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Second Summit Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum

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Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAS RAS) at the Second Summit Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum

On July 27–28, 2023, the Second Summit Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum were held in St. Petersburg, in which representatives of 48 of 54 countries and the five largest integration associations of the continent took part. It was also attended by employees of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAS RAS): Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor Irina Abramova, Honorary President of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Editor-in-Chief of the magazine “Asia and Africa Today”, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexey Vasiliev, Chairman of the of Young Scholars Council of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Economics. Vasily Sidorov. In addition, as part of the session “New World Order: From the Legacy of Colonialism to Sovereignty and Development,” there was a presentation of the book “Africa: Colonizers’ Unpaid Debt,” written by a team of authors: Irina Abramova, Sergey Volkov, Valentina Gribanova, Tatyana Deitch, Tatyana Denisova, Natalya Zherlitsyna, Sergey Kostelyanets, Olga Kulkova, Andrey Urnov, Valentina Usacheva, Lelonid Fituni, Vladinir Shubin, Andrey Elez. The book was published with the support of RT. [Read more](#)



At the Second Summit Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum, the formation of a new world order was discussed

On July 27, 2023, within the framework of the Second Summit Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum, the session “New World Order: from the Legacy of colonialism to Sovereignty and development” was held, which was organized by the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The moderator of the session was the director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova. [Read more](#)



Panel session "Stability of the fertilizer market as a guarantee of eliminating hunger in African countries"

On July 27, 2023, a session entitled “Stability of the fertilizer market as a guarantee of eliminating hunger in African countries” was held, organized with the support of Uralchem/Uralkali. The session was moderated by the Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova. [Read more](#)



Promoting humanitarian policies on the African continent: best practices

July 28, 2023 Irina Abramova, Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, took part in the section “Promoting humanitarian policy on the African continent: best practices,” moderated by the Head of the Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad, and International Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo) Evgeny Primakov. During the session Irina Abramova drew special attention to the fact that humanitarian cooperation can play a

colossal role in building relations between Russia and Africa. [Read more](#)



Session The impact of new global challenges and the economics of sanctions on the media partnership between Russia and Africa: problems and solutions

July 28, 2023 Honorary President of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Editor-in-Chief of the magazine “Asia and Africa Today”, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexey Vasiliev spoke at the session “The Impact of New Global Challenges and the Economics of Sanctions on the Media Partnership between Russia and Africa: Problems and

Solutions,” where in his speech he noted that the most successful cooperation with Africa in the information sphere is possible if our or the common media pays the main attention to specifically African affairs with an emphasis on the positive [Read more](#)



Documents adopted by the Second Summit Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum:

The Summit resulted in the adoption of five key documents:

- Declaration of the Second Russia–Africa Summit
- Declaration of the Second Russia–Africa Summit on the Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space
- Declaration of the Second Russia–Africa Summit on Cooperation to Ensure International Information Security

- Declaration of the Second Russia–Africa Summit on Strengthening Cooperation to Combat Terrorism
- Action Plan of the Russia–Africa Partnership Forum for 2023–2026

Two documents were also signed with leading African integration associations in Vladimir Putin’s presence:

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Government and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) on fundamental issues concerning relations and cooperation
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Russian Government and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on fundamental issues concerning relations and cooperation [Read more](#)



Video interview with Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova

July 24, 2023, An interesting conversation on the eve of the second summit and economic and humanitarian forum "Russia - Africa". We are discussing scientific and technological cooperation and funding for basic research in Africa with a Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, economist, Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Irina Olegovna Abramova. [Read more](#)

Participation of the Academician of the Russian Academy of Science Alexey Vasilyev in the "Big Game" program dedicated to the II Summit and Economic Forum "Russia - Africa"

On July 25, 2023, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexey Vasiliev took part in the "Great Game" program dedicated to the II Summit and Economic Forum "Russia - Africa". [Read more](#)

July 27, 2023, Participation of Irina Abramova, Director of the IAS RAS, in the program “Big Game. Special Issue with Dmitry Simes”

