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Meeting with representatives of the embassies of African countries in Russia on the preparation of the Scientific Forum "Russia-Africa"

On December 8, 2022, based on the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a meeting was held with representatives of the embassies of African states accredited in Moscow to prepare the Scientific Forum "Russia-Africa: Dialogue in Scientific Research", organized by the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Russian Center for Scientific Information (RCSI). The moderator was the director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy

of Sciences Irina Abramova. [Read more](#)

Situational analysis of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences on the eve of the second Summit and the Russia-Africa Economic Forum

On November 23, 2022, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences organized a Situational Analysis on the eve of the second Summit and the Russia-Africa Economic Forum with the invitation of members of the Scientific Council under the Secretariat of the Russia-Africa Partnership Forum and a number of departments. Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova and Ambassador-at-Large, Head of the Secretariat of the Russia-Africa Partnership Forum Oleg Ozerov, who reported about the past and future work about the organization of the Summit and emphasized the importance of practical results on the African direction of Russian foreign policy. [Read more](#)

Africa is Russia's asymmetrical response to the collective West.

On October 10, 2022, a conversation took place between the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova and the Honorary President of the Ivoire-Russian Chamber of Commerce, and Industry Curie Usmanov, who is actively involved in the development of Russian-African relations. [Read more](#)



Participation of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences in the events of the XIV RISA Convention

Faculty of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took an active part in the XIV Convention of the Russian International Studies Association (RISA), which was held based on MGIMO of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 13-15, 2022.

Within the framework of the event, a special session "Russia-Africa" was held, where the director of the African Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia Vsevolod Tkachenko, director of the Institute for African Studies (IAfr) of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova, Stanislav Surovtsev, Ambassador of Algeria to Russia Mr. Smail Benamara, Minister Plenipotentiary with the rank of Ambassador of Ethiopia Mr. Uriyat Cham Ugala, Deputy Head of Rossotrudnichestvo Dmitry Polikanov, and Executive Secretary of the Program Committee of the Russia-Africa: What farther?" Igor Tkachenko. [Read more](#)



Participation of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences in the events of the Second International Youth Forum "Russia - Africa: what's next?"

Faculty of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences actively participated in the Second International Youth Forum "Russia - Africa: what's next?", which was held at the MGIMO MFA of Russia on October 24-26, 2022. During the plenary session, a video message from the Minister of Foreign Affairs Sergey Lavrov was presented, as well as the Director of the Africa Department of the Russian Foreign Ministry Vsevolod Tkachenko, Ambassador-at-Large, and Head of the Secretariat of

Russia-Africa Partnership Forum Oleg Ozerov, the Chairman of AFROCOM Igor Morozov, Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS Irina Abramova, Director of the Department for the Development of Bilateral Cooperation of the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia Pavel Kalmychek, Minister of the Government of Moscow Sergey Cheryomin, Director of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation Alexander Tolparov, Director for Development of the Foreign Network of the Russian Export Centre Dmitry Prokhorenko, African politician and the president of NCO "Urgent Problems of Pan-Africanism" Kemi Seba, the rector of MGIMO academic Anatoly Torkunov, Deputy Rector for Youth Policy, Social Work, and International Relations of MGIMO Sergey Surovtsev. [Read more](#)



Ceremonial meeting of the Academic Council of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of Agushtinho Neto

On November 2, on the eve of the 47th anniversary of the independence of this African country, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted a ceremonial meeting of the Academic Council of the Institute for African Studies, dedicated to the centenary of Agushtinho Neto. The

meeting was attended by Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Angola to Russia Augusto da Silva Cunha, other representatives of the diplomatic corps of the Angola Embassy, as well as employees of the Institute for African Studies, diplomats, and scientists. [Read more](#)

XXI All-Russian School of Young Africanists "The Rising Role of Africa in the Emerging World Order"

The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation held on November 30, 2022, the next XXI All-Russian School of Young Africanists. The theme of the plenary session of the conference was "Africa's rising role in the emerging world order". The conference was attended by 80 students, graduate students, and young scientists from universities and academic institutions in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tyumen, Nizhny Novgorod, Ryazan, and Belgorod. [Read more](#)

