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Meeting of Irina O. Abramova with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Angola to the Russian Federation Mr. Augusto da Silva Cunha

On October 11, 2023, a meeting was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The meeting was attended by the Head of the Embassy Department for Work with Students M. Cadet, the Head of the Center for Southern African Studies A.A. Tokarev, Junior Researcher of the Center E.S. Nesterova, as well as the Embassy translator. More details.

Academic Forum of Young Scientists from Greater Eurasia "Continent of Science"

The Academic Forum of Young Scientists from Greater Eurasia "Continent of Science" was held on November 1-4, 2023, dedicated to the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences and timed to coincide with the Russian Federation's chairmanship of the Eurasian Economic Union. Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics, Professor Irina O. Abramova welcomed the participants of the Forum and presented a lecture-report on the topic "Results of the Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum - the Basis for Solving the Problems of Ensuring the Technological Sovereignty of the Countries of the Eurasian Continent" as part of the plenary session. Senior Researcher, PhD Nadezhda E. Khokholkova, took part in the work of the "Preserving Heritage" section. More details

Press conference dedicated to the IX International Forum “Primakov Readings”

IX International Scientific and Expert Forum "Primakov Readings"

In 2023, the second Russia-Africa summit was held, where issues of political, economic and humanitarian cooperation between Russia and Africa in the era of the formation of a new world order were discussed. Both Russia and Africa understand that in order to truly liberate themselves from colonial dependence and defend their own sovereignty, as well as to ensure security in the broad sense of the word, it is necessary not only to transfer our cooperation to a new strategic level, but also to move from general declarations to a specific step-by-step plan for the implementation of all the tasks we have set. What areas of cooperation between Russia and Africa will ensure the accelerated growth of our economies? What mechanisms and instruments of our interaction need to be developed first? Can we jointly resist illegitimate sanctions and other forms of pressure from the collective West? What new areas of cooperation can be of most interest to our states? How important is the humanitarian component of Russian-African relations? The event was moderated by the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina O. Abramova. More details

Ceremonial meeting dedicated to Angola's Independence Day

On November 29, 2023, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted a joint Ceremonial meeting of the Academic Council of the Institute and the Embassy of the Republic of Angola in the Russian Federation, dedicated to Angola's Independence Day and the economic development of Portuguese-speaking African countries. The meeting was solemnly opened with the performance of the national anthems of Angola and Russia. The welcoming speech was given by Deputy Director of the Institute, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Historical Sciences Dmitry M. Bondarenko. More details

Roundtable on Food Security in Africa

On October 31, 2023, the Federal Agency for the CIS, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo) held a roundtable on "Russia's Contribution to Ensuring Food Security in African Countries", organized with the support of the IMR Commission of the Public Council of Rossotrudnichestvo. Representatives of Russian ministries, large businesses, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs, the Russian Export Center, Afrocom, as well as leading universities and institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences discussed already implemented and promising cooperation projects in the field of agriculture and food security in African countries. The event was attended by the head of Rossotrudnichestvo E.A. Primakov, the moderator was the deputy head D.V. Polikanov. The Chairman of the IMR Commission, leading research fellow of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, prof. D.A. Degterev presented a report on the topic "Aid programs of foreign donors to ensure food security in Africa". More details

Prospects for the development of Africa were discussed at RISS

On October 31, 2023, the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies held the next meeting of the Book Club, at which the famous Russian Africanist, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Chief Researcher at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences V.G. Shubin spoke. More details

Annual meeting of AFROCOM

The Coordinating Committee for Economic Cooperation with African Countries (AFROCOM) under the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Russian Federation held an annual meeting on December 19, dedicated to the results of the outgoing 2023, and defined plans for the coming 2024. The representative of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences was Cand. Sc. (Econ.), research fellow of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies Barinov A.K. More details

Expert round table "Neocolonialism in Africa: Modern Context"

