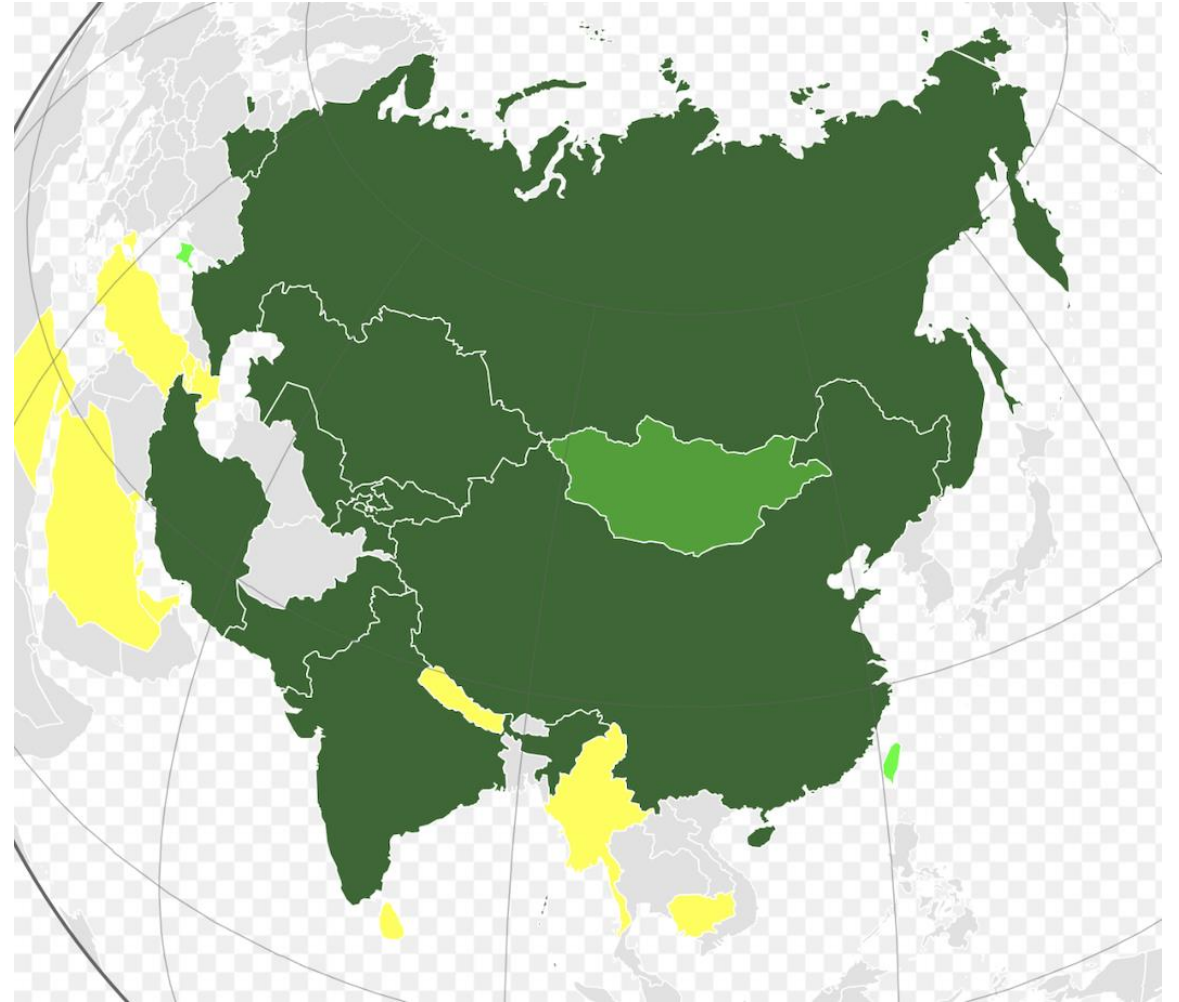
In June 2017, it expanded, with inclusions of India and Pakistan.

