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Joint Intergovernmental Russian-Algerian Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation

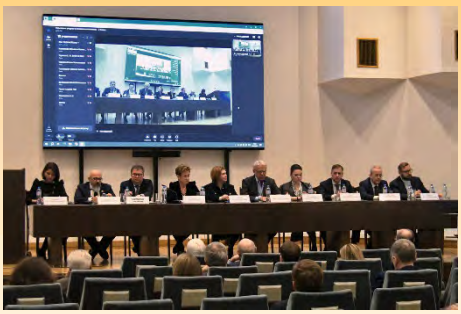
On January 16, 2025, Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, member of the Presidium of RAS, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, Prof. I.O. Abramova participated in a meeting of the Russian part of the Joint Intergovernmental Russian-Algerian Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation in preparation for the 12th meeting of the Commission in Algiers. In her speech, I.O. Abramova proposed to establish effective cooperation with Algerian graduates of Russian/Soviet universities, touched upon the use of the ruble in mutual settlements and the creation of a free trade zone. Read more

Business visit to the Republic of Niger

From February 20 to 24, 2025, the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Member of the Presidium of RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, Doctor of Economics, and Prof. Irina Olegovna Abramova visited the Republic of Niger. She was an honorary guest at the annual Business Opportunities Exhibition, Economic Fair, and Cultural Festival (SOAFEC), held in the capital, Niamey. During the trip, Irina Abramova met with the Minister of Youth, Culture, and Sports of Niger, Colonel Abdramane Amadou, and visited the country's Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Agriculture, and the Livestock Development Laboratory. Read more

Irina Abramova, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences: "By 2050, 40% of the world's population will live in Africa, which will lead to global changes"

On January 20, Director of IAS RAS, member of the Presidium of RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Prof. Irina Olegovna Abramova took part in the meeting "Major Trends in 2025" of the Vostok Discussion Club. The participants discussed a wide range of issues, related to the global transformation and new international rules that will determine the vector of development of all mankind in the coming decades. Read more



Irina Abramova, Director of IAS RAS: "Water is turning into one of the main resources and can replace oil and gold"

January 30, 2025 Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Member of the Presidium RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor Irina Olegovna Abramova participated in the conference "Water Resources in the Climate Policy of a multipolar world", held at the site of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Read more

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Participation of Irina O. Abramova in the presentation of the Department of Partnership with Africa of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

On February 4, 2025, the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a presentation of the new Department for Partnership with Africa, which was attended by Irina Olegovna Abramova, Director of IAS RAS, member of the Presidium of RAS, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. (Economics), Prof. The event was addressed by Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Viktorovich Lavrov and the head of the new Department, former Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to UNESCO Tatyana Evgenievna Dovgalenko. Read more

Director of the Institute for African Studies Irina Abramova Participated in the Round Table Discussion: "Information Bridge: Russia – Africa"

On March 6, 2025, Director of IAS RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, Ph.D. (Economics), Prof. Irina Olegovna Abramova took part in a round table discussion entitled **"Information Bridge: Russia – Africa"**, held as part of the work of the Expert Council on the Development and Support of Comprehensive Partnership with African Countries under the Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, Alexander Babakov, within the framework of the humanitarian forum project "Russia – Africa: From Completed Projects to New Achievements." Read more

Interview with I.O. Abramova, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, for the program La Grande Interview on RT France TV channel

Video

Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the University of Abu Al Qasim Saadallah University - Algeria2 (AASUA)

On February 4, 2025, the Director of IAS RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, Ph.D. (Economics), Prof. I.O. Abramova signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Abu Al-Qasim Saadallah University - Algeria 2 (Bouzareah, Algeria).

