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African vector of Russian foreign policy. Maya Nikolskaya's interview with Irina Abramova

How are the countries of the African continent developing? Why is Africa always associated with problems, famine and wars in the Russian information field? Why should Russia strengthen its presence in the region and how to do it? Maya Nikolskaya, junior researcher at the Center for Middle East Studies at IMI MGIMO, discussed the current state of Russian-African relations and the prospects for the development of the continent with a corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, **Irina Olegovna Abramova**. Read more



Scientific Russia. Read more

Continent of the XXI century. Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova on scientific and technological cooperation with Africa

What is modern Africa? To what extent are popular stereotypes about the continent true? At what stage are relations between Russia and African countries? How scientific and technological cooperation can help both our country and African states. **Irina Olegovna Abramova**, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, tells about this to



Russia-Africa Business Dialogue Held on the Sidelines of SPIEF 2022

On June 16, the Russia-Africa Business Dialogue was held, dedicated to the priorities of Russian-African cooperation in a changing world order. The discussion was moderated by Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Olegovna Abramova. Read more

Rossiya Segodnya Holds Videoconference on Russia's Cooperation With African Nations

Moscow (Sputnik) - The Rossiya Segodnya media group held on Wednesday a videoconference roundtable titled "Integration Processes: Russia and the African Union." Leading Russian Africanists and subject matter experts from Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia and South Africa took part in the discussion. The event is part of the project on Russia's integration processes with foreign intergovernmental organizations and regional associations, carried



out jointly with The Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund and the autonomous non-profit organization "Center for Assistance in the Implementation of Humanitarian and Educational Programs." The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences was presented by the head of the department of Russian-African relations and foreign policy of African countries Sergey Volkov, leading researcher, former ambassador of the USSR / Russia to Burkina Faso and Mali Evgeny Korendyasov who took part in the discussion. Read more



Opening of Russian-African Club on the eve of the Second Summit of Russia-Africa Partnership Forum

Round table meeting on "Establishment of the Russian-African Club" was held on June 23, 2022. The creation of the Club was initiated by the Faculty of Global Studies of Lomonosov Moscow State University, the Commission for Ethnocultural Development of the Council for Nationalities under the Government of Moscow, the Public Diplomacy Foundation supported by the Russia-Africa Partnership Forum Secretariat.

Ambassadors and representatives of African states' embassies, heads and researchers of museums, universities heads and professors, Africanists, etc. were invited to the constituent meeting of the Club. Read more



Celebration of Victory Day at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

On May 11, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences celebrated the 77th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War. Employees of different generations gathered again in the conference hall to celebrate the Holiday that unites us all.

The speech of a veteran of the Institute for African Studies, a participant in the war, and a leading researcher of the Institute, Aida Nikolaevna Moseyko, was at the center of attention. With great attention and empathy, the audience listened to her memories of the

hardest years in which she, still a teenager, but on an equal footing with adults, had to work not only in the rear but also close to the front. Read more



About the Africa Day Celebration at the RAS Institute for African Studies

On 25 May 2022, a celebratory meeting to mark Africa Day was held in the conference hall of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS). The event was attended by heads and representatives of 32 African diplomatic missions in Russia. The opening address was delivered by the Honorary President of the RAS Institute for African Studies, RAS Full Member, Prof. Alexei Vasiliev. During the session, speeches were

delivered by the Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for the Middle East and Africa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation H.E. Mikhail Bogdanov, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Cameroon to the Russian Federation, Dean of the African Diplomatic Corps H.E. Mahamat Paba Sale, the Deputy Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Prof. Leonid Fituni, Senator of the Russian Federation, the Chairman of the Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation with African countries (AFROCOM) Igor Morozov, Ambassador-at-large, the Head of the Secretariat of the Russian-Africa Partnership Forum H.E. Oleg Ozerov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation, the Chairman of the Association of Economic Cooperation with African States (AECAS) H.E. Alexander Saltanov. The participants were also congratulated by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to the Russian Federation, H.E. Prof. Abdullahi Shehu. Read more

