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DESTINIES OF AFRICA IN THE MODERN WORLD

15th International African Studies Conference

(Moscow, Russia, May 26-29, 2020)

Call for Papers

Dear Colleagues,

On May 26-29, 2020 in Moscow the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, in co-operation with the Research Council for the Problems of African Countries, holds the 15th African Studies Conference titled *Destinies of Africa in the Modern World*. The Conference main events will take place on the premises of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The working languages are Russian and English.

During the Conference, each panel will work for one day and will have one or two time slots, with no more than six papers in each (that is, **no panel will exceed twelve papers**).

The Organizing Committee have considered all the panel proposals received by it. The list of accepted proposals can be found below. The deadline for paper proposals (in the form of abstracts **within 300 words** in Russian or English) is **November 15, 2019**. The proposals should be sent **directly to the respective panel convener(s)** who is (are) to inform the applicant about his (her) application's fortune by **December 1, 2019** – the date by which the panel conveners are to submit their compiled panels to the Organizing Committee.

The information to be submitted alongside with the paper abstract includes full name, institutional affiliation, full mail and e-mail addresses, telephone number.

In the case the proposal is accepted and you need a Russian entry visa, the Organizing Committee will contact you with regards to your visa application support at a Russian Consulate or Embassy in **the beginning of the year 2020**.

The conference registration fee in Russian rubles, equivalent to \$150 (\$75 in rubles for students and for citizens of African states residing in Africa, except South Africa), is to be paid in cash onsite upon arrival. The Conference participants working for the Institute for African Studies official partners are waved from registration fee. (For the list of the Institute for African Studies official partners please, visit the page “Cooperation” on the Institute’s website at the address <http://www.inafran.ru/en/node/144>). **No other participant can be waved from registration fee.**

The Organizing Committee can assist in booking accommodation, but independent reservation is encouraged. Please note that early hotel reservation is strongly recommended, as Moscow hotels and hostels may be full any season. Besides [booking.com](http://www.booking.com), [otel.com](http://www.otel.com) and other internationally recognized hotel and hostel search and booking websites, you may try specifically Moscow websites <http://www.moscow-hotels.net/> and <http://www.moscow-hotels.com/>.

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The staff of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences congratulates Prof. Ariadna Petrovna Pozdnyakova on her Anniversary

January 25, 2019, the team of the Institute congratulated Ariadna Petrovna on her jubilee. Prof. Ariadna Pozdnyakova gives a lot of time and efforts to the [Center for Tropical African Studies](#) and supports a creative and friendly atmosphere at the Institute. The staff of the Institute and colleagues sincerely love and highly appreciate Ariadna Pozdnyakova. [Read more.](#)



Scientific project “The Development of African Countries and Peoples in a Cultural and Historical Context”

In 2019, the [Center for History and Cultural Anthropology](#) of the Institute began working on the three-year project (2019-2021): “The Development of African Countries and Peoples in a Cultural and Historical Context”. The managers of the project are corresponding member of the RAS, Dr. Sc.(Hist), Prof. D.M. Bondarenko and Dr. Sc.(Hist.) V.V Gribanova.

The scientific project is devoted to the African countries’ and peoples’ development studies; in particular, cultural and historical aspects from the point of modern scientific knowledge. It is expected to study such problems as the relations between Russia / USSR and countries of North Africa in the XVIII - XX centuries, the African diasporas outside the African continent (USA, India, countries of the New World), groups and practices of mutual assistance and self-organization in African countries, the history and modern development of certain groups of African society, the socio-political development of the Southern African countries, the development of mass media in Africa, Africa and globalization. [Read more.](#)



The staff of the Institute congratulates Dr. Vladilen Ivanovich Gusarov on his 85th birthday

Vladilen Ivanovich Gusarov was born in 1934 and graduated from the Moscow State Economic Institute in 1957. In 1957-1967 he worked in the State Committee for Foreign Economic Relations on the provision of economic assistance to Arab and African countries.

In 1966 he defended his thesis and in 1967 he transferred to the scientific work in the Research Institute for Market Research. From 1970 to the present, he has been working at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. [Read more.](#)

A lecture “Geostrategic battle for Africa” by Prof. I.O. Abramova in frames of Mentoring program of the Institute

February 26, 2019 in the framework of the Mentoring program of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences consisted of lecture by the Director of the Institute, member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences I.O. Abramova on "Geostrategic battle for Africa". The event was attended by 25 people : participants of the program and graduate students. According to the results of the



lecture, participants could ask Prof. I.O. Abramova their questions.

