

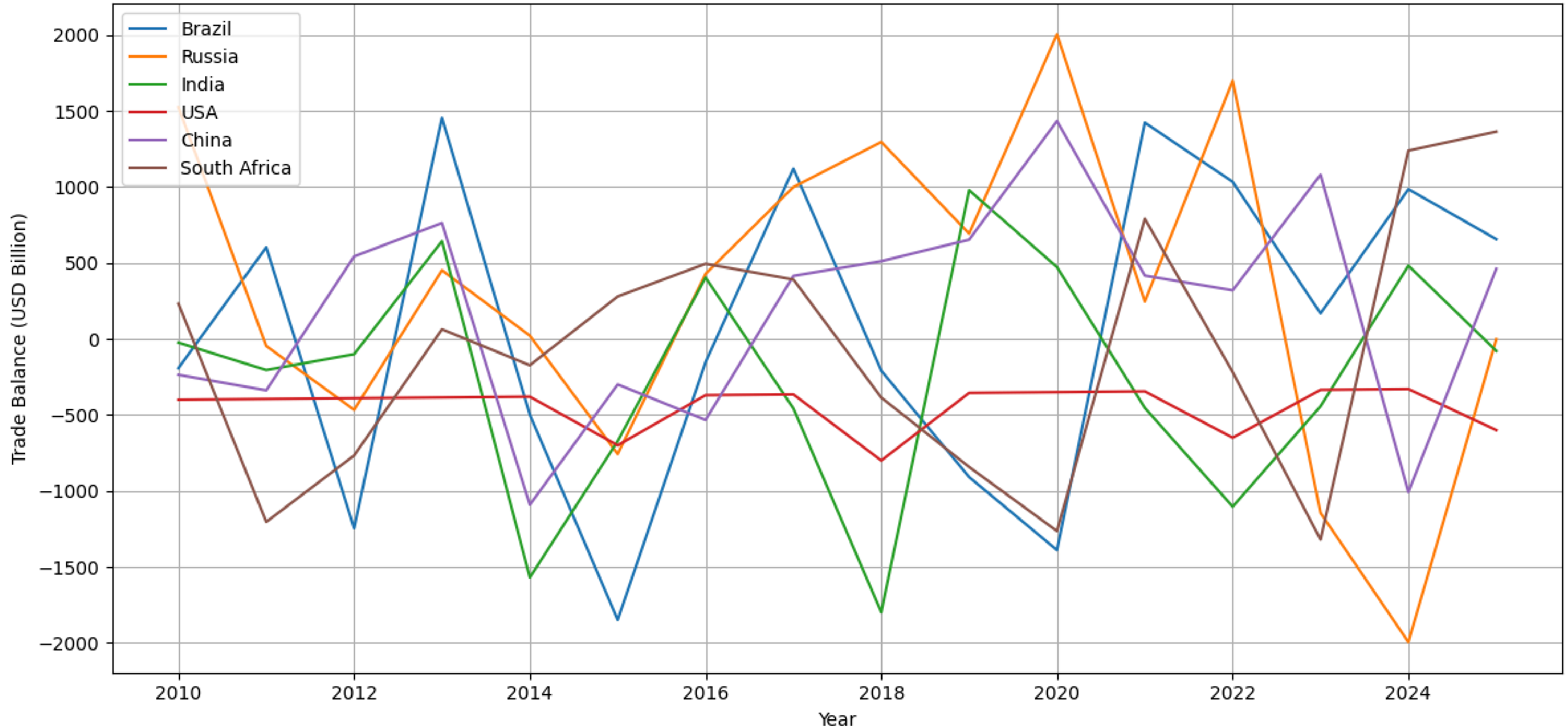


Trade Wars & Turbulence: Heavy as "BRICS"

Forecasting the Future of Global Economics and South Africa's Position in the Storm