Memorandum of Understanding on Co-Operation the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Independent University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina/Republika Srpska

On April 27, 2022, a cooperation agreement was signed between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Independent University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina/Republika Srpska. Read more



On the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

On May 31, 2021, a cooperation agreement was signed between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, which will contribute to the implementation of joint initiatives in the field of education, science and the training of highly qualified personnel. On behalf of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the agreement was signed by **I.O. Abramova**, Director of

the Institute, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, Professor, on behalf of MGIMO - **A.V. Torkunov**, Rector of MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Academician, Doctor of Political Sciences, Professor. Read more



International scientific online conference "Between promise and peril: African security in the 21st century"

On June 28, 2022, the <u>Center for Sociological and Political Science</u> (CSPR) of the IAfr RAS, together with the <u>University of the Free State</u> (Bloemfontein, South Africa) and the <u>Independent University of Banja Luka</u> (Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina / Republika Srpska), held a tripartite international scientific conference on the topic: "Between promise and peril: African security in the 21st century".

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to South Africa and the Kingdom of Lesotho Ilya

Igorevich Rogachev, Rector of the Independent University of Banja Luka, Professor Zoran Kalinich, Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, addressed the conference participants with a welcoming speech, Prof. Leonid Leonidovich Fituni, Dean of the Political Science Faculty of the Independent University of Banja Luka, Dr. Ostoja Barashin; and Director of the Institute for Scientific Research of the Independent University of Banja Luka, Dr. Dragana Popovich. Read more

International Scientific Forum EURASIA - 2022

From April 7 to April 8, 2022 in Magnitogorsk on the basis of MSTU. G.I. Nosov hosted the "International Scientific Forum Eurasia - 2022: social and humanitarian space in the era of globalization and digitalization" online. From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. in Political Science T.R. Khairullin. Read more

Participation of the Institute staff in the conference "Africa and Europe: Mutual Perspectives"

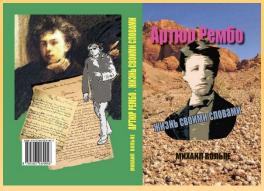
On June 10, 2022 Junior Research Fellow Daria Turianitsa and Senior Research Fellow Dr Veronica Usacheva took part in the conference titled as "Africa and Europe: Mutual Perspectives" Read more

On-line conference "Cooperation of the participants of the Eurasian Economic Union with African countries"

On March 29, 2022, the Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and the Foreign Policy of African Countries of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held a conference with international participation on the topic "Cooperation between the members of the Eurasian Economic Union and African countries". The conference took place at a difficult time, when the international situation sharply deteriorated, which required a rethinking of our country's relations with the outside world as a whole and with important partners, including the states of Africa and our closest neighbors, the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), a member of which is also in Russia. Read more

Report by A.I. Neklessa within the framework of the scientific seminar "Civilizational transit of the modern world: conceptual approaches"

On May 11, 2022, at noon, as part of the seminar of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies (CCRI) "Civilizational Transit of the Modern World: Conceptual Approaches", a report was made by the head of the North-South Group of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the IAFR RAS, Chairman of the Commission on Socio-Cultural Problems of Globalization of the Scientific Council "History of World Culture" at the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexander Ivanovich Neklessa on the topic "Three Globes of the Ecumene: Empires, Sovereign Nations, Personal Sovereignty". Read more



generations of researchers. Read more

Ph.D. M.L. Volpe presented report "Arthur Rimbaud and other Frenchmen in Ethiopia. The 1880s".

The fate of this French poet is unique in the history of culture. Arthur Rimbaud wrote all of his few poems and two prose works in his early youth. He did nothing to achieve recognition, abandoned his literary career, became a businessman in the East, retired to the African outback, and paid for it with health and death at a young age. Despite the circumstances, he ended up on the Olympus of world literature. Interest in his work does not fade over time among readers in many countries, and his personality attracts the attention of more and more new

Report by junior research fellow V.N. Bryndina within the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On June 7, at noon, within the seminar of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology "Culture and Society", a report was made by Bryndina V.N. "The image of Tippu-Tip in the memoirs and travel notes of British travelers in the second half of the 19th century."