The two-day Russia-Africa summit began in St. Petersburg. 49 countries confirmed their participation, and 17 of them were represented by heads of state. Russia supplied 11.5 million tons of grain crops to African countries in 2022, and almost 10 million tons in the first six months of this year, despite sanctions imposed against Russian exports, Russian President Vladimir Putin said. The West is deliberately ignoring the scale and impact of the geopolitical consequences of the Russia-Africa summit, which is taking place these days in St. Petersburg. [Read more](#)

July 30, 2023 Interview with Irina Abramova, Director of the IAS RAS, “Russia is turning towards Africa”

We present the Second Summit Russia–Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum held in St. Petersburg through the eyes of its participants. Director of the IAS RAS, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova moderated the plenary session of the Russia-Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum on the first day of the summit. In the program "What's Going On?" magazine "International Affairs" she shared her impressions of this large-scale event. [Read more](#)



Chronicle of the Exodus: Another African Country Says Farewell to France

Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Olegovna Abramova became a guest of the “News of the Week” program on TV channel “Russia 1”, dedicated to the coup d’etat in Niger and the political situation in West Africa. [Read more](#)

September 16, 2023 Professor Irina Abramova explained the importance of Russia changing its approach to Africa

Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences in an interview with Moskovsky Komsomolets: “We need to train specialists, open our own representative offices, work with local elites.” [Read more](#)

August 19, 2023 Interview with Senior Research Fellow Vasily Sidorova “The timing of the invasion of Niger has been determined”

Vasily Sidorov, Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Southern Africa Studies, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. in Economics. There are right and wrong revolutions. Cookies will be brought to the organizers of the correct ones. An invasion is prepared for the wrong ones. These are precisely the prospects awaiting the new military authorities of Niger. How the events in this country divided Africa, what measures will be taken by both sides, we find out on Sputnik radio. [Read more](#)

On the participation of the YSC IAS RAS in the Second Economic and Humanitarian Forum Russia – Africa

Members of the Young Scholars Council (YSC) of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAS RAS) took part in the Second Economic and Humanitarian Forum Russia – Africa, which was held in St. Petersburg on July 27-28. The delegation of the YSC IAS RAS included the chairman, Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Economics Vasily Sidorov, Deputy Chairmen – Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Economics Andrey Barinov and Junior Research Fellow Gleb Sugakov, as well as Junior Research Fellows Nikolai Andreev, Tamara Andreeva, Arseniy Arutyunyan, Andrey Berezhnov, Varvara Mitina, Alexander Novikov, Daria Turyanitsa and Anna Semenova. [Read more](#)

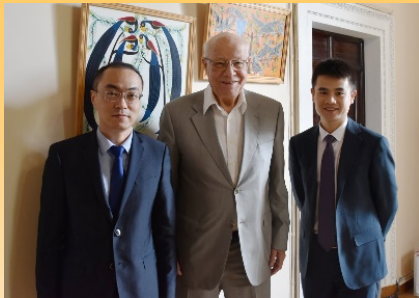
Russia and Africa: audit of relations. Presentation of the Valdai Report

On July 18, at the Valdai Club site, a presentation of the report “Russia and Africa: An Audit of relations,” prepared specifically for the Russian-African Conference of the Club, which will be held on July 25 in St. Petersburg, took place. Elena Kharitonova, Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies, Institute of African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, took part in the discussion. [Read more](#)



Russian-African conference of the Valdai Club “Russia and African countries: established traditions of interaction and prospects for cooperation in the new world.”

On July 25, 2023, the Russian-African conference of the Valdai Club “Russia and African countries: established traditions of interaction and prospects for cooperation in the new world” was held in St. Petersburg. According to the organizers and participants, the Valdai Conference is intended to become a “final synchronization of clocks” at the expert level on the eve of the II Russian-African Summit on July 27–28. At the Session IV of the Valdai Conference - “Soviet Legacy in Africa: from the Past to the Future” - the speakers were Elena Kharitonova, Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Civilization and Regional Studies of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and Vladimir Shubin, Chief Research Fellow at the Institute for African Studies RAS. The speakers received gratitude from the Club’s management for their participation in the Conference and active work on its preparation. [Read more](#)



Meeting of the Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Alexey Vasiliev and Advisor to the Chinese Embassy Su Lei

