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Esther Krüger Silveira, student from the Social Sciences Course, was among the 10 young Brazilians who participated last Saturday in the "BRICS Youth Round Table 2021"

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Esther Krüger Silveira, undergraduate student [from the Social Sciences Program at UFRGS](#), was among the 10 young Brazilians chosen to represent the country at the "BRICS Youth Round Table 2021", together with 10 more representatives from each of the other BRICS's countries (Russia, India, China and South Africa). The online event took place on June 26, and was organized by the South African BRICS Youth Association (SABYA) that debated on "Prioritizing Youth Empowerment in the BRICS Post-Pandemic Recovery Strategy".

The event allows participants to think about and discuss possible solutions for six critical common areas to the BRICS countries: unemployment, education, mental health, internet access, food security and climate change. The proposed solutions will be attached to SABYA and be taken to the BRICS Civil Forum.

As a 3rd year (junior) student of the Social Sciences Course at UFRGS, Esther is also a volunteer scientific researcher in a project that studies BRICS and its new international cooperation regimes, linked to the Department of Political Science [of the Institute of Philosophy and Human Sciences](#). The student's research advisor is Professor Fabiano Pellin Mielniczuk.

"I would like to thank Professor Fabiano for having encouraged my participation in this event and UFRGS for fostering and stimulating the participation, multiculturalism and critical thinking of students; because all the knowledge that enabled me to be one of the 10 young Brazilians selected was built here. I feel very honored to represent Brazil and the University in an event that enabled reflection and debate on the role of youth in the development of strategies for the post-pandemic recovery of the BRICS countries," the student declares.

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