The report examined the image of Hamed bin Mohammed al-Murjebi, a major Arab-Swahili merchant, better known by the nickname Tippu-Tip. In the 1860s-70s. Tippu-Tip collaborated with such well-known East African researchers as D. Livingston, V.L. Cameron, and G.M. Stanley. Later, he took part in the expedition to rescue Emin Pasha (1886-1889) and was captured in the memoirs and travel notes of several of its participants - E. Barttelot, J. Jameson, J. Troup, and H. Ward. Read more

Lecture by researcher, Ph.D. in Political Science D.A. Zelenova "Johannesburg and apartheid"

As in the second half of the 20th century, contrary to Osman's precepts for the unification of society, the main city of South Africa was built for people with a certain skin color. Lecture by researcher, Ph.D. in Political Science D.A. Zelenova "Johannesburg and apartheid" for the educational portal Arzamas. Academy. Read more

On the participation of the CYS of IAfr RAS in the X All-Russian Congress of Councils of Young Scientists on June 2-4, 2022

On June 2-4, 2022, the X All-Russian Congress of Councils of Young Scientists of Russia was held at the site of the National Research Technological University "MISiS", timed to coincide with the beginning of the Decade of Science and Technology. The event opened with a welcoming speech by the Assistant to the President of the Russian Federation A.A. Fursenko, the Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation V.N. Falkov and the Chairman of the Coordinating Council for Youth Affairs in Scientific and Educational Spheres N.V. From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian



Academy of Sciences, the event was attended by employees of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies Ph.D., senior research fellow I.A. Zakharov and junior research fellow, Deputy Chairman of the CYS of the InAfr RAS G.K. Sugakov. Read more

Sixth UrFU International Youth Convention

From March 24 to March 26, 2022, the Sixth International Youth Convention of UrFU "Global Challenges in a Changing World: Trends and Prospects for the Development of Social and Humanitarian Knowledge" was held online in Yekaterinburg. From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. in Political Science T.R. Khairullin. Read more

"Topical Commentary" (In the partnership with IMEMO RAS)



About the results of elections in Somalia

On the night of May 15-16, 2022, the national elections ended in Somalia. Initially, they were supposed to take place almost a year and a half ago. The reason for the repeated postponements and slow conduct of the electoral process, as before in the modern history of the country, was the fierce struggle that unfolded between various political groups and clans for power in the country. Read more

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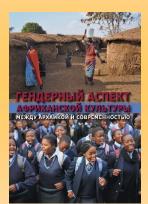
Essays on the history of Christian civilizations: in 2 vols. Vol. 2: From the Arab conquests to the crusades (VIII-XI centuries)

Editor: PhD Yu. M. Kobischanov . Moscow: ROSSPEN, 2022. – 302 p.

ISBN: 978-5-8243-2492-1

The monograph is a continuation of the study of the history of Christian civilizations, which began with the publication of the first volume in two books by the ROSSPEN publishing house. Volume 2 is devoted to the stage of the emergence of the main Christian civilizations (the first 11 centuries of the Christian era), which coincided with the era of great migrations

of peoples from the periphery of the civilized world to its advanced centers.



"Gender aspects of African Culture: between Archaic and Modernity". The collection of scientific works

Editors: Dr.Sc. (Hist.) N.L. Krylova, Ph.D. N.A. Ksenofontova

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The collection of scientific works "Gender aspects of African Culture: between Archaic and Modernity" is a new book in the series "Gender Studies", consisting of five independent sections that create a complete picture of the state of diverse and rich African culture in its main manifestations.



"Every citizen is an integral part of the nation." To the 100th anniversary of the birth of the founder of independent Tanzania, Julius Kambarage Nyerere.

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The book was prepared for the 100th anniversary of the birth of the first President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Julius Kambarage Nyerere. Both the main stages of the life and work of the Tanzanian leader and, in the context of his legacy, the main political and socio-economic problems of the country's modern development are considered.



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