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Lecture of the H.E. Dr. Janne d'Arc Mujawamariya, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda to the Russian Federation



On the 12th of February the Institute became a venue of the [Public Lecture](#) of the H.E. Dr. Janne d'Arc Mujawamariya, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda to the Russian Federation on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the Rwandan Genocide.

Within the program of the meeting the presentations by the scholars from the Institute for African Studies and the documentary film screening devoted to the tragic events of the 1994 were scheduled.



BRICS Academic forum in Rio

March 8-19, Rio-de-Janeiro (Brazil) hosted the VI BRICS Academic forum.

The opening ceremony was attended by the officials of five countries including Russia headed by the chair of the Education Committee of the State Duma of the Russian Federation, head of the «[Russkiy Mir](#)» foundation, chairman of the National committee for BRICS studies, Vyacheslav Nikonov.

Among the delegates were the director of the Institute for African Studies, full member of the RAS Alexei Vasiliev, director of the Latin American studies Vladimir Davydov and others.

During the session Alexei Vasiliev spoke on «Character of urbanization in Africa. Fate of megacities».



Young scholars regular seminar series

January 22, Albert Khamatshin spoke on «Agrarian issue in Southern Africa» in the framework of the regular young scholars seminar series at the Institute for African studies.

The discussant duties were taken on by Prof. Vladimir Shubin.

The seminar was followed by the Cinema Club session. [Read more.](#)

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5th of February, the regular seminar series of the Young scholars council of the Institute gathered the audience to discuss Vladislav Kruchinsky's paper «After the representation: extraparliamentary mobilization in afrikaaners community in South Africa».

Prior to the elections in South Africa in 2014 the researchers' and journalists' attention focused on the political parties' activities: their agendas are carefully analyzed, the information realm is filled with forecasts regarding the number of seats in Parliament that the promises and election canvassing. [Read more.](#)

Media

On the 26th of January the teleshow "What to do? With Vitaly Tretiakov. Anthropology of the Power: Permanence in history and space" on the "Culture" channel took place. The guests discussed the issues of political anthropology that touches the systems and power institutions in societies of different epochs and regions of the Earth.

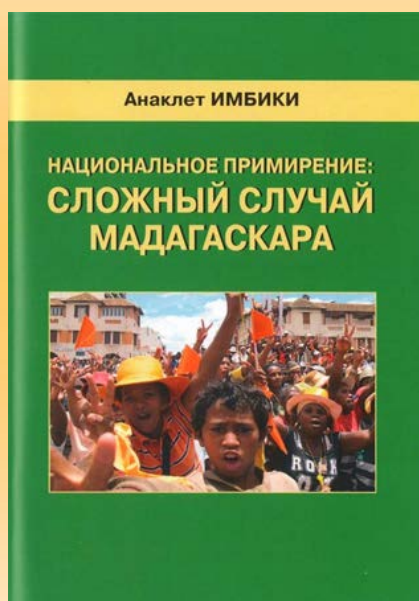
Among the discussants was Prof. Dmitri Bondarenko, the vice-director of the Institute.

[Video.](#)

Publications

The Madagascar's friends club together with the Institute for African studies Press have published the monograph of the famous political activist of Madagascar, Anaclet Imbika «National reconciliation: a tough case of Madagascar».

[Read more.](#)



«The Legacy of Mandela» Conference

On the invitation of the Centre for International Dialogue and Co-operation of the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation Prof. Vladimir Shubin spoke on «From the struggle to government – the ANC in the view from Moscow» at the conference on «The Legacy of Mandela – South Africa 20 years after the End of Apartheid» in Berlin on 24th March.



PhD theses defenses

February 11, Nikolai Sukhov successfully defended a PhD thesis titled «The history of humanitarian ties and intercultural cooperation between Morocco and Russia in XX - XXI cc.».

Full text, supplementary documents and more about the defense.

December 23, 2013, Eldar Kasaev and Evgeny Uspenskiy successfully defended PhD theses on «Actual problems of socio-economic development in Qatar in the beginning of XXI c.» and «Investment climate in Arab countries in the end of XX c. - beginning of XXI c.» respectively.

December 24, 2013, Grigory Karpov successfully defended PhD thesis «Dynamics and specifics of Afro-Asian communities formation in Great Britain in the second half of XX c. - beginning of XXI c.».

December 25, Sergei Matsenko and Vasilii Sidorov successfully defended their PhD theses on «Banking sector in African countries: problems and perspectives of development» and «South Africa's role and place in the world economy in the beginning of XXI c.» respectively.



Conference in China

December 11, 2013, the Institute of West-Asian and African Studies of the [Chinese Academy of Social Sciences](#) (CASS) hosted the [interantional seminar](#) «Middle East economic development: Challenges and ways ahead». Among the paper-givers was Dr. Vladimir Kukushkin who spoke on «Arab Spring: Consequences and Prospects for North African Oil, Gas and Development Strategies».

[Read more](#) about the conference.

Cinema club «Africa shows»



December 17, 2013, the Cinema club session presented a rare collection of short animated movies directed by the Nigerien filmmaker Moustapha Alassane.

Shot in 60s and 70s, at the time of active adaptation of European cultural patterns in Africa while rethinking the traditional ones, the cartoons provide a fresh view on the satire and spur the

audience into reflecting of the role of traditional culture in the present tech epoch.

This was the first screening of the venerable African director's works in Russia.

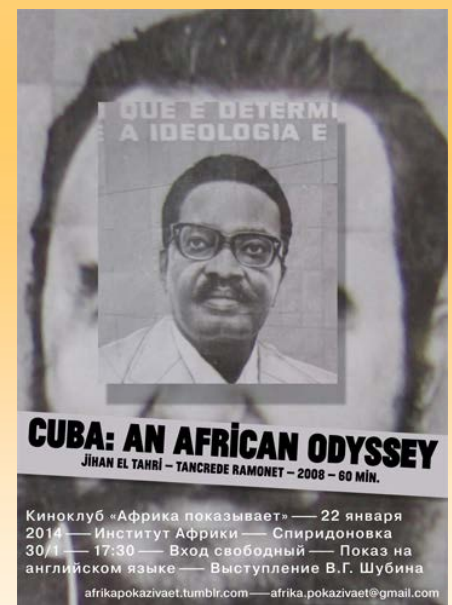
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January 22 and February 5, the Cinema Club screened the documentary «Cuba: An African Odyssey», that sheds the light on little-known aspects of Cuban engagement into national liberation movements in Africa.

The screening was accompanied by the comments of the participant of the documentary, Prof. Vladimir Shubin.

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Киноклуб «Африка показывает» — 22 января 2014 — Институт Африки — Спиридоновка 30/1 — 17:30 — Вход свободный — Показ на английском языке — Выступление В.Г. Шубина
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