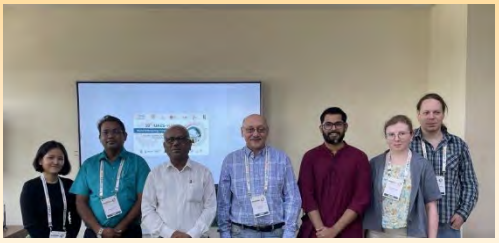
On December 26, 2023, an expert round table "Neocolonialism in Africa: Modern Context" was held at the Patrice Lumumba Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University) with the support of the Russian Ministry of Education and Science. Veronika V. Usacheva, Senior Researcher of the Institute, presented a report "Soft Power of Western Countries in Africa as an Instrument of Neocolonialism". More details

International conference "Rising Africa: Looking Back to Think Ahead"

October 3-4, 2023, PhD, Senior Researcher of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Veronika V. Usacheva took part in the international conference "Rising Africa: Looking Back to Think Ahead" New Delhi, India. Report "Africa and the Changing World Order: In Search of Subjectivity (African Agency)". The conference was organized by the Academy of International Studies Jamia Milia Islamia University, the Association of African Studies of India in collaboration with the Center for African Studies of the Jawaharlal Nehru University. More details

All-Russian scientific conference with international participation "Colonialism, neocolonialism, decolonization: research experience and modern discourse"

On October 10-11, 2023, the All-Russian scientific conference with international participation "Colonialism, neocolonialism, decolonization: research experience and modern discourse" was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The organizers were the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology together with the Center for Southern African Studies. More details



XIX World Congress of Anthropologists

The XIX World Congress of Anthropologists "Marginalities, Uncertainties, and World Anthropology: Revived Past and Foreseen Future" was held in New Delhi (India) on October 14-20, 2023. More than 1,800 researchers from 70 countries took part in the events held at the University of Delhi. Among them were employees of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology of the IAS RAS: Corresponding Member of the RAS, Dr.Hist.Sc., Professor D.M. Bondarenko and Senior Researcher N.E. Khokholkova. More details

Scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On October 31 within the framework of the seminar "Culture and Society" of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, a report by A.A. Banshchikova, V.N. Bryndina, O.V. Ivanchenko "From "noble knights" to the "plague of Africa": comparative perception of the Arab population of Tanganyika by the British and Germans and the factor of the colonial agenda" was held. More details

Round table "Zimbabwe after the general elections in August 2023"

November 1, 2023, Presentations were made by the Institute staff and invited participants. The meeting was opened by the Head of the Center for Southern African Studies A.A. Tokarev and the Director of the IAS RAS: Corresponding Member of the RAS I.O. Abramova. The first session of reports began with a speech by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Zimbabwe N. V. Krasilnikov. In his speech, N.V. Krasilnikov assessed the political situation in Zimbabwe as stable and pointed out the great opportunities for Russian business in this country. Chief Researcher of the Institute V.G. Shubin made a report on the topic "The Electoral Commission of Zimbabwe on the results of the general elections of 2023". Senior Researcher of IMEMO S.G. Karamaev presented a report to the audience on the topic of “electoral forecast of the electoral situation in Zimbabwe in the medium term (10-15 years) taking into account demographic changes.” More details

2nd International Conference on Business Management and Economic Development

The 2nd International Conference on Business Management and Economic Development was held in Zanzibar (Tanzania) on November 6-8, 2023, organized by the Tanzanian Institute of Accountancy of the Ministry of Finance and Planning. The conference was attended by junior research fellow of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies of the IAS RAS, Chairman of the Council of Young Scientists G.K. Sugakov. More details

Conference "World Civilization Transit and Postcoloniality"

On November 8, 2023, the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the IAS RAS hosted a roundtable conference, consisted of two sessions. The moderator of the first session was I.V. Sledzevsky, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Leading Researcher of the Institute, Head of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies. The moderator of the second session was A.N. Moseiko, PhD in Philosophy, Assoc. Prof., Leading Researcher of the Institute. The roundtable conference featured 11 reports and 1 message. More details

