

**International Conference**

**On**

**New Actors and Diaspora as Important Factors in  
Africa's International Relations and Development**

**Organized By**

**Centre for African Studies, University of Mumbai,  
Institute of African Studies, Academy of Sciences,  
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**On**

**29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

**At**

**ICSSR Conference Hall  
Kalina Campus, Santacruz (E)**

**PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2012**

**09:15 am - 09:30 am**      *Registration*

**INAUGURAL SESSION**

**Chair: Prof. Ajay Dubey**

**09:30 am - 09:40 am**      *Welcome: Prof. Aparajita Biswas*

**09:40 am - 10:00 am**      *Inaugural Address: Prof. Naresh Chandra*  
*Pro Vice-Chancellor, University of Mumbai*

**10:00 am - 10.30 am**      *Keynote Address: Prof. Alexei Vasiliev*

**10:30 am - 10:35 am**      *Vote of Thanks Dr. Renu Modi*

**TEA-BREAK**

**11:00 am - 12:15 pm**      **SESSION I**

**Chair: Prof. Alexei Vasiliev**

**Speakers:**

- ❖ **Prof. Ajay Dubey**  
*India In Africa: Historical Goodwill And Current Challenges*
- ❖ **Dr. Daria Dronova**  
*Indian Diaspora in Tanzania: connection with native land*
- ❖ **Dr. Tatiana Deych**  
*Chinese Diasporas in Africa in Framework of Africa's Economic and Security Problems*

**Discussant: H. E. Genet Teshome Jirru**

12:15 pm - 01:30 pm

**SESSION II**

**Chair: Dr. Tatiana Deych**

**Speakers:**

- ❖ **Dr. Veronica Usacheva**  
*Russia's "Soft Power" in Africa: The Tool for Effective Foreign Policy*
- ❖ **Prof. Aparajita Biswas**  
*India and China in Africa*
- ❖ **Dr. Mahendra Sahu**  
*India and Russia's Energy Investment in Africa: A Comparative Study*

**Discussant: Dr. Daria Dronova**

**LUNCH BREAK**

02.30 pm - 03:45 pm

**SESSION III**

**Chair: Prof. Aparajita Biswas**

**Speakers:**

- ❖ **Dr. Vyacheslav Usov**  
*African Policy of India and Indian Diaspora*
- ❖ **Dr. Renu Modi**  
*The South Africa Indian (SAI) Diaspora: Do They Contribute to India's Development Agenda?*
- ❖ **Dr. Mala Pandurang**  
*A Socio-Literary Investigation into the East African Asian Diasporic Experience: Understanding the Past – Shaping the Future*

**Discussant: Dr. Veronica Usacheva**

**03:45 pm - 04:15 pm**

**SESSION 1V**

**Chair: Prof. Ajay Dubey**

**04:30 pm - 04:45 pm**

**Rapporteur's Report: Veda Vaidyanathan**

**04:45 pm - 05:00 pm**

**Vote of Thanks Dr Mahendra Sahu**