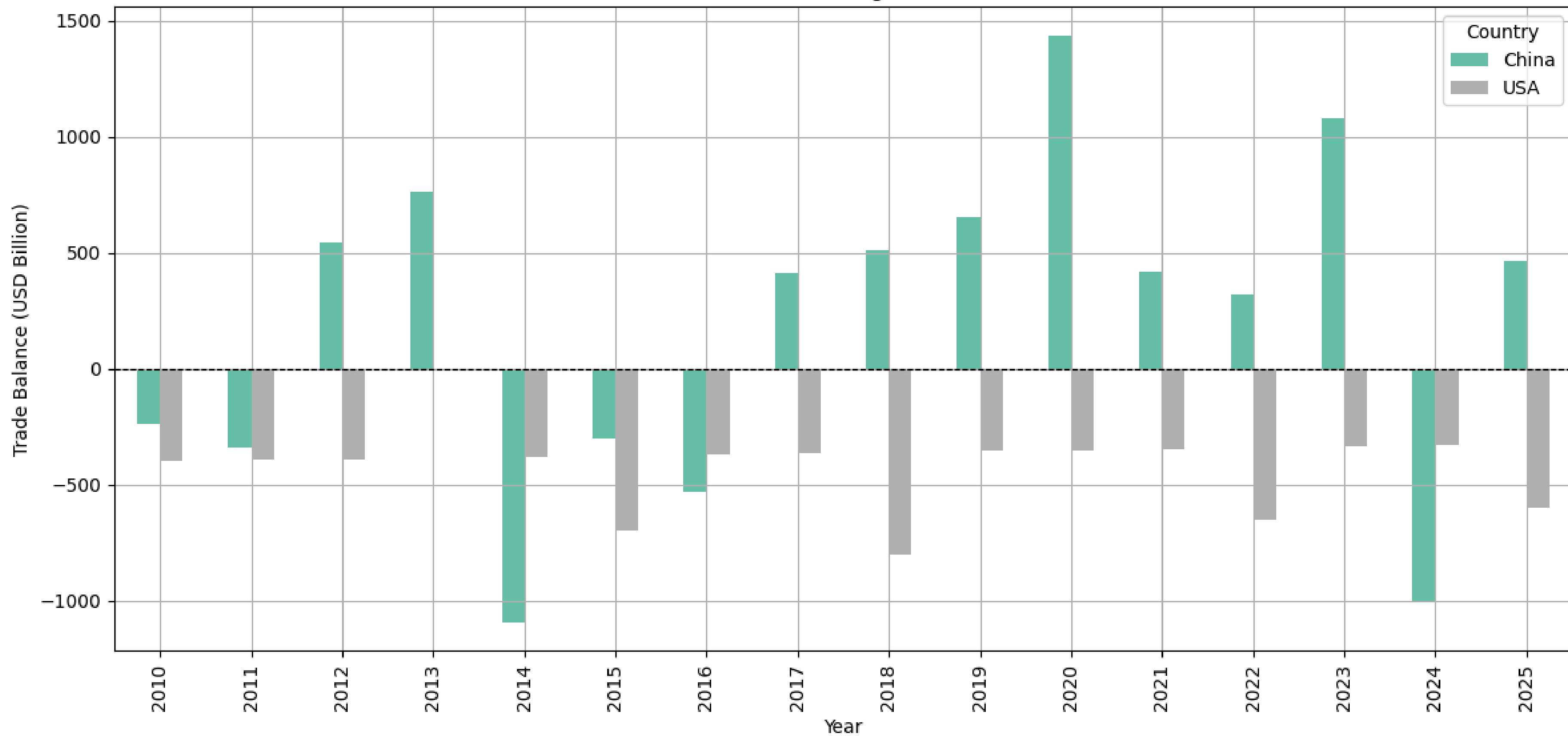
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Trade Balance Over Time (2010-2025)

