



Collective monograph «BRICS – AFRICA»

A collective monograph «BRICS - AFRICA: Partnership and Interaction» was published (eds: Dr. Tatiana Deych, Dr. Evgeniy Korendyasov).

The book is probably the first comprehensive study of the phenomenon of BRICS, comprised of Brazil, China, India, Russia and South Africa in Russian science. It is aimed to evaluate the influence of this group on the status of the African continent in the globalizing world. The main purpose of the book is to answer the question: how and in which ways do the rapidly growing partnership and interaction between Africa and BRICS countries in economic, trade, financial and investment spheres influence the processes of Africa's economic growth and the strengthening of the continent's role in the global economic and political relations, as well as in system of global governance. Beside Russian scholars, the team of authors includes researchers from other BRICS countries: China, India, Brazil and

South Africa. The book is intended for those interested in the present-day international relations, contemporary African affairs and current problems and prospects of the complex relationship between Russia and Africa. [Read more](#)

Presentation of the book by Prof. Vladimir Shubin

October 13 2013, the Conference Hall of the Institute was a venue of the Prof. Vladimir Shubin book [presentation](#). The monograph «Hot “Cold War”: African south (1960-1990)» was published by LRC Publishing House. Prof. Shubin introduced the audience to the national liberation movement in Southern Africa during the “cold war” and to the role of our country in supporting the struggle against colonialism and racism. The publication is based on Soviet and foreign archive documents, memorials of the participants and author's experience.



Among the guests and speakers were: Full members of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexei Vasiliev and Apollon Davidson, the former head of the Republic of North Ossetia–Alania Alexander Dzasokhov, veterans of military service in African countries, H.E. Ambassador of Zimbabwe Bonifes Guva Britto Chidyausiku, H.E. Ambassador of South African Republic Mandisi Mpahlwa, Prof. Andrei Urnov, Dr. Kirill Babaev. [Read more](#)



Prof. Alexei Vasiliev on the «"Opinion": what threatens Russian citizens in Libya»

October 7, the director of the Institute for African Studies, Full member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexei Vasiliev took part in the «Opinion» TV-show on the «Vesti24» channel as an invited expert. The discussion in the studio touched on the current situation in Libya and its whence, evacuation of the Russian Embassy from Tripoli, Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs recommendations not to visit the country.

«Libya is disintegrated by the principle of total war among those who eager to get an allotment from the oil extraction. The Libyans die like flies, the country is on the verge of collapse...» — Alexei Vasiliev noted. [Read more](#)





Field research in Tanzania

September 5 to 30 the junior research fellows of the Institute for African Studies Oxana Ivanchenko and Petr Popov conducted a field research in the United Republic of Tanzania.

The research project within the framework of the The Russian Foundation for Humanitarian Research grant №13-31-01284 («Mutual aid practices in African cities»). Head of the project: Dr. Daria Zelenova) took place in Dar-es-Salaam with the focus on the contemporary forms of social incorporation among the poorest social stratum mainly in two neighbourhoods of the city: Gongo-la-Mboto and Mbagala. Other districts, including Manzese, Tandale, Mwananyamala - were visited for illustrative purposes.

During the trip young scholars arranged a number of interviews with the leaders and members of the mutual help organizations and, in addition, staff members of the University of Dar-es-Salaam and Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy. [Read more](#)

Dr. Khristina Turinskaya expedition to Eastern Africa



Dr. Khristina Turinskaya, senior research fellow of the Centre for Tropical African Studies, IAS RAS, took part in the field research in The Republic of Kenya and The United Republic of Tanzania on 12 - 29 August 2013. This scientific expedition was conducted in cooperation with the colleagues from the Chair of Ethnology, Moscow State University -- Dr Andrey Tutorskiy.

The research took place in Nairobi, Mombasa, Arusha, Mto wa Mbu, Moshi, Dodoma, Dar es Salaam, Zanzibar. The problems of social and political development in Kenya and Tanzania, actual processes in the culture, with special reference to the Indian and Greek communities, were among the main topics of scientific work. The research team from Moscow got into contact with the colleagues from the University of Nairobi, the University of Dodoma, the University of Dar es Salaam, the Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy (Dar es Salaam) in an effort to develop and strengthen scientific collaboration between the Russian and African institutions. [Read more](#)

Expedition Benin – Burkina-Faso - Niger



September 25 – October 26 the junior research fellow of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology Alexander Panov undertook a field research in West Africa with the focus on «African students in USSR: alumni mobility and career development» within his research project. During the

trip Mr. Panov visited three countries: Benin, Burkina-Faso and Niger. [Read more](#)

Alexei Vasiliev visit to China

September 16 – October 1, the director of the Institute for African Studies visited the People's Republic of China. During the assignment A. Vasiliev continued his research on Russian-Chinese cooperation in Africa within the BRICS and got acquainted with the new projects of Chinese scholars.

Vasiliev took part in a series of seminars and discussions of the issues of the BRICS members' relations with African countries, Arab revolutions, role of Islam in politics, Russian-Chinese cooperation, demographic problems' solutions in Asia and Africa, current Middle East and North Africa situation.

