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XXIV St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

From 2 to 5 June 2021, St. Petersburg hosted the XXIV St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, which became the world's first and largest full-time business event after a forced break due to the coronavirus pandemic. This year it was attended by 13 thousand participants. About 800 transactions were concluded for a total of 3.8 trillion rub. One of the most important discussion platforms of the forum - Russia - Africa, was called upon to determine the most important areas of Russian-African cooperation in the near future.

The moderator of the Russia - Africa discussion platform was Irina Olegovna Abramova, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences; Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Head of the Scientific Council under the Secretariat of the Russia-Africa Partnership Forum.

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"The Fates of Africa in the Modern World" XV Conference of Africanists

On May 24-26, 2021, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, together with the Roscongress Foundation, with the support of the Russian Information Agency "TASS" held the 15th conference of Africanists "The Fates of Africa in the Modern World" in an intramural-distance format. The conference began its work on the eve of the 25 May – Africa Day. [Read more...](#)

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Letter of Gratitude to academician A.M. Vasiliev

On June 22, 2021, ICSTI, in partnership with the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, successfully held an international scientific and practical conference "The Middle East and Russia: the contours of strategic partnership" in the format of videoconferencing. The information sponsor of the conference was the scientific journal "Information and Innovations" and INA "Russia Today". [Read more...](#)

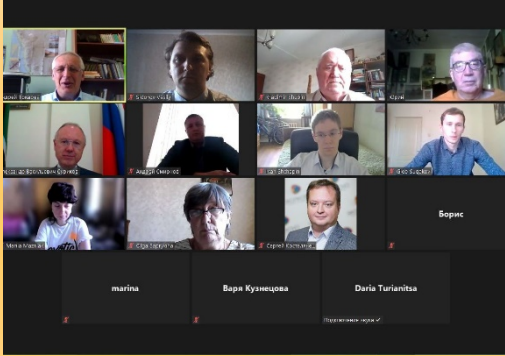


Obituary Vladilen Ivanovich GUSAROV (02/28/1934 - 05/31/2021)

In the 88th year, a famous Russian Africanist-Arabist, Doctor of Geographical Sciences, a leading researcher at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a member of the Scientific Dissertation Council for Economic Sciences Vladilen Ivanovich GUSAROV passed away. [Read more...](#)

Round table "Prophets and prophetic movements in the religious and cultural development of Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA): historical experience and modernity"

On April 13, 2021, the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held an online round table on the topic: "Prophets and prophetic movements in the religious and cultural development of Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA): historical experience and modernity". [Read more...](#)



Round table "Mozambique today"

On June 16, 2021, the Center for Southern African Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences organized and conducted a round table "Mozambique Today" in a zoom format.

The purpose of the "round table" is to exchange views on the internal political situation in Mozambique, the state of its economy and development prospects, the main directions of domestic and foreign policy; discuss problems in the humanitarian field and other issues. [Read more...](#)

"Postcolonial Studies: Main Aspects and Development Trends"

The Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held on June 30, 2021 in the ZOOM format a meeting of the scientific seminar "Postcolonial Civilizational Transit of Sub-Saharan Africa". The topic of the meeting: "Postcolonial Studies: main aspects and development trends." [Read more...](#)

"XXI Century: Humanities and Socio-Economic Sciences"

From 13 to 14 April 2021, the XXX All-Russian Readings of students, postgraduates, young scientists with international participation took place online at Tula State University. From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the event was attended by Ph.D. T.R. Khairullin. [Read more...](#)



International scientific and practical online seminar for young scientists on the topic "Ethno-religious factor in political processes in the modern East"

April 23, 2021 Department of Political Science of the East, Institute of Asian and African Countries and Moscow State University held an international scientific and practical online seminar for young scientists on the topic "Ethno-religious factor in political processes in the modern East." From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the event was attended by Ph.D. T.R. Khairullin, who made a presentation on the topic: "Trends in political Islam: the transition towards liberalization." [Read more...](#)



XXVIII International Scientific Online Conference "LOMONOSOV"

From 21 to 23 April 2021 at the Moscow State University. M.V. Lomonosov, XXVIII International scientific online conference of students, graduate students and young scientists "LOMONOSOV" was held.

From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences in the section "Oriental and African Studies" participated Ph.D, Head of the Center for Sociological and Political Research S.V. Kostelyanets and Ph.D. T.R. Khairullin. [Read more...](#)

Scientific conference of students and young scientists ORBES POLITICI 2021

On May 15, 2021, the School of Political Studies of the Institute of Social Sciences of the RANEPА held a scientific conference of students and young scientists ORBES POLITICI 2021. From the Institute for African Studies in the section "Problems of Global and Regional Development: The Greater Middle East" the paper "The next crisis of Islamism in the Arab world" was presented by Ph.D. Khairullin T.R. [Read more...](#)

"Topical commentary" (rubric created in cooperation with IMEMO RAN)



General Election in the Republic of Niger 2020

On December 27, 2020, a general election was held in the Republic of Niger: the President and the National Assembly of the country were elected.