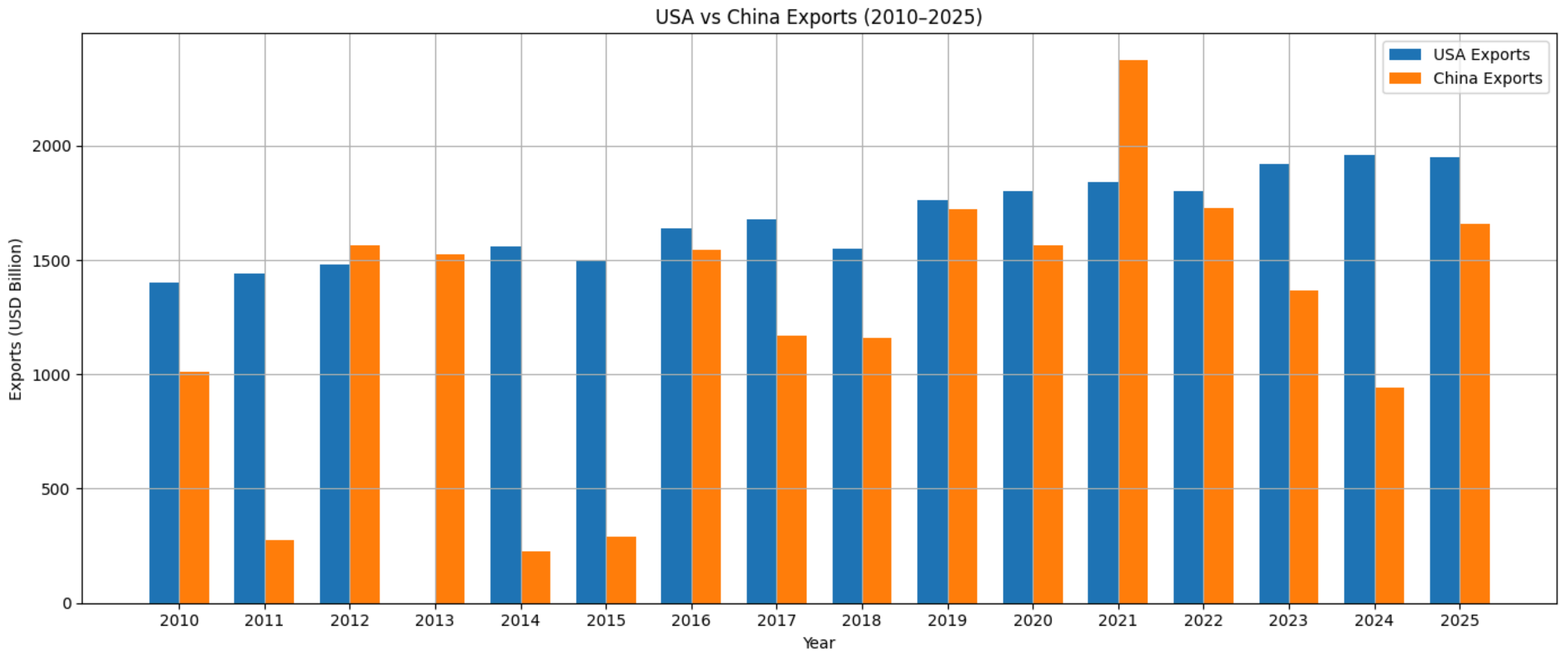


This graph depicts both Russia and China as dominating the world trade environment until 2022 with the invasion of Ukraine, and for China 2024 when Donald Trump stepped into the arena. The U.S. trade market shows strength in its stability and one have to wonder - Is BRICS the ultimate move as the BRICS countries team up to remove the U.S. from the world economic throne?

