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An interview of the Director of the IAfr RAS Irina Abramova for RIA Novosti

A serious struggle for influence in Africa is flaring up among the leading countries of the world, in order not to lose, Russia needs to show courage and assertiveness, says Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova. In an interview with RIA Novosti, she told why the African market is important for Russia, what methods the West uses in confronting Moscow on this continent, why cocoa is brought from Africa to us through Switzerland and Estonia, and how Russians and Africans are similar to each other. Interviewed by Sergo Kukhianidze. [Read more](#)



Participation of the Director of the IAfr RAS Irina Abramova in the "Big Game" program dedicated to the Russia-Africa dialogue

February 7, 2023 Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova took part in the "Big Game" program dedicated to the Russia-Africa dialogue. [Read more](#)



An interview of the the Director of the IAfr RAS Irina Abramova for "Indicator"

The "Indicator" edition continues the cycle of publications dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences, which we are celebrating next year. In a video interview with professors of the Russian Academy of Sciences, corresponding members and academicians there is a talk about science and the country's technological sovereignty. The hero of the sixth issue is Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Irina Abramova. [Read more](#)



The participation of the Director of the IAfr RAS Irina Abramova in the program "Big Game", dedicated to the II International Parliamentary Conference "Russia - Africa"

March 20, 2023 Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova took part in the "Big Game" program dedicated to the II International Parliamentary Conference "Russia - Africa" [Read more](#)



Panel session "New Russian strategy for developing cooperation with African countries on the eve of the 2nd Russia-Africa Summit"

From March 1 to March 3, 2023, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia held the annual international scientific conference "Africa in the Context of the Formation of a new system of international relations" (AFNSIR-2023). Famous African scholars, employees of Russian state and commercial organizations, university professors, young researchers, and representatives of the African diaspora took part in its work. More than 100 participants signed up to attend its panel sessions online alone. [Read more](#)

Russia-Africa: a multipolar world and prospects for cooperation. "Parliamentary Hour" 26.03.2023

Russia-Africa: multipolar world and prospects for cooperation. Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member RAS, Dr Sc. (Economics), Professor Irina Abramova, and a junior research fellow of the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Andrey Barinov in the program "Parliamentary Hour" Duma TV. [Read more](#)



Meeting of the Director of the IAfr RAS with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Sudan in Russia

On January 19, 2023, a meeting was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAfr RAS), 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. RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor Irina Abramova with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic to Russia Mr. Hassan Mohammed Elghazali Eltijani Sirraj. During the meeting, issues of cultural and economic cooperation between Russia and Sudan, as well as preparations for the Russia-Africa summit were discussed. [Read more](#)



Meeting of the Director of the IAfr RAS with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Russia

On March 27, 2023, a meeting was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAfr RAS), 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. RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor Irina Olegovna Abramova with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Russia, Mr. Nazih Ali Bahaeldin Elnaggari. The meeting was attended by the First Secretary of the Embassy Mr. Ashraf Ahmed. During the meeting, issues of economic and scientific cooperation between Russia and Egypt, as well as preparations for the second Russia-Africa Summit were discussed. [Read more](#)

Andrey Barinov, Russia - Africa in a multipolar world "Direct Speech" 23.03.23

Junior Research Fellow at the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Andrey Barinov on the importance of the second international parliamentary conference "Russia - Africa in a multipolar world". [Read more](#)

Gleb Sugakov, Russia-Africa conference "Direct Speech" 23.03.23

Gleb Sugakov, Junior Research Fellow at the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, about the Russia-Africa conference. [Read more](#)

Scientific Conference "Africa - the Rising Center of an Emerging Multipolar World"

On March 28, 2023, the Center for the Study of Russian-African Relations and the Foreign Policy of African Countries of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held a conference with international participation on the topic "Africa - the rising center of the emerging multipolar world." [Read more](#)



Seminar "Civilizational Transit of the Modern World: Conceptual Approaches"

On March 21, 2023, a research seminar "Post-colonial political and civilizational transit of Africa" was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. 5 presentations were heard and discussed at the seminar. Seminar moderator - Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow of CCRR Naima Neflyasheva. [Read more](#)



Scientific seminar "Post-coloniality and world civilizational transit"