V International Municipal Forum BRICS+

On November 9-10, 2023, the V International Municipal Forum BRICS+ was held at the Expoforum in St. Petersburg. As part of the event, a round table "International Scientific Cooperation: the View of Young Scientists" was held, which was organized by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (Department of State Policy in the Sphere of Scientific and Technological Development). The round table was attended by Cand. Sc. (Econ.), Research Fellow of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies, Chairman of the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute A.K. Barinov. More details

Conference with international participation "Gender-based violence in Africa: sources, motives, types. Methods and ways of struggle"

On November 14-15, 2023, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted the All-Russian scientific conference with international participation "Gender-based violence in Africa: sources, motives, types. Methods and ways of struggle", dedicated to a wide range of problems of gender-based violence in the countries of the African continent. More details

Conference "Regions of the world: problems of history, culture and politics"

On November 16-17, 2023, the Department of Foreign Regional Studies and Local History of the Institute of International Relations and World History of the Lobachevsky State University of Nizhny Novgorod held the All-Russian (with international participation) scientific and practical conference "Regions of the world: problems of history, culture and politics". From the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took part Khairullin T.R., PhD in Political Science (section "Research of the Middle East and Transcaucasia"). More details

Annual scientific and practical conference of young scientists "Current issues of ethnology and anthropology".

November 20-24, 2023, the N.N. Miklouho-Maclay Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences held the Conference of young scientists "Current issues of ethnology and anthropology". From the IAS RAS, PhD in political sciences Khairullin T.R. took part in the section "Ethnopolitical and ethnoconfessional processes in Russia and the world" and junior researcher Nesterova E.S. in the section "Traditional medicines in the modern world". More details

Scientific conference "Service sector in Africa: current state and development prospects"

On November 21, 2023, the conference was attended by researchers from the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Scientific Information on Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the National Research University Higher School of Economics, and the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation. More details

Report by I.V. Ponomarev within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On November 22, 2023, the report, "Scientific Roots of the Unipolar World: Victorian Anthropology on Europe as the Most Perfect Civilization and Absolute Value" showed how the works of the founding fathers of socio-cultural anthropology (C. Darwin, G. Spencer, G.S. Maine, J.F. McLennan, E.B. Tylor, J. Lubbock, J.J. Frazer) were studied in the context of their correlation with later anthropological theories and the study of historiography using the method of identifying basic concepts and axiomatic premises, content and intent analysis. More details

"The concept of migration in philosophy: ways of formation"

On November 22, 2023, a seminar was held on the topic "The concept of migration in philosophy: ways of formation", the speaker was Andreev N.D., junior research fellow of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies (Institute for African Studies of the RAS). More details

ESCAP Development Cooperation Forum

On November 27-28, 2023, in Bangkok (Thailand), at the headquarters of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), leading researcher of the Center for the Study of Problems of Transition Economy of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, PhD in Economics, Professor D.A. Degterev took part in the 10th Northeast Asian Development Cooperation Forum. More details

III Congress of Young Scientists in Sochi

On November 28-30, 2023, the III Congress of Young Scientists was held on the federal territory "Sirius", in which a delegation of the Council of Young Scientists (CYS) of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took part. With the support of the Institute, a panel session on the topic "Russia - Africa: Science and Education for Development" was organized on November 29, 2023, moderated by the CYS Chairman, Junior Researcher of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies G. Sugakov. On November 30, 2023, a session "Development of human capital in the context of the transformation of the world order as a way to achieve 17 SDGs" was held, at which A. Barinov spoke. More details

All-Russian scientific conference "Aromas, rhythms and colors in world history"

On November 29-30, 2023, the All-Russian scientific conference "Aromas, rhythms and colors in world history" was held in Yaroslavl, organized by the Department of General History of the P.G. Demidov Yaroslavl State University and the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology of the Institute of Africa of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Employees of the Institute for African Studies took an active part in the work of the scientific forum. More details

All-Russian scientific conference "Political Science in a Changing World: New Practices and Theoretical Search"