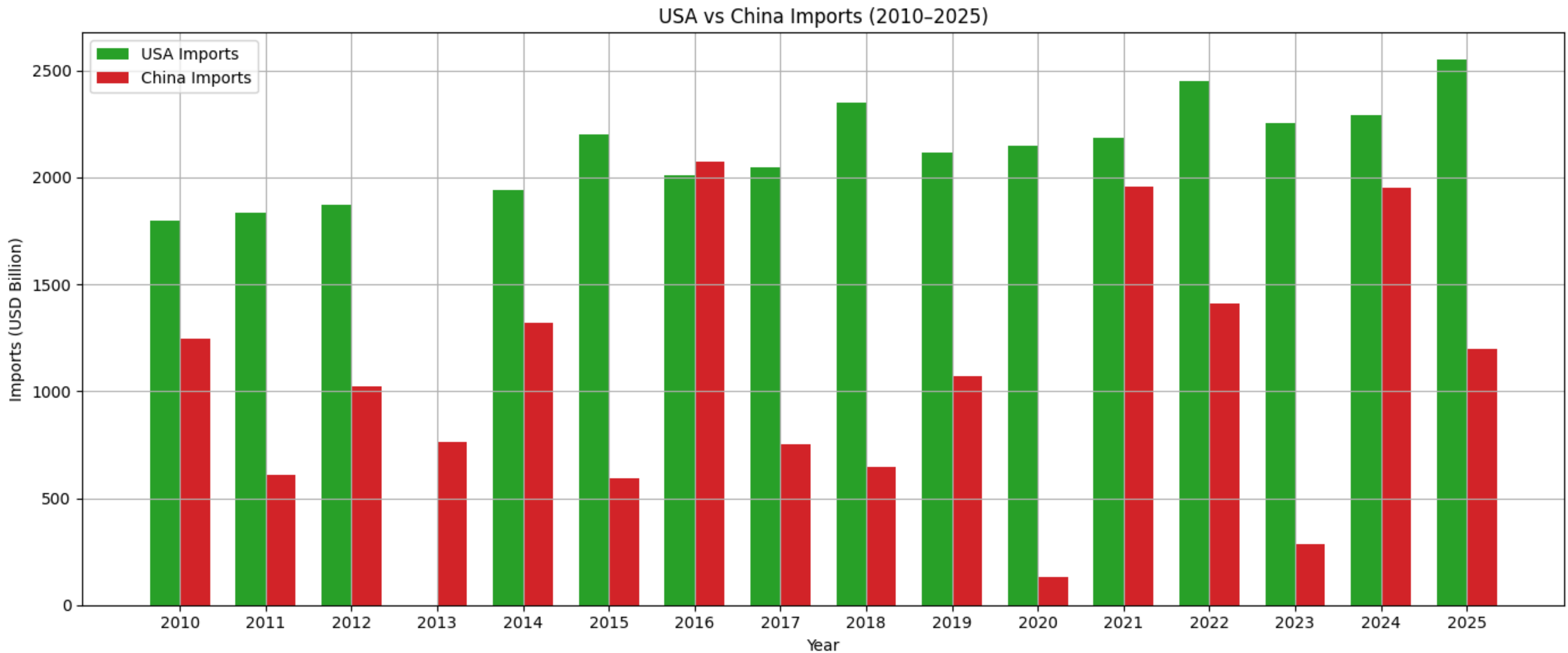
USA vs China Trade Balance During the Trade War (2010-2025)