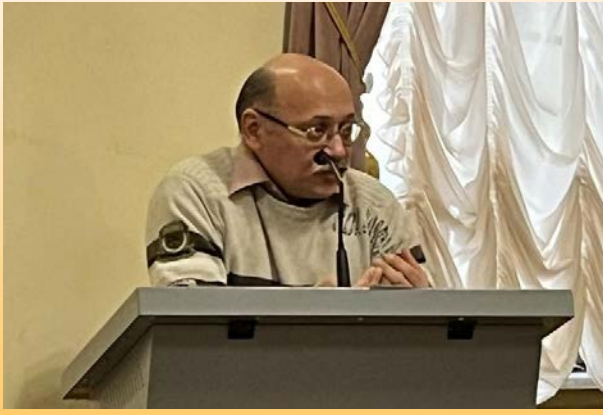
On March 21, 2023, under the auspices of the Commission on Social and Cultural Problems of Globalization of the Scientific Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences "History of World Culture", the 1st meeting of the International Scientific Seminar "Post-coloniality and world civilizational transit" was held. Presentations and presentations were made by: the coordinator of the meeting, adviser to the director of the intergovernmental organization "International Center for Scientific and Technical Information" Olga Belova, editor-in-chief of the journal "Inscription" Professor Marek Ponkinski, head of the "North-South" Group of the Centre for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexander Neklessa, and Professor of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia Vladimir Belov. [Read more](#)

Presentation by Principal Research Fellow, Dr Sc. (History) Vladimir Shubin within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On January 25, 2023, within the framework of the seminar of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology "Culture and Society", a presentation was made by Dr Sc. (History) Vladimir Shubin "Mistake of the President" (on the current domestic political situation in South Africa)". The presentation looked at the current difficult political situation in South Africa, exacerbated by the reported theft of a large number of dollars in the Pala Pala farm, owned by President Cyril Ramaposa. Many in South Africa blame his failure to comment on the event, citing an ongoing investigation, while opponents of the president accused him of several violations of the law. [Read more](#)

Presentation by Mikhail Strovsky within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On February 15, 2023, within the framework of the seminar "Culture and Society" of the Centre for History and Cultural Anthropology, a presentation was made by the senior teacher-translator of the Russian State Humanitarian University, orientalist-Africanist, and chess master Mikhail Dmitrievich Strovsky "Black and White History. Chess as a social lift in Togo. An essay by the leader of the national team on the tenth anniversary of the work of the Chess Federation of the Togolese Republic." The speech was devoted to the development of chess in the Togolese Republic, as well as sports humanitarian cooperation between the Russian Federation and Togo, in which the speaker is a direct participant. [Read more](#)



Presentation by Corresponding member of RAS, Dr Sc. (History), prof. Dmitri Bondarenko within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On March 14, 2023, at noon, as part of the seminar "Culture and Society" of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, a presentation was made by Corresponding Member of RAS, Dr Sc. (History), Professor Dmitri Bondarenko, "The Anti-Racist Movement, the Memory of the Civil War, and the American Nation in the Second Half of the 2010s – Early 2020s: Based on Field Research". The presentation was based on material collected over the years in twenty-eight cities and towns in

fourteen US states and the metropolitan District of Columbia. The purpose of the presentation was to show how the historical (in other words, cultural or social) memory of the Civil War (war of the North and South) of 1861-1865 and the abolition of slavery associated with it manifests itself as a factor in the anti-racist movement, a new wave that has swept the country in recent years. [Read more](#)

Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took part in the traditional MSLU Readings!

On March 2-4, 2023, with the organizational support of the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the traditional MSLU Readings were held at the Moscow State Linguistic University (MSLU named after Maurice Thorez). At the plenary session on March 4, a welcoming speech and a presentation on the theme "Africa Today" was made by the Chairman of the CYS IAfr RAS, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for Southern Africa Studies Sidorov Vasily Alexandrovich. [Read more](#)



International Scientific and Practical Conference First Shanyav Readings - "Gender resources as a potential for the development of society: cultural and historical traditions and innovations"

March 3, 2023 PhD in History, Senior Researcher at the Centre for Tropical African Studies Lyubov Prokopenko took part in the international scientific-practical conference The First Shanyav Readings - "Gender Resources as a Potential for the Development of Society: Cultural-Historical Traditions and Innovations", which took place on March 3 at the Russian State University of Humanities. Lyubov Prokopenko made a presentation "The First