Scientific conference "Deradicalization of Islamists: theory and practice (international and Russian experience)"

On October 26, 2022, a scientific conference with international participation "Deradicalization of Islamists: theory and practice (international and Russian experience)" was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The organizer of the conference is the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies. Three sections worked at the conference: "Deradicalization of Islamists: theory, methodology, the historiography of the problem" (moderators - Igor Sledzevsky, leading researcher, Doctor of History, Professor, Head of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the IAS RAS, Elena Kharitonova, Ph.D. in Psychology, Senior Research Fellow at the IAS RAS); "Deradicalization of Islamists: the experience of Russia and the CIS countries" (moderator - Naima Neflyasheva, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow of the IAS RAS), "Deradicalization of Islamists: the experience of African, European and USA" (moderator – Olga Karpacheva, Ph.D., Research Fellow at the IAS RAS. [Read more](#)



International conference dedicated to the 120th anniversary of the end of the Anglo-Boer War held at the Institute for African Studies

On 9 November 2022, the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, hosted an international academic conference Researching the Anglo-Boer War of 1899–1902: The Practice and the Future. The event was organized by the Centre for History and Cultural Anthropology and the Centre for Southern Africa Studies. The conference marked the 120th anniversary of the end of the first major armed conflict of the twentieth century. The event is dedicated to the memory of Dr

Gennady Shubin (1966–2016), a research fellow at the Institute for African Studies and leading expert in the study of the Russian involvement in the Boer War. [Read more](#)

Scientific Conference With International Participation "Liberia Yesterday and Today: 200 Years of Independent Development"

On November 16, 2022, a scientific conference was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences on the topic “Liberia yesterday and today: 200 years of independent development”. The choice of the subject of discussion, as can be seen from the name of the forum, was because in 2022 this West African state celebrated 200 years since the appearance in 1822 on its current territory of the first settlements created by freed from slavery American blacks who arrived in West Africa from the USA and in 1847 founded the independent Republic of Liberia. The country turned out to be one of two (the second is Ethiopia) on the African continent that did not have a colonial past. [Read more](#)

Round Table “Social Shifts in North Africa and the Horn of Africa”

On November 30, 2022, a round table was held on the topic “Social Shifts in North Africa and the Horn of Africa”. The following questions were brought up for discussion: 1) the main factors influencing the transformation of the social image of the countries of the region; 2) key trends in the transformation of the social structure; 3) consequences of social changes in the region; 4) prospects of social transit. The round table was attended by researchers from the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Academy of Labor and Social Relations, the Diplomatic Academy, and MGIMO-University. [Read more](#)



Expedition of IAfr RAS faculty to the United Republic of Tanzania

From 09/19/22 to 10/09/22, faculty of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology Anastasia Banshchikova, Valentina Bryndina, and Oxana Ivanchenko conducted an expedition that became the final stage of the study conducted in the United Republic of Tanzania, dedicated to the memories and ideas of Tanzanians about the Arab-Swahili slave trade of the 19th century. The geography of the study was expanded, this time the expedition members visited the main trading city of the 19th century, located in the middle of the central caravan route, Tabora. In addition, research was continued in Zanzibar, as in

the course of previous seasons it turned out that there is a significant difference in the answers of native Zanzibaris and those who came there to live/work in the first generation. As a result, 25 interviews were collected, 13 of which were in Swahili. [Read more](#)

Participation of Vasily Sidorov in the program "This Morning" of the Zvezda TV channel. Theme: South Africa

December 7 Senior Research Fellow of the Center for Southern African Studies, Chairman of the JSU Vasily Sidorov gave an interview about South Africa to the “This Morning” program of the Zvezda TV channel. [Read more](#)

Ph.D. in Political Science Galina Sidorova "The role of the USSR in the development of Africa" to Russia Today