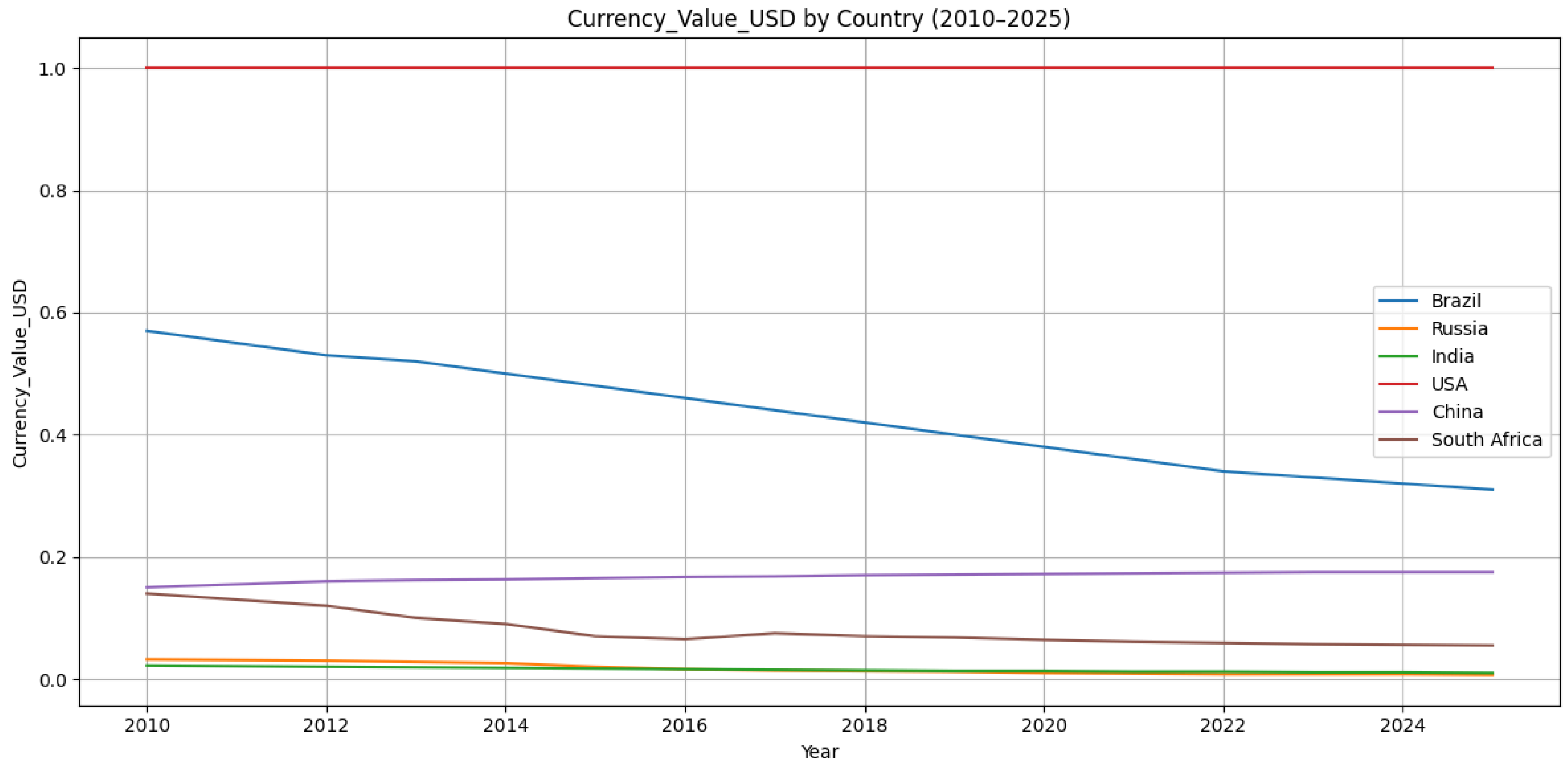
Its certainly clear that China did have the upper hand in the trade war ,and likewise , the U.S. have to do something in order to pick up the broken pieces, or do they?...



The U.S. defiantly blew China out of the water in the past 15 years of exports and once again proved its might with the supreme stability...