Iran joined the group in July 2023, and Belarus in July 2024.

Several countries are engaged as observers or dialogue partners.

Geographical, populational, and economic significance

- It is the world's largest regional organization in terms of geographic scope and population, covering approximately 24% of the world's total area (65% of Eurasia) and 42% of the world population.
- As of 2024, its combined nominal GDP accounts for around 23%, while its GDP based on PPP comprises approximately 36% of the world's total.



Notable
members

China,

Russian

Iran

And this
year in
particular,
India

SCO and its impacts at present

China seeks to “seek integration, not decoupling” and “unequivocally oppose power politics.”

Member countries should “serve as a cornerstone for the promotion of a multipolar world” and join a China-led “global governance initiative,” Xi said in closing remarks after a day in which leaders put on shows of chumminess and met for private talks on the sidelines of the mostly scripted event.

Xi held a bilateral meeting with India’s Narendra Modi Sunday and will hold a one-on-one with Vladimir Putin of Russia on Tuesday.

Military parade on Wednesday September 3

Many of the dignitaries will stay on for a huge military parade in Beijing this week to mark the 80th anniversary of victory in World War II.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, despite not attending in Tianjin, is expected to join Putin and Xi on the rostrum overlooking Tiananmen Square for Wednesday's parade.

A veiled swipe at US and Trump administration

Xi criticized “bullying practices” and cast his country as a new leader of world governance,

“The house rules of a few countries should not be imposed on others”

“We should continue to dismantle walls, not erect them; seek integration, not decoupling”

Xi vowed to oppose “hegemonism,” “Cold War mentality” and “bullying practices”

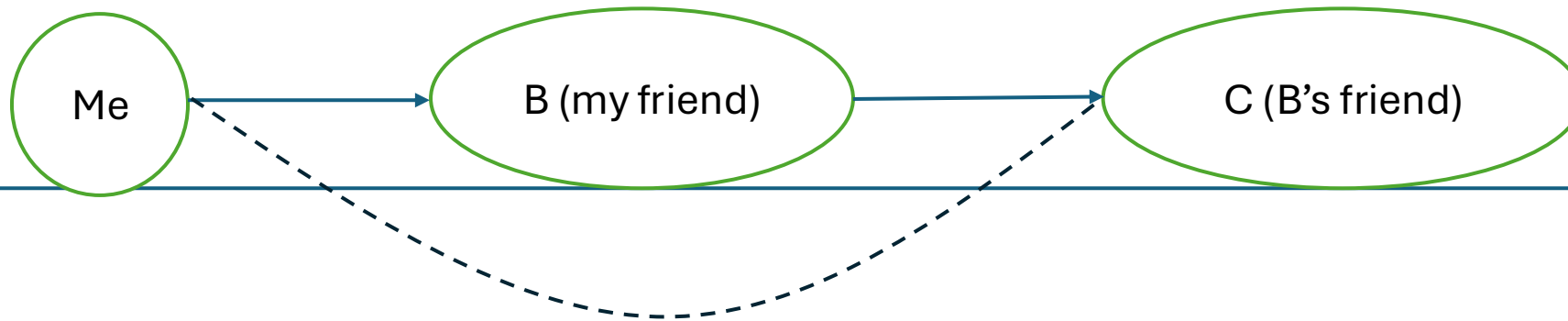
Close rapport

- <https://www.cnn.com/2025/09/01/world/video/xi-putin-modi-sco-summit-digvid>



SCO Analytics

Short term comforting or long-term coalitions?



Friend of my friend is my friend?

SCO Analytics

- Or enemy of my enemy is my friend?



My Enemy = My Friend?

SCO and BRIC

BRIC (金砖四国) is an acronym describing the foreign investment strategies grouping of Brazil, Russia, India, and China.

BRICS + (金砖国家) is a bloc of ten nations – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Indonesia, and the United Arab Emirates,

SCO/BRIC overlap: Russia, India, Iran, and China

From military to economics

New world order without the US and its allies?

Long term consequences

