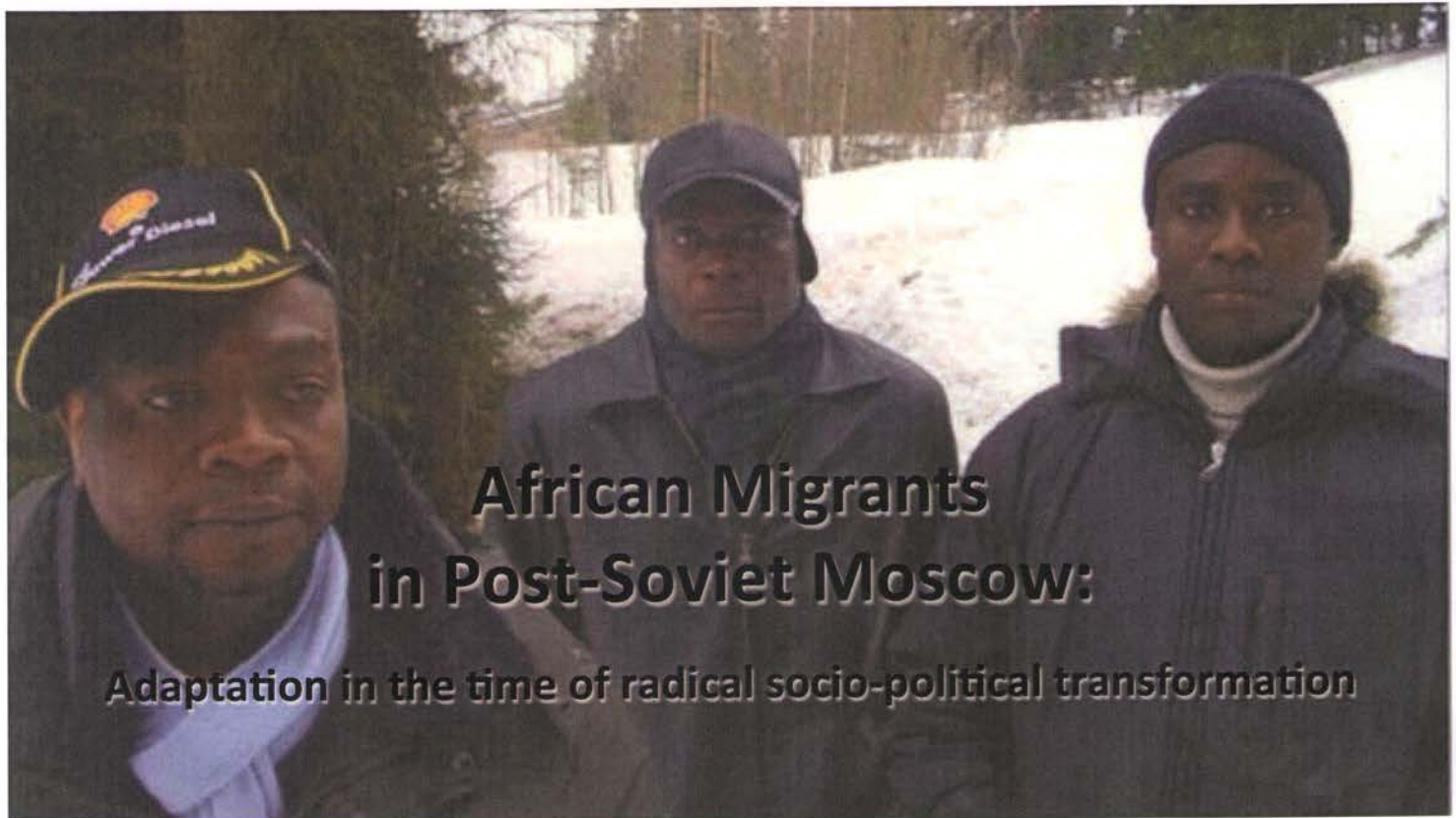


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Formerly socialist states such as Russia have only recently become major destinations for immigration. Similarly, scholars in these countries are charting new territory in studying problems related to immigration, integration, and intercultural relations. This talk considers the legacy of 'closed' borders around socialist societies and the difficulties resulting from reforms after the break-up of the Soviet Union

in 1991 to assess relations between immigrants and local populations as well as the formation and significance of diaspora communities in Russia. The analysis will focus primarily on socio-cultural aspects of adaptation as developed by immigrants from African countries and highlight the role of stereotypes that impact Russian citizens' attitude toward emerging immigrant communities.