In addition, one of the goals of stay in China was widening the Institute scholars' contacts with foreign colleagues and research centers. Prof. Vasiliev established the ties with the [Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences](#).



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International Conference ECAS 2013 in Lisbon (Portugal)

June 27-29, the Lisbon University hosted the [5th European Conference on African Studies ECAS 2013 «African dynamics in a multipolar world»](#).

Eleven scholars from the Institute, including PhD students, took part in this event: Prof. V. Shubin spoke on «The Socialist International and Africa: 21st century» within the panel «Compared political systems of sub-Saharan Africa: endogenous and exogenous factors in the construction of political

frameworks». The head of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology Dr. Ekaterina Demintseva was a papergiver at the work of the «Intergenerational relations amongst African migrants in Europe» panel and spoke on «Deux generation entre l'Afrique et la France». The Senior Research Fellow of the Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy Dr. Tatyana Deytch delivered a paper «Chinese companies on African raw materials markets» at the «Cooperation under asymmetric conditions: Africa and the emerging powers» panel. Dr. Olga Kulkova spoke on «EU and Africa: prospects for co-operation against the background of the growing influence of BRIC countries on the continent».

Their colleague Dr. Alexander Zhukov served as a discussant and co-convenor of the «Between internal and external: exploring the dialectics of peace-building and state-building in Africa» panel. Dr. Stanislav Mezentsev spoke on «External politico-military engagements 'for peacebuilding' in the Horn of Africa: a critical evaluation» within the same session. The junior research fellow of the Centre for Southern Africa Studies Albert Khamatshin presented a paper «South-South cooperation in agriculture and the role of BRICS countries».

Dr. Daria Zelenova together with junior research fellow Vladislav Kruchinsky took part in the panel on urban anthropology and presented a joint paper «Psychogeography of the right angle: state and residents' visions of the temporary relocation area in Cape Town». Beside V. Kruchinsky also delivered a paper «Poor Afrikaners and the new subculture of poverty in contemporary South Africa». The doctoral student of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology Alexander Panov's paper «"We are all Rwandans": resisters to genocide as collective national hero» was a part of the «Heroes in Africa» panel.

The director of the Institute for African Studies, Full member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexey Vasiliev, Dr. Alexandra Arkhangel'skaya and Gerhard Seibert (ISCTE-IUL) convened the panel «BRICS and Africa: the increasing engagement of emerging powers in a resource-rich continent». In addition Dr. A. Arkhangel'skaya presented a «Russia - Africa: horizons of cooperation and development» paper.

Doctoral Studies

On the 16th of October during the session of the Academic Council of the Institute the following young scholars received their certificates of enrollment: Dmitri Kochetov, Kira Mescherina, Artem Timofeev, Filipp Malakhov.



Alexander Tkachenko on the «Sunday evening» broadcast

On the 6th of October the member of the Academic Council of the RAS on problems of the economic, socio-political and cultural development of African countries, the head of the Centre for North African and African Horn Studies of the Institute took part in the show «Sunday evening with V. Solovyev» on «Russia 1» channel.



Among the questions raised in the discussion were: what are the subsequences of the Arab Spring; who attacked the Russian embassy in Libya; why the blood is spilled again in Egypt? [More](#)

«Africa: 54 Countries, One Union - Integration and Infrastructure»

On the 24-25 of October the Beijing International Hotel Convention Center hosted the 4th International conference «Africa: 54 Countries, One Union - Integration and Infrastructure». Junior research fellow of the Institute for African Studies Eldar Salakhedinov took part in the discussions and roundtables.

Among the key speakers were the Prime-Minister of Italy Romano Prodi, the director of the Chinese Academy of Sciences Yang Guang, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Erastus Mwencha.



Rhodes Forum «Dialog of Civilizations»

October 2nd to 6th Rhodes island (Greece) became a venue of the annual session of the «Dialog of Civilizations» forum that brought together more than 500 experts from over 60 countries.

The main theme of the 11th session was «The Age of the World Picture», while one of the key sections of the Forum was a Panel «Alternative Maps of the World: Geo-economics».

Among the participants of the Forum was the Head of the Laboratory for Geo-economic Analysis of the Institute for African Studies Alexander Neklessa. He delivered a report «Geo-Economic World Structure».



EKATERINBURG URAL AFRICA



«Urals - Africa» Economic Forum

July 11-12, the «Urals - Africa» Economic Forum was held in Ekaterinburg

The Plenary session of the Forum that was divided by two parts, included presentations by representatives of both Russian and African sides. The African papergivers introduced the reports about investment opportunities in Africa, priority areas of investment cooperation and cooperation potential (often insufficiently used by Russia).

A series of reports by representatives of Russian diplomatic, governmental, research and educational institutions were delivered during the assembly. The reports reflected the issues of a general nature about the necessity to restore and build business relations between Russia and the African continent countries.

The specific suggestions were announced. For instance, in her report Dr. Elena Kharitonova stressed that «..there are numerous obstacles now occurring in the implementation of programs of establishing effective business relations between Russia and African countries. Two of them are named. The first obstacle is an insufficient account of changes occurring in the world . The second one is not clearly articulated national strategy of Russia towards Africa». [More](#)