Lady Institute as an indicator of changes in the political life of African countries." [Read more](#)



Presentation of books by Valery Redkin "How we opened a Bank in Africa, or Journey to the other side of the Earth" and "On the Banks of this wild river, or Operation Liquidation"

March 22, 2023, Valery Redkin at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences presented his books "How we opened a Bank in Africa, or Journey to the other side of the Earth" and "On the banks of this wild river, or Operation Liquidation", dedicated to the opening of the first Russian bank in Africa. The author spoke about how and why these books were written and also donated several copies to the library of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

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Regular meeting of the chairmen of the Councils of Young Scholars and Graduate Students of the Institutes of the Department of Global Problems of International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences

On February 9, 2023, a regular meeting of the chairmen of the Councils of Young Scholars and Graduates of the Institutes of the Department of Global Problems of International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences (CYS DGPIR RAS) was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

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“Topical Commentary”

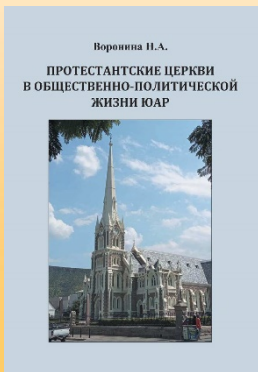
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Russia – Ethiopia: 125 years of Diplomatic Relations

On February 25, 2023, the Russian Embassy in Ethiopia solemnly celebrated the 125th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. In his speech, Ambassador of the Russian Federation E. Terekhin emphasized that relations between the two countries are based on friendship, mutual respect, and trust and now have a multifunctional, mutually beneficial character. [Read more](#)

Institute`s Publications:



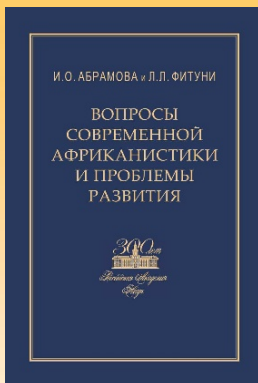
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The monograph examines the role of Protestant churches in the socio-political life of South Africa in the XX century and till present. It provides an overview of the main groups of Protestant churches and their policy towards the apartheid regime.

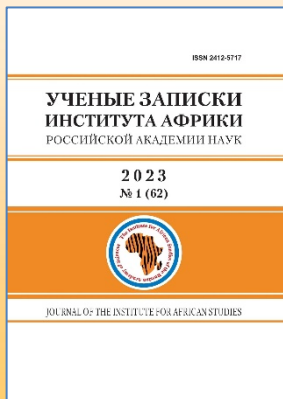


[Abramova I.O., Fituni L.L. "Contemporary Issues in African Studies and Socio-Economic Development".](#)

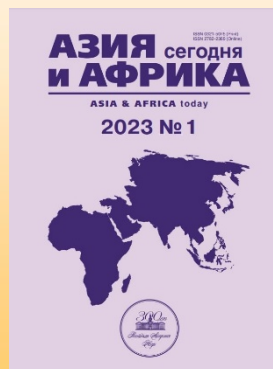
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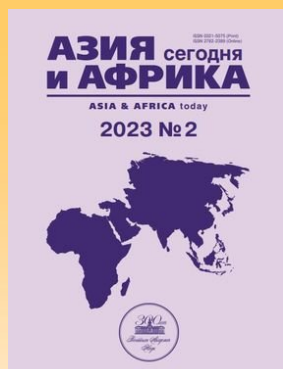
The book includes selected articles and texts of scientific presentations by two leading domestic African scientists, corresponding members of the Russian Academy of Sciences, I.O. Abramova and L.L. Fituni written between 2012 and 2022



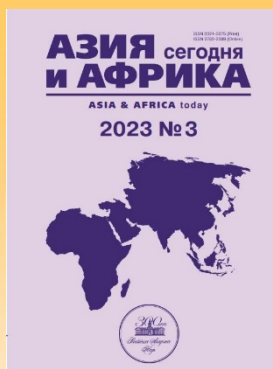
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