"Pour l'URSS, les relations avec les pays africains étaient un domaine important" L'URSS a formé plusieurs cadres et construit des infrastructures en Afrique en soutenant ces États dans leur quête d'indépendance, martèlent auprès de Sputnik des experts africains. Une trentaine d'années après l'effondrement du bloc soviétique, la Russie reprend le dialogue avec le continent africain. [Read more](#)



Reports by Anastasia Banshchikova, Valentina Bryndina, and Oxana Ivanchenko within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On October 25, 2022, two reports were heard at the scientific seminar "Culture and Society": Valentina Bryndina and Oxana Ivanchenko "Representations of mainland Tanzanians, residents of Zanzibar and native Zanzibaris about the history of the Arab-Swahili slave trade in the 19th century: preliminary results of the 7th field season" and Anastasia Banshchikova "Visualization of the history of the Arab-Swahili slave trade in modern Tanzania: museum expositions, sculptural groups, artifacts".

Both reports were made within the framework of the RFBR grant 20-09-00361 "Cultural memory of the Arab slave trade of the 19th century and its impact on interethnic relations in modern Tanzania." [Read more](#)



Report by Nadezhda Khokholkova and Valentina Bryndina within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On November 22, 2022, at the scientific seminar of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology "Culture and Society", Nadezhda Khokholkova and Valentina Bryndina "Historical memory of European colonialism in modern Tanzania: a report on the 2021 expedition", prepared with the support of the RFBR within the framework of project No. 18-18-00454 "Historical memory as a factor in the evolution of socio-political systems (Sub-Saharan Africa and Mesoamerica)". The presentation focused on a field study conducted in November 2021 in Tanga and Dar es Salaam

(United Republic of Tanzania). [Read more](#)

XII South Russian political science convention "Modern risks and crises: political analysis and forecast"

From October 25 to October 29, 2022, in Rostov-on-Don, in an online format, the Institute of Philosophy and Socio-Political Sciences of the Southern Federal University, together with the Russian Association of Political Science, held the All-Russian Conference with international participation XII South Russian Political Science Convention "Modern risks and crises: political analysis and forecast". From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a senior researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies, Ph.D. Timur Khairullin. [Read more](#)



The participation of the members of the Institute in the All-Russian Scientific Conference "Sources for African History: Problems, Trends, Prospects of Study and Use"

On December 14-15, 2022, the All-Russian Scientific Conference "Sources for African History: Problems, Trends, Prospects of Study and Use". was held, dedicated to the birthdays of famous africanists Georgii Tsyppkin, Irina Filatova, and Alexander Balezin. The event was organized by the Center for African Studies of the Institute of World History of the Russian Academy of Sciences. and was conducted offline and online. The Institute members took an active part in the work of the panels as

moderators and speakers. Presentations were made by: Valentina Gribanova, Natalia Krylova, Irina Tatarovskaya and Nadezhda Khokholkova. [Read more](#)



The War Museum in collaboration with the
UPS Centre for Gender and Africa Studies presents

The Unsung Heroines and Youth of
South Africa: Violent Histories and Experiences
of South African Women and Children
during Wars, Conflicts and Pandemics.

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24–26
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War Museum in
Bloomfontein,
South Africa
and online

African Institute represented at the Boer War Conference (South Africa)

In continuation of the activities of our Institute to strengthen cooperation with scientific institutions of South Africa, senior researcher. Center for Southern African Studies B.M. Gorelik took part in an international conference held on November 24–26 in Bloemfontein. The conference was titled "The Unsung Heroines and Youth of South Africa: Violent Histories and Experiences of South African Women and Children during Wars, Conflicts and Pandemics." The faculty of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Boris Gorelik spoke at the conference report "Boys will be Boers: Russian teenage fantasies of joining the republican forces". [Read more](#)

“Topical Commentary” (In the partnership with IMEMO RAS)



Parliamentary elections in the context of the transformation of the political landscape in Senegal

On July 31, 2022, regular elections to the unicameral parliament were held in Senegal, which, according to the country's constitution, are held in one round. Unlike all previous ones, they took place before the presidential elections. Political analysts characterize these elections as the only "political barometer" that shows the distribution of political forces on the eve of the presidential elections. [Read more](#)



