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**Study questions**

**Chapter 28**

1. How would you describe Brazil’s relationship with the US?
2. Why do you think Brazil has engaged in so many different integration projects instead of focusing on just one?
3. Do Brazil, and other emerging powers, threaten US interests and hegemonic position?
4. In what way can domestic developments explain Brazil’s newfound role on the international scene?
5. Why do Brazilian policymakers fear that trading with China may undermine economic growth? How do they try to circumvent this?
6. To what extent is Brazil a pioneer in fighting climate change? Do you think this can change?
7. How does the Brazilian case illustrate the difficult task of balancing the need for development and economic growth on the hand with environmental and climate concerns on the other? Is this relevant in other developing countries?
8. How has the recent financial crisis influenced Brazil as an international power?
9. Can Brazil and other BRIC countries develop the same soft power as the traditional western powers?
10. Based on your knowledge of Brazil and the other BRIC countries, are we moving towards bipolarity or multipolarity in international politics?