On the Algerian side, the Memorandum was signed by the Rector of Algiers-2 University, Prof.Said Rahmani "on the sidelines" of the 12th meeting of the Joint Intergovernmental Russian-Algerian Commission for Trade, Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation (Algeria, January 28-30, 2025), which was chaired by Deputy Prime Minister of Russia Dmitry Patrushev (from the Russian side) and the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and Fisheries of Algeria, Youssef Sherfa (from the Algerian side). Read more

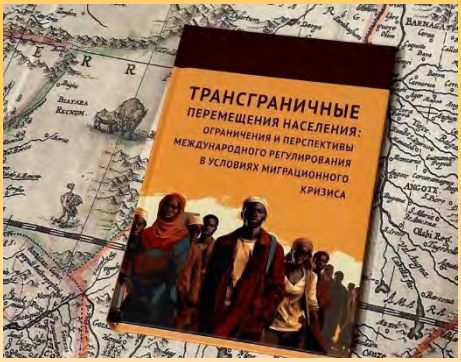
"Solidarity in the struggle against apartheid: memories from Russia and South Africa."

On March 20, 2025, a press conference dedicated to the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination was held at the International Multimedia Press Center of MIA Rossiya Segodnya. The key event of the event was the presentation of the book **"Solidarity in the struggle against Apartheid: Memories from Russia and South Africa"**, written by a team of authors from the Institute for African Studies of RAS, edited by Chief Scientist, Ph.D. Vladimir Gennadievich Shubin. The press conference emphasized the importance of preserving the historical memory of the joint struggle against racial discrimination and strengthening cooperation between Russia and South Africa in modern conditions. Read more

All-Russian Scientific Conference “Africa. 65 Years of Decolonization: Lessons of History and Future Scenarios”

On February 20, 2025, the Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted the All-Russian Scientific Conference “Africa. 65 Years of Decolonization: Lessons of History and Future Scenarios”.

The conference discussed the issues of decolonization and neo-colonization of African countries, the challenges facing Africa in the recent past and present, the role of African states in the changing modern world order, possible scenarios for the development of individual African countries and regions in the context of their interaction with the Russian Federation and other global players. Read more



Interdisciplinary Seminar of the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies

On January 22, 2025, the fourth Interdisciplinary Seminar of the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, organized jointly with the Council of Young Scientists, was held in the conference hall of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

The seminar featured a report by the Senior Researcher, PhD in Historical Sciences of the Center for the Study of Countries Sub-Saharan Africa by Boris Moiseevich Gorelik "How the Hottentots became Bolsheviks. From the history of the formation of ideas about South African peoples in Russia". The monograph "Cross-border population movements: limitations and prospects of international regulation in the context of the migration crisis" was also presented at the seminar. Read more

Scientific seminar on "Uganda — the new East African partner of BRICS"

February 5, 2025. The Centre for African Strategy in BRICS of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held the second international scientific seminar on “Uganda as a New East African Partner of BRICS” with the participation of Russian and African researchers, representatives of the Ugandan diplomatic corps and the Ugandan diaspora in Russia. Read more

2nd Annual Scientific Seminar “New Growth Points of World Development”

On February 25, 2025, the 2nd Annual Scientific Seminar "New Growth Points of Global Development" was held at the Faculty of Geography of Lomonosov Moscow State University, organized by the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Department of World Economy Geography of Lomonosov Moscow State University. Read more

Why Elon Musk is so hostile to South Africa: Daria Zelenova's speech on the air of the program "International Review"

Recently, leading US politicians have been making extremely harsh statements about the Republic of South Africa. Among them, Elon Musk's statements stand out, accusing the country's authorities not just of racism, but of "genocide of whites." The important thing is that the richest man in the world comes from Pretoria, one of the three capitals of South Africa. Musk lived in the Republic until he was 17, leaving it only in 1988, and this could not but affect the personality of the entrepreneur. Read more

V.A. Sidorov - among the graduates of the Program for Development of Personnel Management Reserve in Science, Technology and Higher Education

Senior Researcher at the Centre for African Strategy in BRICS V.A. Sidorov, PhD in Economics, took part in the Program for the Development of the Personnel Management Reserve in the field of science, technology and higher education.

