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XVI International Conference of Africanists "The New World Order: from the legacy of colonialism to sovereignty and development"

May 21-23, 2024 Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and The Scientific Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences on the problems of African countries held The XVI International Conference of Africanists dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the 65th anniversary of the Institute for African Studies in Moscow. The topic was: "The New World Order: from the legacy of colonialism to sovereignty and development." The conference was attended by 210 scientists, Russian and foreign.

This conference is the main scientific event of the Institute. In 2024, the XVI conference gathered participants from 14 countries of the world. The foreign participants came from nine African countries (Algeria, Angola, Ghana, Egypt, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Uganda, Chad, South Africa), as well as from India, Kazakhstan, the UAE, Uzbekistan and Chile. Among them were such prominent African scientists as Pila ni Mtembu, Executive Director of the Institute of Global Dialogue of South Africa; Kgotatso Shai, Head of the Department of Political Sciences University of Limpopo, SA; Thean Pothiter, Chief Director of the Department of Research and Analysis the market of the National School of Management , South Africa; Ernest Tuchi Anishe, Acting Head of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of Otuoke, Nigeria; Kasaija Philip A Puli, Professor of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Makerere University, Uganda; Hamdi Abdurahman Hassan Attala, Professor at Cairo University, Egypt and University Zayda, UAE; Andreas Felthuizen, Professor, Thabo Mbeki African Institute of Public and International Affairs , University of South Africa (UNISA), South Africa; Keith Gottschalk, Professor, Department of Political Studies, University of the Western Cape, South Africa.

The opening ceremony of the conference was attended by the heads of African diplomatic missions in Moscow, representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the State Duma, the Federation Council, the Ministry of Education and Science, Institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and leading universities in the country. The high bar of the scientific discussion was set by the plenary report "The New World Order: from the Legacy of colonialism to sovereignty and Development", presented by the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, Professor I.O. Abramova. The plenary session was continued with reports by African scientists: Pilani Mtembu (South Africa), Kgotatso Wardrobe (BAR), Ernest Tuchi Anishe (Nigeria), Hamdi Abdulrahman Hassan Attala (Egypt, UAE), Kasaiji Philippa A puli (Uganda), Teana Pothitera (South Africa).

During the conference, more than 200 reports were made, 24 sections were divided into six thematic blocks: "Global problems", "International Relations", "Economics and Technology", "History, Languages and Cultures", "Social and political problems", "Problems of security and conflict resolution". The Round Table "Access to clean water in Africa: socio-economic, political and technological aspects" was held within the framework of the "Social and political problems" section. Conference Proceedings

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Meeting of the Director of the Institute for African Studies with the Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Algeria and Minister-Adviser of the Embassy in the Russian Federation

3 On April 3, 2024, a meeting of the Director, Professor Irina O. Abramova with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Algeria to the Russian Federation Boumedien Gennady and Minister-Adviser of the Algerian Embassy Mohamed Soumani at the Institute. Professor Irina O. Abramova noted that, continuing its traditions, Russia is at the forefront of the fight against colonialism in all its forms, including a new type of colonialism, which is faced not only by African countries states, but also most countries of the world. This issue is an urgent topic in the scientific research of the Institute, and the results of this work can be useful for the Republic of Algeria and other African states in the formation of joint strategies and building partnerships with Russia. I.O. Abramova assured the Algerian side that the Institute will take an active part in the work of “The International Association of Friends of Algeria”, and a representative of the Institute will gladly join it. Read more.

XXII International Likhachev Scientific readings "BRICS as a new space for dialogue of cultures and civilizations"

April 12, 2024 Director of the Institute for African Studies, member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Presidium, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, Professor Irina O. Abramova spoke at the XXII International Likhachev Scientific Readings at the plenary session with the report "BRICS and Africa: new opportunities in the era of transformation of the world order".

The XXII International Likhachev Scientific Readings were also attended by:

• Deputy Director of Science at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Doctor of Historical Sciences N. A. Zherlitsyna,
• The leading researcher, Doctor of Political Sciences, Candidate of Economics D. A. Degterev,
• Candidate of Philology A. N. Moseyko,
• Senior researcher, Candidate of Psychology E. V. Kharitonova Read more.

International Conference "Diasporas within Africa"

C From 9 to 10 May 2024 in Douala, Cameroon, the International Conference "Diasporas within Africa" (Colloque International Les Diasporas Internet En Afrique / International Conference: Diasporas Within Africa) was organized jointly with the Institute for African Studies, Faculty of Literature and Humanities of the University of Douala, the University Research Group on Changes in Modern Africa (GRUMAC) and the Center for African Studies of the University of Porto (CEAUP).