Niger is one of the poorest countries in the world, with 41.4% of its population below the poverty line. Up to 80% of the territory is occupied by the Sahara Desert; the rest of the regions located in the Sahel are prone to droughts and desertification. Most of the 24 million people live in the far west and south of the country, where natural conditions allow for full-fledged agricultural activities. Significant reserves of minerals (gold, zinc, lead, silver, tin, etc.) have been discovered and partially developed in Niger, but its main wealth is uranium, for which the country ranks fifth in the world. [Read more...](#)



Ethiopia: 125 years of victory over the Italian colonialists at the Battle of Adua (1896)

On March 2, 2021, in Addis Ababa, on the main square - Meskel - near the monument to Emperor Menelik II, celebrations were held to mark the 125th anniversary of the victory of Ethiopia (then Abyssinia) over the Italian colonialists at Adua. The victory of Abyssinia, including the irregular peasant army under the command of Emperor Menelik II, received a huge resonance in the world as the first victory against a colonial power ever won by an African country. The small country, which was considered "barbaric" in Europe, became an equal state. European powers were in a hurry to establish diplomatic relations and open embassies and missions in Addis Ababa. The victory at Adua was a launching pad or a springboard for the emergence of pan-Africanism. [Read more...](#)



March 2021: presidential elections in the Congo Republic

The Republic of the Congo is a former French colony that gained independence on August 15, 1960. For more than 25 years (from July 1964 to December 1990), the Republic of the Congo (then the People's Republic of the Congo) developed a course of socialist orientation. In 1990, the country's leadership was one of the first in Africa to declare the beginning of democratic reforms, the need to carry out "restructuring in the Congolese way." In July 1990, the ruling and then the only Congolese Labor Party in the country raised the issue of introducing a multi-party system in the Congo and rejection of Marxism-Leninism as a state ideology. [Read more...](#)



Presidential Election 2021 in the Republic of Benin

On April 11, 2021, presidential elections were held in the Republic of Benin. The current head of state, 63-year-old Patrice Guyem Atanas Talon (born May 1, 1958), who ran as an independent candidate, was re-elected for a second (last) 5-year term, receiving 86.36% (1 984 832) of the vote with a turnout of 50.17%. In conjunction with him, Vice-President of Parliament Mariam Chabi Talata Zimé, who became the first woman in Benin's history in this position, was on the post of vice-president. [Read more...](#)



Djibouti presidential elections. Situation in the country and forecasts of its development.

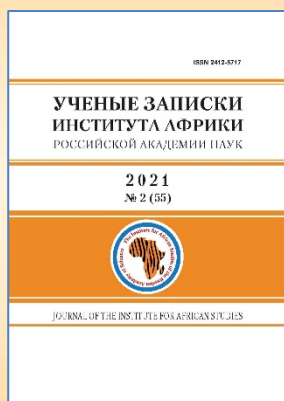
The presidential elections in the Republic of Djibouti were held on April 9, 2021. The incumbent President Ismail Omar Gelle, gaining 98.58% of the votes of the registered voters, took over as head of state for the fifth time. On the whole, the elections passed calmly, and in the absence of real opposition to the incumbent president, they had a generally predictable result. The few opposition parties in Djibouti, as before, failed to nominate a single candidate and traditionally boycotted the elections. [Read more...](#)



Republic of Chad: before and after the 2021 presidential elections

April 2021 marked a turning point in the history of modern Chad. On April 11, presidential elections were held, demonstrating for the sixth time the advantage of incumbent President Idris Deby (the “Mouvement patriotique du salut” party), who received 79.32% of the vote with a turnout of 64.81% (population of the country – 17.4 million people, about 7.4 million voters are registered). Nine candidates running for the post of head of state could not compete with him. [Read more...](#)

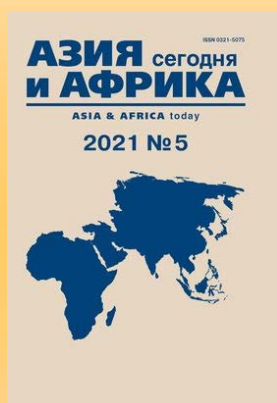
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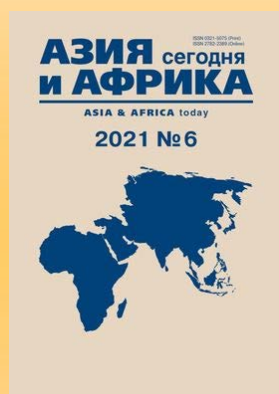
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