Another military coup in Burkina Faso

Within one year, two military coups took place in Burkina Faso: on January 24 and September 30, 2022. This was the eighth in a row since the country gained independence in 1960. On September 30, detachments under the command of Captain Ibrahim Traore entered the capital Ouagadougou and, after a series of clashes with government troops, defeated them. The roads leading to the palace of the President, Lieutenant-Colonel Paul-Henri Damiba, were blocked, and television broadcasting was stopped. [Read more](#)

Institute`s Publications:

[Bondarenko D.M. "Post-Colonial Nations in the Historical and Cultural Context"](#)

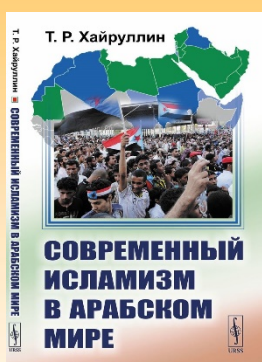
Rep. editor: d.h.s. I.V. Sledzevsky
Moscow: YaSK Publishing House, 2022. - 400 p.
ISBN 978-5-907498-42-6

In the present monograph, its author makes an attempt to fit nation-building in post-colonial countries of Asia and Africa into the world historical and cultural process. In the context of this process, the nature of the nation and its future in the Afro-Asian and global scales are discussed.

[Khairullin T.R. "Modern Islamism in the Arab World"](#).

Rep. editor: Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences A. M. Vasiliev
M.: LENAND, 2022. - 224 p.
ISBN 978-5-9710-6134-2.

The monograph is devoted to the study of modern Islamism and its influence on the socio-political situation in the countries of the Arab world. The paper comprehensively considers the evolutionary development of Islamism in the 20th and 21st centuries





Collective monograph "Africa in Global Migration Flows: Past and Present".

Editor: Sergey V. Kostelyanets, PhD (Political Science)

Institute for African Studies of the RAS, 2022. – 378 с.

ISBN 978-5-91298-285-9

The monograph analyzes the historical background and causes of the expansion of domestic, transborder, and international migration flows in Africa in the early 21st century.



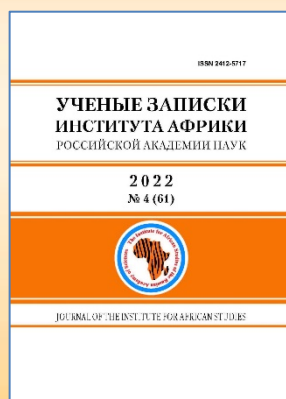
Collection of articles "Cooperation of the members of the Eurasian Economic Union with African countries".

Rep. editors: Ph.D. Volkov S.N., Doctor of History Deutsch T.L., Ph.D. Konstantinova O.V.

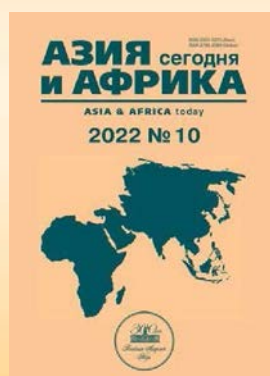
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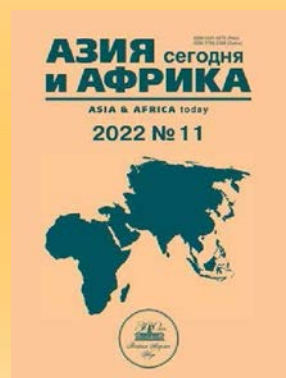
This collection of articles is devoted to the study of relations between the members of the Eurasian Economic Union and African states in a situation where two of its members - the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus - were subjected to harsh sanctions by the collective West to isolate and undermine their economies.



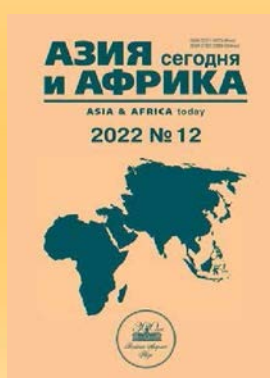
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