Senior Researcher of the Center for Sociological and Political Science Research, Candidate of Historical Sciences L. M. Sadovskaya and candidate of Historical Sciences I. G. Rybalkina, junior researcher at the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology O. V. Ivanchenko attended the event. Read more.

Round table of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences "Prospects of modern civilizational dynamics"

On April 24, 2024, a round table "Perspectives of modern Civilizational Dynamics" was held, which was organized by the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies (CCRI). The meeting was led by psychologist, Senior researcher at the Central Research Institute E.V. Kharitonova and Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior researcher at the Central Research Institute S.A. Mozgovoy. Read more.

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International Scientific seminar "The Urals and Africa against Racism: past and present"

15 On May 15, 2024, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAS) and the Ural Federal University (UrFU) jointly held an international scientific seminar "The Urals and Africa against Racism: Past and Present"

As a representative of the Institute and a member of the Organizing Committee, participated in the seminar. B. M. Gorelik, Candidate of Historical Sciences, senior researcher at the Center for Southern Africa Studies, with a report "Solidarity with the struggle against apartheid and civil initiatives in the USSR". Read more.

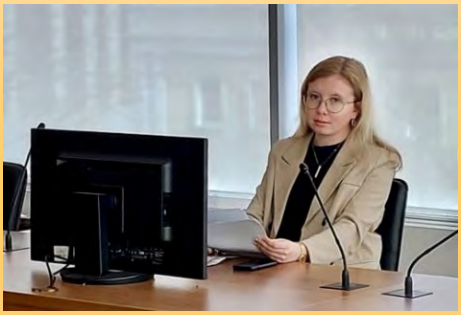
International webinar "Foreign Diplomacy of human resource development and capacity building"

On May 28, 2024, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences jointly with the Department of Political Science of the Financial University, the Indian Association of African Studies (India) and the Center for African Studies of the University Jawaharlal Nehru (India) conducted the International Webinar "External Diplomacy of Human Resource Development and Capacity Building".

Candidate of the Political science V.V. Usacheva participated in the webinar (topic of the report: "The educational strategy of the USA and Europe in Africa") and the Candidate of the Political Sciences, T.R. Khairullin (topic of the report: "Foreign policy activities of the UAE in the Horn of Africa") Read more.

Round table "On the 30th anniversary of the first non-racial elections in South Africa (1994) and the results of the 2024 elections"

On June 19, 2024, the Institute hosted a round table **"To The 30th anniversary of the first non-racial elections in South Africa (1994) and the results of the 2024 elections"**, organized by the Center for Southern Africa Studies in conjunction with the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology and the Center for the Study of the BRICS African Strategy. During the meeting, 11 reports were heard on both the socio- political and economic development of South Africa in the 30 years since the 1994 elections and the results of the 2024 elections. Read more.



International Scientific Conference "Memory and Everyday Life in Culture and Art" (dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

April 3, 2024, Senior Researcher at the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology IAS RAS, PhD in History N.E. Khokholkova took part in the work The International Scientific Conference "Memory and Everyday Life in Culture and Art" (dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences) in INION RAS. N.E. Khokholkova made a presentation on the topic "Black Heritage: transformations of commemorative practices of African Americans" at the section "Commemorative practices and everyday life". Read more

All-Russian Scientific Conference with international participation "Formation and development of political science at the Southern Federal University and in the South of Russia (1984-2024)"

On April 4, 2024, at the plenary session of the All-Russian Scientific Conference with international participation "The formation and development of political science at the Southern Federal University and in the South Russia (1984-2024)" with the report "Conceptual aspects of postcolonial transit: regional and global perspective" was presented by A.I. Neklessa, Senior Researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies at the Institute of Africa of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The conference was organized by the Institute of Philosophy and Socio-Political Sciences of the Southern Federal University with the participation of the Rostov branch of the Association of Political Sciences. Read more

International Scientific and Practical Conference - II Moscow Political Science Forum "Power, Society, Politics, Management in interdisciplinary Research"

1 On April 12, 2024, an international scientific and practical conference was held - the II Moscow Political Science Forum "Power, Society, Politics, Management in interdisciplinary research

The conference was organized by the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration in cooperation with the Russian Association of Political Sciences and with the participation of the Moscow Public Relations Committee. A.I. Neklessa, Senior Researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, made a presentation on the topic "Epistemological turn: convention and alternatives in analysis and forecast international political transformations" in the section "Methodological boundaries of political science". Read more.