On August 1, 2023, the Honorary President of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Academician Alexey Vasiliev met with representatives of the Chinese Embassy, Advisor Su Lei, to discuss the political and economic situation in Africa and Russian-African relations in connection with the Second Economic and Humanitarian Forum Russia – Africa. [Read more](#)



Meeting with representatives of the National Coordination Council of Youth for Peace and Development of Chad

On August 3, 2023, at the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a meeting was held with representatives of the National Coordination Council of Youth for Peace and Development of Chad (CONAJEPDT). Director of the Institute, Corresponding Member of the RAS, Member of the Presidium of the RAS Irina Abramova and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to Chad Vladimir Sokolenko had a conversation with representatives of the Chadian delegation - the national secretary of the political party Chadian Convention for Peace and Development (CTPD) Jean-Michel Gerane, the national coordinator of the Council Mahamat Oumar Ibrahim and Oumar Bashir Yacoub. Also present at the meeting were members of the Young Scholars Council of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (YSC IAS RAS) - Deputy Chairman of the YSC IAS RAS, Research Fellow Andrey Barinov and Junior Research Fellow Tamara Andreeva. [Read more](#)

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Meeting with the President of the International Center for Strategic Security and Military Studies of Tunisia Badra Gaaloul

On August 16, 2023, at the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a meeting was held with the President of the International Center for Strategic Security and Military Studies (Centre International des Etudes Stratégiques Sécuritaires et Militaires) of Tunisia Badra Gaaloul. The meeting was attended by the Head of the Centre for the Study of the Russian-African

Relations and African States' Foreign Policy of the IAS RAS, Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Economics Sergey Volkov. and Senior Research Fellow of the Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy of the Institute of African Affairs of the Russian Academy of Sciences Sergey Nenashev. The meeting was also attended by members of the Young Scholars Council of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (YSC IAS RAS) - Deputy Chairman of the YSC IAS RAS, Research Fellow Andrey Barinov and Junior Research Fellow Tamara Andreeva. [Read more](#)

Russia 24: A series of documentaries about the history and modern relations between Russia and African countries

The series opens with an economic report, in which the main expert was a member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor, Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova. [Read more](#)

July 28, 2023 Peace, friendship, money. Economists named Russia's main interest in Africa

African countries represent a colossal sales market for Russian goods with a solvent population that has something to offer Russia in return, Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. in Economics Yuri Skubko told aif.ru. [Read more](#)

Faculty of the Institute for African Studies Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Political Science Darya Zelenova and Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in History Natalya Voronina acted as an experts at the BRICS business incubator program

In August 2023, Faculty of the Institute for African Studies Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Political Science Darya Zelenova and Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in History Natalya Voronina acted as an experts at the BRICS business incubator program, organized based on the NGO Leaders of International Cooperation and Omsk State Technical University, and conducted seminars on the business culture of South Africa and the influence of civil society on South Africa. [Read more](#)

Round table “Results of the BRICS summit”, Participation of a Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Economics Vasily Sidorov

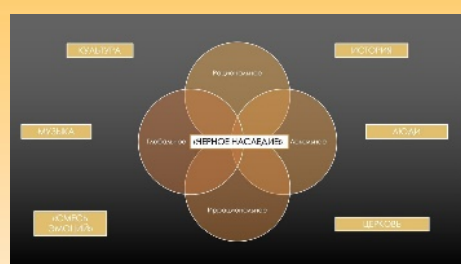
On August 22-24, the BRICS summit was held in Johannesburg (South Africa). Senior Research Fellow of IAfr RAS, Ph.D. in Economics Vasily Sidorov took part in it. [Read more](#)

Award of the RAS Prize named after Nikolay Miklouho-Maclay of 2023 for Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Historical Sciences, prof. Dmitry Bondarenko

On September 19, 2023, at the next meeting of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the issue of awarding the RAS Prize named after Nikolay Miklouho-Maclay of 2023 was positively considered of 2023 for Corresponding Member. RAS, Doctor of Historical Sciences, prof. Dmitry Mikhailovich Bondarenko for the monograph “Postcolonial nations in the historical and cultural context.” Congratulations! [Read more](#)

Scientific conference "Political Systems and Social Structures of African Countries: Current Problems and Vectors of Development "