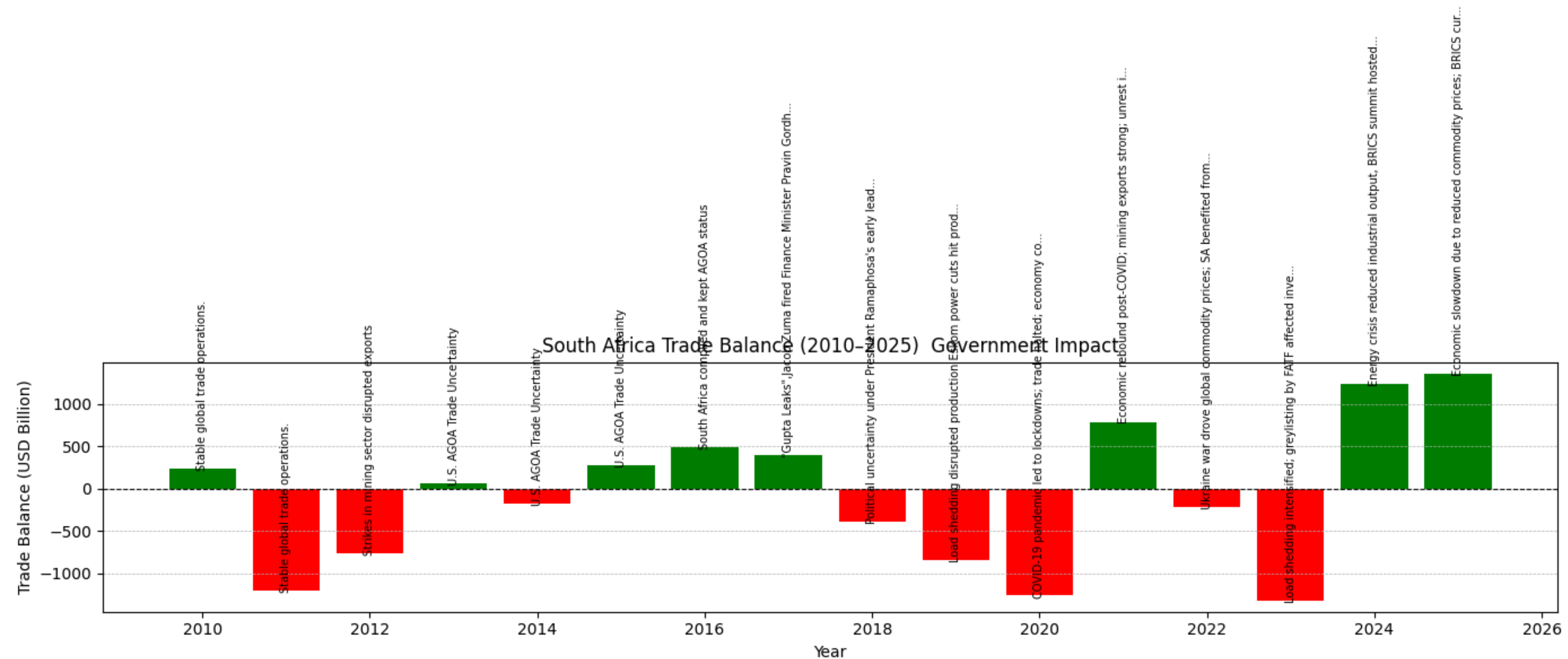
However the U.S dominates this statistical graph the real power of China is hidden inside.....
In 2017, 21.6% of the U.S. imports consisted of Chinese goods which is why we saw China's power in the world trade Balance.
However since the start of the trade war the numbers have shrunk down to a estimated 13-14% in 2025
This war is not over by far as China has realised that BRICS might be the best Kung fu move ever.



This graph paints the perfect picture for all parties involved . The U.S. Dollar is ruling the world and everyone has to look up to the sky and wish they had a currency as strong as the Dollar. China is the last man standing but certainly on it's way down. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa have met and united, "according to their mythology" a new army has been born...