Round table "Africa and BRICS: history and prospects"

On April 15, 2024, a round table was held at the HSE "Africa and the BRICS: History and Prospects". With reports from the Institute speakers were: Head of the Center for the Study of the Transitional Economy of the Institute of Africa of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Political Sciences, Candidate of Economics, Professor D.A. Degterev, Head of the Center for the Study of the African Strategy of the BRICS, Candidate of Political Sciences D.A. Zelenova, Senior Researcher at the BRICS Center for the Study of African Strategy, Candidate of Economics V.A. Sidorov.

D.A. Turyanitsa and T.A. Andreeva, junior researchers at the BRICS Center for the Study of African Strategy, were present as participants in the discussion Read more.

Expert Council "The modern political and humanitarian context of the Sahel region"

On April 17-18, 2024, the expert round table "The Sahel region's current political and humanitarian context", organized by the Dubai Public Research Center (Dubai, UAE). From the Institute the event was attended by: D.A. Degterev, Doctor of Political Sciences, Candidate of Economics, Leading Researcher at the Center for the Study of Problems of the Transition Economy, Candidate of Political Sciences, Head of Center for Sociological and Political Science Research S.V. Kostelyanets, Candidate of Political Sciences, Senior Researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies L.M. Isaev. Read more.

III International Forum "Russia – Africa: What's next?"

On April 23-26, 2024, MGIMO hosted the III International Forum "Russia – Africa: What's next?". The Forum was attended by more than 1,500 people from 50 countries. At the plenary session the forum was addressed by the Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of History, Professor D.M. Bondarenko. The Forum was also attended by the heads of the Center for the Study of the BRICS African Strategy D.A. Zelenova, Senior Researcher at the Center for the Study of Problems of the Transitional Economy, Doctor of Political Sciences, Candidate of Economics, D.A. Degterev, Junior Researcher at the Center for Global and Strategic Studies, Chairman of the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute for African Studies G.K. Sugakov. The Institute of Africa of the Russian Academy of Sciences also became co–organizer of the open discussion "Cultural code as a means of preserving sovereignty." Read more.

II St. Petersburg Congress of International Relations Researchers "Global and Regional Challenges in a Changing World"

On April 25-27, 2024, the II St. Petersburg Congress of International Relations Researchers "Global and Regional Challenges in a Changing World" was held. The Congress was held at the Faculty of International Relations of St. Petersburg State University. The congress was attended by the staff of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Read more.

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XV All-Russian Scientific and Practical Conference with international participation "Problems of the realization of human and civil rights in the context of modern social transformations"

26 On April 26, 2024, the XV All-Russian Scientific and Practical Conference with international participation dedicated to the memory of Professor F.M. was held at the Institute of Economics, Management and Law of the Moscow State Pedagogical University. Rudinsky's "Problems of the realization of human and civil rights in the context of modern social transformations".

The report "Problems and prospects of the postcolonial formation of African states in the context of modern global processes 4.0" at the section "Prospects for the development of management, law and legal education in the context of modern global processes 4.0" The speaker was S.A. Mozgovoy, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior Researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Read more.

International Scientific Conference "Science and Technology: Data Sources and Analytical approaches for Development"

On May 29, 2024, the International Scientific Conference "Science and Technology: Data Sources and Analytical Approaches for Development" was opened, organized by the International Center for Scientific and Technical Information (ICSTI) and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation.

At the plenary session, the report "Systemic evolution of international political configurations: epistemological, methodological and prognostic aspects" was delivered by the Senior Researcher of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences A.I. Neklessa. Read more.

The conference "Institutionalization of BRICS in the context of Enlargement: problems and prospects"

On June 4, 2024, the Institute of Latin America of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted the conference "Institutionalization of BRICS in the context of expansion: problems and Prospects".

Vasily A. Sidorov, candidate in Economics, Senior Researcher at the BRICS Center for the Study of African Strategy, participated in the section "Economic Mechanisms and Institutions after the expansion of the BRICS", making a presentation on "The economy of South Africa and the BRICS." Read more.

III International Scientific Conference "Military History of Russia XVII-XX centuries."

On June 5, 2024, the III International Scientific Conference "Military History of Russia of the XVII-XX centuries" was held at the State Public Historical Library. Anton I. Kupalov-Yaropolk, a junior researcher at the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, took part in the section "Armed Forces of the USSR", making a presentation on "Military-technical assistance of the USSR to the national liberation movement of Guinea-Bissau in 1963-1974." The head of the Department also took part in the work of the section. The Center for Southern Africa Studies A.A. Tokarev. Read more.