Mentoring is a unique project for the Russian Academy of Sciences, which has already received positive feedback from the business and expert communities. The objectives of the project are, in particular, the transferring to the younger generations knowledge from organizations which obtain extensive experience, stimulating interest in African Studies. The best young professionals will be considered of the subsequent employment possibility at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. [Read more.](#)



Second Conference “Russia-Africa”

February 27, 2019 Director of the Institute for African Studies, Member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the RAS Prof. I.O. Abramova took part and made a report at the II “Russia-Africa” Conference. The event was organized by the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia and was chaired by the Deputy Minister T.I. Maximov. More than 30 ambassadors of African countries, employees of the diplomatic corps, more than 100 representatives of Russian companies, including “Rusatom-International Network”, OK “RUSAL”, “Russian Helicopters”, “Rostselmash”, etc. took part in it. During the Conference, reports were made by the heads of the diplomatic corps of African countries, including the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ghana to the Russian Federation, L.A. Opoku-Vare, Charge d’Affaires ad interim of Kenya to Russia V. Mwanjal, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Ethiopia in Russia A. Tegeny, Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of Namibia in the Russian Federation K.H. Kashuupulva, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Equatorial Guinea to Russia Kh.E. Akenga. [Read more.](#)

“Nation-building in Africa: Perspectives and Challenges”

March 4-7, 2019, the First Social Sciences Conference “Nation-building in Africa: Perspectives and Challenges”, organized by the Memorial Academy of Mwalimu Nyerere, was held in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania). During the conference, presentations were made by experts in the field of anthropology, history, political science, economics, sociology, international relations and linguistics from 14 countries. The staff of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took an active part in the conference. [Read more.](#)



Institute members congratulate Aida Nikolaevna Moseyko on her jubilee.

On March 27, 2019, a meeting of the Academic Council was held, at which colleagues congratulated Asey Nikolaevna Moseyko, a Leading Researcher at the [Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies](#) of the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a member of the Friends of Madagascar Club, on the anniversary and publication of her book “Madagascar.

Features of cultural and civil development.” Aida Nikolayevna was also greeted by the Economic Advisor of the Embassy of the Republic of Madagascar in the Russian Federation, Mr. Joseph Randriamiadza.

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Congratulations to the winner of the award “Russia - Islamic World” academician A.M. Vasiliev [Read more](#)



“ Current comment”

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Presidential Election 2018 in Madagascar

In December 2018, another presidential election was held in Madagascar. According to the current Constitution of Madagascar, the head of state - the President - is the “guarantor” of national independence and territorial integrity, he is elected by direct universal suffrage for a period of 5 years and can be re-elected only once.

The presidential elections in Madagascar (if it was not a second term, but a change of leader) often became the beginning or end of crisis situations on the island. [Read more](#)



The results of the presidential elections of 2018 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

December 30, 2018 in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) held presidential, parliamentary elections, as well as local government elections. These were the third democratic elections in the Republic (the first in 2006, the second in 2011). They took place on the backdrop of a tough competition for power among the Congolese political elite. [Read more](#)

Results of the presidential election and the post-electoral climate in Senegal

On February 24, 2019, the 11th presidential election was held in Senegal since the country's independence was declared.

In the first round won the current head of state - 58-year-old Makki Sall.

Prior to his election in 2012 as President of the Republic, M. Sall held the posts of Minister of State for Energy, Mines and Hydraulics (2002–2003), State Minister of Internal Affairs and Local Authorities (2003–2004), Prime Minister (2004–2007), President of the National Assembly (2007–2008). [Read more](#)



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Monograph Balashova G.A. “Essays on Ethiopian Cultural Policy - A Look Through the Ages: A Series of Essays”

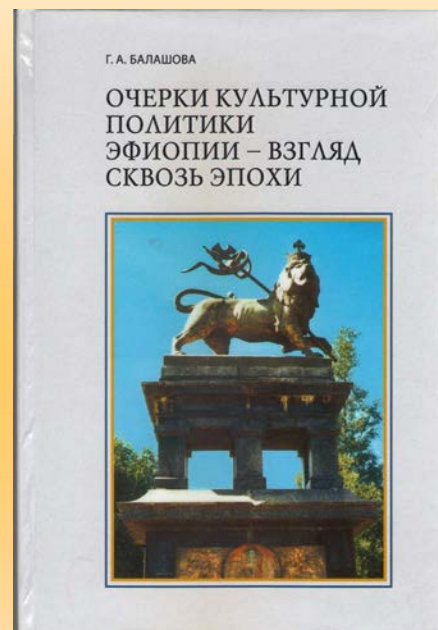
Balashova G.A. Essays on Ethiopian Cultural Policy - A Look Through the Ages: A Series of Essays

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This book introduces the reader to a topic that is little-known in Ethiopianism in our country - the development of the cultural policy of Ethiopia, presented by the author in 18 essays.

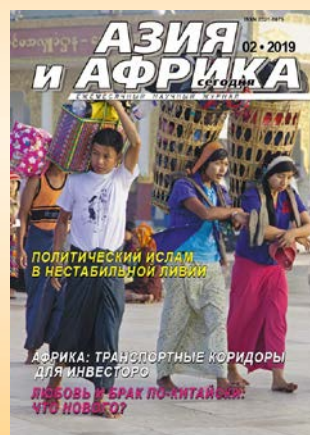
For many centuries the cultural policy of Ethiopia was feudal-monarchic in nature and was associated with the strengthening of the foundations of the monarchy, the spread and establishment of Christianity. [Read more](#)



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