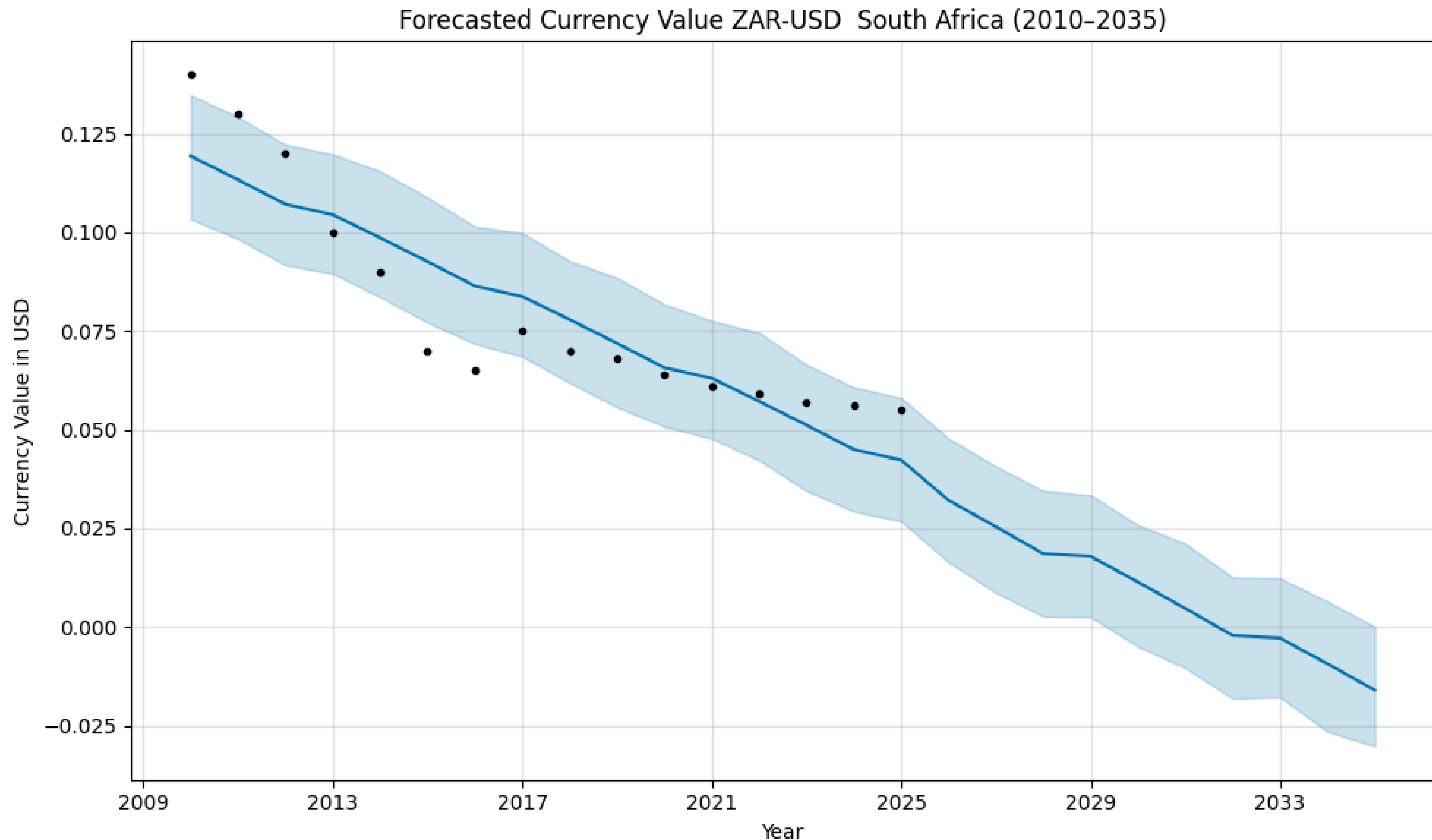
BRICS

A real scary story for most of us involved!!!



My beloved country is painting a very different story, 2011-2012 we had no sanctions and the years are noted as stable however, the Marikana Massacre created mass mining sector strikes and our leadership had no idea what to do, 2017 our president MR Zuma (the same one as 2011-2012 fired the finance minister Pravin Gordhan who ultimately exposed the government for the Gupta State Capture incident where we lost Billions of Rands to the pockets of the officials still walking the streets of South Africa.

Now our “none corrupt” government has joined hands with the BRICS nations to try and get a ticket out of here...It’s expanding, challenging the dollar, and offering alternatives to Western-led institutions.



Is BRICS a good choice or a bad choice?

This is the projected future of the South African Rand ZAR with the help of the “prophet” package in Jupyter (a python data analytics tool).

Will South Africa become the next Zimbabwe? Certainly no investor will look our way unless there is a certain and clear miracle waiting for us on the horizon.

Maybe, this whole analysis brings us to the conclusion that Crypto currencies are our only hope and maybe the prophecies have come to pass.