IV International Scientific and Practical conference "Problems of Modern Oriental Studies"

On June 24-25, 2024, the IV International Scientific and practical conference "Problems of Modern Oriental Studies" was held. The conference was held in a mixed format by the Department of Oriental Studies and the Department of Oriental Languages of the Faculty of International Relations of the Belarusian State University. On behalf of the Institute for African Studies, Candidate of Political Sciences, Senior Researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies T.R. Khairullin participated in the conference with a report on " The UAE's foreign policy activity in the Horn of Africa" in the section "Socio-political problems of the countries of the East". Read more.

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A solemn meeting at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences dedicated to the 79th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War (1941-1945).)

On May 14, 2024, the staff of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences solemnly celebrated the 79th anniversary of the Victory of the Soviet people in The Great Patriotic War (1941-1945). In the speeches of the participants, one of the main ideas was the need for the younger generation of the Institute's staff to preserve the memory of the dramatic and at the same time heroic pages of the history of our country, about the participants of the Great Patriotic War and their struggle against fascism. Read more.

Round table "Russia's Information Policy in the context of international crises: shifts in public sentiment and new opportunities"

On April 25, 2024, Senior Researcher at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Candidate of Political Sciences, Senior Researcher at the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology V.V. Usacheva participated in the round table of the Federation Council Commission on Information Policy and Interaction with the Media. Read more.

"Paradise on lies: how the West manipulates Africa with the help of media neocolonialism"

On May 10, 2024, RT published an article by Candidate of Political Sciences, Senior Researcher at the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, V.V. Usacheva, on the history of media formation in Africa, the role of colonial powers in this process, and modern manifestations of neocolonialism in the information sphere. Read more.

XXXI All-Russian V.I. Vernadsky Youth Research Competition

B In February-May 2024, Candidate of Historical Sciences, Senior Researcher at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the IAS RAS S.A. Mozgovoy took part as a reviewer and expert in the XXXI Vernadsky All-Russian Youth Research Competition, supported by the Russian Academy of Sciences, The Department of Education of the City of Moscow, the Commission for the Development of the Scientific heritage of Academician V.I. Vernadsky and other scientific and educational organizations. This year's competition was dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Read more.

Meeting with the North Caucasus Federal University (Stavropol) staff at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

On June 19, 2024, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences was visited by teachers and students of the Department of Socio-Economic Geography of the Higher School of Geography of the North Caucasus Federal University (Stavropol). Within the framework of a comprehensive geographical practice during the course, the guests got acquainted with the scientific priorities of the national African studies, the history and architecture of the building of our Institute, the library fund, experts in the field of history and economics. Read more.

Topical Commentary”
(In the partnership with IMEMO RAS)

Presidential elections in Senegal: the wind of continental change

On March 24, 2024, Senegal held its 12th presidential election. 44-year-old Bassiru Dimoy Fai, a friend of opposition leader number one Usman Sonko, won them in the first round by a wide margin from his rivals. Read more.

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Publications of the Institute:

"Black Heritage": Africans and their descendants in the historical memory of the United States.
Editor-in–chief: D.M. Bondarenko
M.: IAS RAS, 2024. - 256 p.
ISBN 978-5-91298-301-6

"Black heritage" is a concept that has been actively introduced in the United States of America in recent decades through the efforts of both the state and public organizations. It presupposes recognition of the fundamental contribution of the natives of Africa and their descendants to the history of the country, its economy and culture, affirmation of the attitude towards them as the legitimate and rightful heir to the cultural and historical greatness of the African continent.

Africa is the rising center of an emerging multipolar world
Editor-in-chief: S.N. Volkov, T. Deich.
M.: IAFR RAS, 2024. - 252 p.
ISBN 978-5-91298-305-4

This collection of articles is the result of the work carried out in 2023. The All-Russian Scientific conference with international participation, in which, in addition to Russian scientists, researchers from the Republic of Belarus actively participated.

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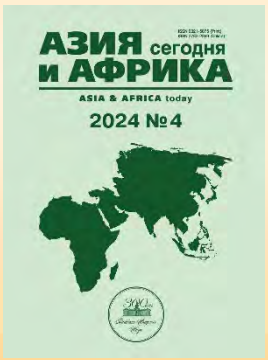

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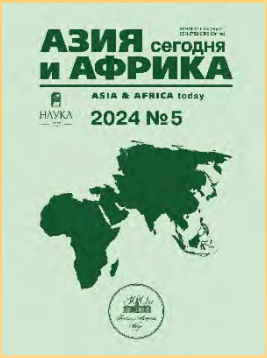

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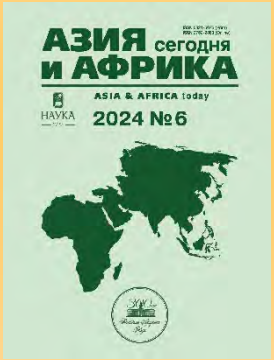

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