The program was launched in 2023 on behalf of the President of Russia. Its goal is to develop managerial competencies among young motivated scientists who have shown significant results in scientific, technological and educational activities. Read more

The Round Table Conference "Civilizational problems of modern African reality"

On March 19, 2025, the Centre for Civilizational and Regional Studies held a round table conference on "Civilizational Problems of Modern African Reality." The event consisted of three working sessions. The conference was opened by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Ph.D. (History), Senior Researcher at the IAS RAS, Head of the Centre for Civilizational and Regional Studies I.V. Sledzevsky. Read more

Scientific Conference "Africa's Development and the interests of external actors"

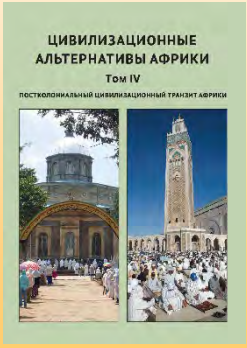
March 25, 2025 Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and Foreign Policy of African Countries the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held an internationally attended conference on "Africa's development and the interests of external actors."

The event, which was held in face-to-face and online format, was attended by scientists, teachers, graduate students, applicants and students. They represented the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the G.A. Arbatov Institute of the USA and Canada of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Economics of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Patrice Lumumba RUDN. ISAA of Lomonosov Moscow State University, Tyumen State University. The work of the conference, which aroused the interest of representatives of the Russian House on Madagascar, was covered by correspondents of the telegram channel "Sovereign". Read more

All-Russian Conference of Arabists named after I.Yu. Krachkovsky

March 17-19, 2025 Department of Oriental and African Studies, RUDN University. Patrice Lumumba held the First All-Russian Conference of Arabists named after I.Y. Krachkovsky in a mixed format. The opening of the conference began with a welcoming speech by the Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Academician RAS Vasilieva A.M. In the section "Historical Sciences", a report was made by Senior researcher of the Centre for Civilizational and Regional Studies, PhD in Political Sciences Khairullin T.R. Read more

Publications of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences:



Civilizational Alternatives of Africa. Volume IV. Africa's Postcolonial Civilizational Transit. Collective monograph.

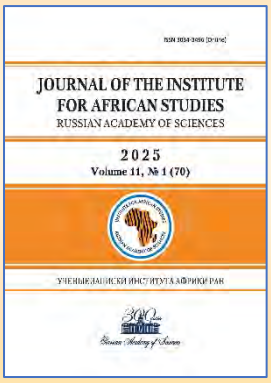
Ed. by I.V. Sledzevsky. - Moscow: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2024. - 274 c. ISBN 978-5-91298-313-9

The fourth volume of the multi-volume publication Civilizational Alternatives in Africa continues the study of trends and prospects of Africa's civilizational development in the post-colonial period.

Moseiko A.N., Kharitonova E.V. Postcolonial Africa south of the Sahara. Issues of Humanitarian Knowledge. Experience of interdisciplinary research.

Editor-in-Chief T.S. Denisova- Moscow: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2024. - 480 c. pp. ISBN 978-5-91298-312-2

The monograph examines the problems related to the development of humanitarian knowledge in postcolonial sub-Saharan Africa.



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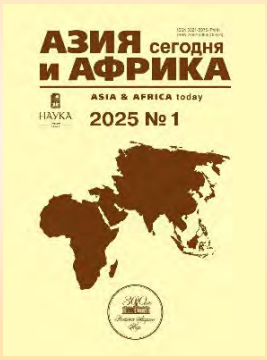

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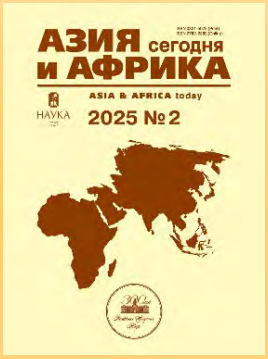

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