On September 27, 2023, the Center for Sociological and Political Science Research of the IAF RAS held a scientific conference on the topic: “Political Systems and Social Structures of African Countries: Current Problems and Vectors of Development.” At the conference, 20 scientific reports were heard and discussed on the main trends in the political and sociocultural life of Africans. During the discussion at the conference, topics such as the characteristics of African political systems and political leadership, the activities of political parties and non-governmental organizations, electoral processes, and factors of political destabilization and conflict in Africa were discussed. [Read more](#)



Report by Nadezhda Khokholkova within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On September 19, 2023, as part of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society", held by the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, a report was given by Ph.D. in History, Senior Research Fellow Nadezhda Khokholkova “Symbols of “black heritage” in the perception of African-Americans.” [Read more](#)

Speech by a faculty of the Institute for African Studies at the international conference “Litvak Diaspora”

July 4, 2023, Senior Research Fellow at the Center for Southern Africa Studies at the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. in History Boris Gorelik spoke at an international conference held by the leading university in South Africa - the University of Cape Town. [Read more](#)

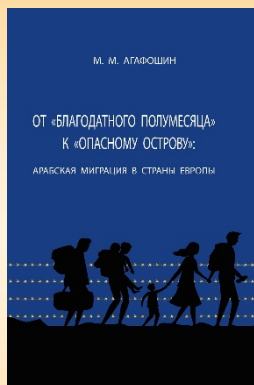
Report by Alexander Neklessa “Three globes of the Ecumene. The evolutionary trajectory of the anthropological cosmos”

On September 27, 2023, a report was made by Alexander Neklessa “Three globes of the Ecumene. Evolutionary trajectory of the anthropological cosmos” at the Interdisciplinary seminar “Current Problems of Global Studies” (Moscow State University, Faculty of Global Processes). [Read more](#)

August 20, 2023, Pre-colonial Africa – Dmitry Bondarenko

Dmitry Bondarenko, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Deputy Director of the Institute of African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the International Center for Anthropology at the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Professor of the Russian State University for the Humanities, talks about pre-colonial Africa. [Read more](#)

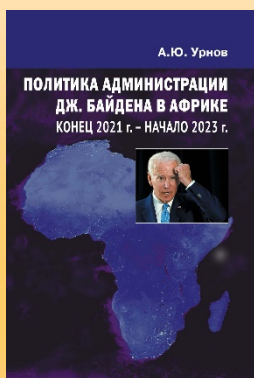
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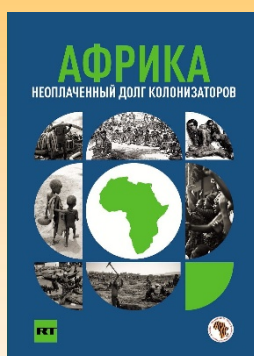
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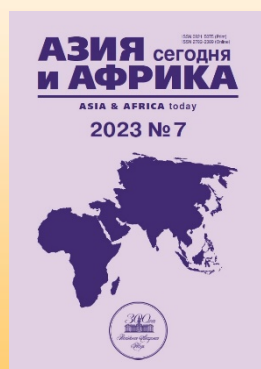
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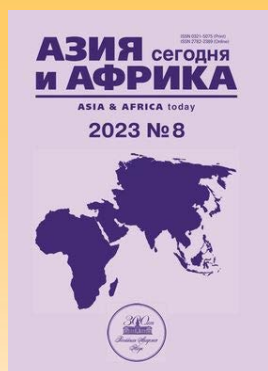
The book is a concise yet comprehensive account of European colonialism in Africa from its roots in the slave trade to modern forms of neocolonial exploitation. Facts are provided to highlight the role of original, “classical,” and current forms of colonial exploitation in Europe’s accelerated economic development and accumulation of wealth.



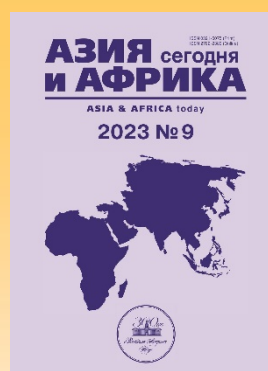
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