On December 1-2, 2023, the Russian Association of Political Science held the All-Russian conference with international participation "Political Science in a Changing World: New Practices and Theoretical Search" at the Patrice Lumumba University. The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences was represented by the staff of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies, Senior Researcher A.I. Neklessa with the report "Evolution of the Anthropocosmos. Methodological, Historical and Prognostic Aspects", Senior Researcher, PhD in Political Science T.R. Khairullin with the report "Formation of the Saudi-Emirati Alliance" and Senior Researcher, PhD in History of the Center for the Study of Tropical Africa L.Ya. Prokopenko with the report "South African Women in Leadership Positions of International Organizations". More details

XXII All-Russian School of Young Africanists

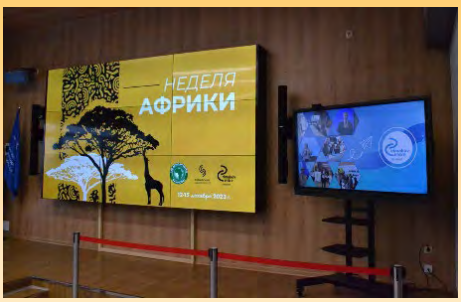
The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Moscow State Linguistic University held the next XXII All-Russian School of Young Africanists on December 6, 2023. The conference was attended by 103 students, postgraduates and young scientists from universities and academic institutes of Moscow, St. Petersburg, Tyumen, Ryazan, Voronezh, Stavropol, Magnitogorsk, Yaroslavl and Minsk. More details

International scientific and practical conference-biennale "Systemic World of Alexander Bogdanov - 2023"

The International scientific and practical conference-biennale "Systemic World of Alexander Bogdanov" was held in Moscow on December 7-9, 2023. The conference was organized by the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, the Central Economics and Mathematics Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and the Philosophy Department of the Lomonosov Moscow State University. 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 took part in its work. More details

Report by N.A. Zherlitsyna at the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On December 20, 2023, as part of the seminar of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology "Culture and Society", PhD in History N.A. Zherlitsyna gave a report "The Role of External Actors in the Decentralization and Radicalization of Libya". The report noted that Libya suffers from an ongoing political impasse, a highly fragmented security apparatus, and a lack of basic public services. The conflict is fueled by the ruthless intervention of external forces on both sides, which exacerbate and prolong the chaos. More details



Participation of the Institute's staff in the "Africa Week"

On December 12, 2023, the "Africa Week" began in Samara, organized by the Primakov Regional Center for Public Diplomacy and International Relations of Samara University. On the opening day of the event, the staff of the IAS RAS held a thematic lecture: A.A. Tokarev, PhD in History, gave a welcoming speech and introductory report. N.E. Khokholkova, PhD in History, Senior Researcher at the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, presented a lecture on the topic "African Union: Past and Present". In the final part of the lecture, Ya.A. Glukhov, Junior Researcher at the Center for Global and Strategic Studies, made a presentation on the topic "East Africa: Integration of States". More details

African event at the Illusion cinema

On December 25, 2023, Senior Researcher of the Center for Southern African Studies Yu. S. Skubko took part in the pre-New Year Russian-African event at the Illusion cinema: an exhibition of paintings, a fashion show, and a screening of the film Black in USSR (Russia, South Africa, Mozambique). More details

Diploma with gratitude to Yu. S. Skubko for participation in the preparation of the exhibition of paintings and graphics for the Second Russia-Africa Summit

Senior researcher of the Center for Southern African Studies, Ph.D. in Economics, Ph.D. in Art History Yu. S. Skubko received a diploma with gratitude for participation in the preparation of the exhibition of paintings and graphics for the Second Russia-Africa Summit on July 26-28, 2023 in St. Petersburg. More details

Institute Publications:

"Liberia: 200 Years of Independent Development." Collection of articles.

Editor-in-Chief: PhD in History T.S. Denisova Moscow: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2023. – 322 p. ISBN 978-5-91298-273-6

The collection is devoted to the problems of political and socio-economic development of Liberia, which in 2022 celebrated 200 years since the appearance on the West African coast of the first settlement of slaves freed in the United States – immigrants from Africa.

Lapushkina A.O. "Childhood Culture of the Avatime People (Ghana, West Africa). Transformation of Child and Adolescent Socialization Practices in the 1870s - 1957".

Editor-in-Chief: Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor D.M. Bondarenko. M.: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2023. - 258 p. ISBN 978-5-91298-267-5

At the end of the 19th century, a large-scale religious and educational transformation began in the Volta region of modern Ghana, with the small-scale Avatime people at the epicenter. The monograph is devoted to the metamorphoses of the Avatime childhood culture under the influence of missionary activities in the 1870s – 1957.

Filippov V.R. "African policy of the President of France E. Macron: chronicle of actions and evolution of ideas".

Editor: PhD in History T.S. Denisova. M.: Institute for African Studies RAS, 2023. – 214 p. ISBN 978-5-91298-282-8

The monograph is devoted to the problems of relations between France and African states during the presidential rule of Emmanuel Macron (2017–2022).

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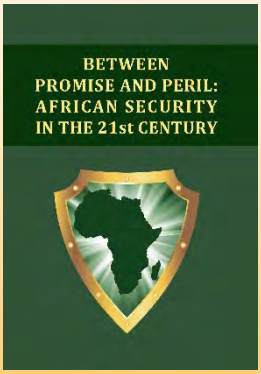


Security of the African Continent in the 21st Century: Hopes and Concerns

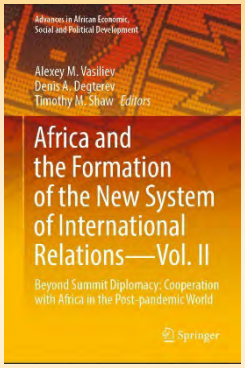
Editors: PhD in Political Science S.V. Kostelyanets; Professor H. Solomon Moscow: Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 2023. – 272 p. ISBN 978-5-91298-293-4

This book is devoted to the study of the security threats that the African continent currently faces, as well as the contexts – global, regional and national – that give rise to these threats..

Dmitriev R.V. "Theory of Central Places: From Statics to Dynamics"

Editor-in-Chief: Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics L.L. Fituni Moscow: Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2023. – 204 p.
ISBN 978-5-91298-292-7

The monograph is devoted to the theory of central places – a construct that describes in its classical version the spatial hierarchy of urban settlement, but in its relativistic form has gone far beyond the urban framework.



Africa and the Formation of the New System of International Relations—Vol. II. Beyond Summit Diplomacy: Cooperation with Africa in the Post-pandemic World.

Editors: Honorary President of the IAS RAS, PhD in History, Prof.A. M. Vasiliev; PhD in Political Sciences, Candidate of Economic Sciences, Prof., Leading Researcher of the IAS RAS D. A. Degterev and T. M. Sho. Palgrave Macmillan, 2023. – 377 p. DOI 10.1007/978-3-031-34041-3 ISBN 978-3-031-34040-6

The collective monograph presents a wide range of issues related to the cooperation of extra-regional players with the continent in the context of summit diplomacy, education, healthcare and peacekeeping

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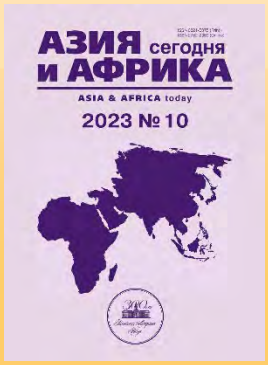

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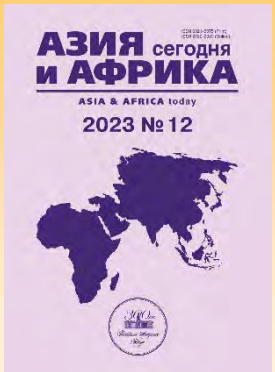

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