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**Director of the Institute for African Studies, I.O. Abramova was awarded a medal “For the significant contribution to organization of the Summit and Economic Forum Russia-Africa”** [Read more...](#)

**December 9, 2020 at the award ceremony at the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation three researchers of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS) were presented state awards.** [Read more...](#)

### **First meeting of the Scientific Council at the Secretariat of the Russia-Africa Forum Partnership**

November 18, 2020, the first meeting of the Scientific Council (SC) was held in the format of videoconference, created at the Secretariat of the Russia-Africa Forum Partnership. The event was chaired by the Head of the SC, Director of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), member of the Presidium of the RAS, Corresponding Member of the RAS **I.O. Abramova**. It was attended by 12 out of 15 members of the Council.

During her speech, **I.O. Abramova** outlined the priorities of the SC, among which: scientific basis for Russian policy on the African continent, rendering assistance to economic operators, deepening and expanding the Russian-African scientific cooperation, development of educational interaction, popularization of the African continent and African studies. [Read more...](#)



### **Congratulations on the anniversary of Igor Vasilyevich Sledzevsky!**

November 17, 2020, one of the longest-serving member of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, **Igor Vasilyevich Sledzevsky** celebrated his 80 years anniversary. Most of his scientific life Igor Vasilyevich dedicated to work at the Institute for African Studies. He was at the origins of the development of its most important scientific directions. He became an innovator in applying the principles of the civilizational approach to the studies of the History of Africa, in determining the place of the African continent in global civilized process. He created his own scientific school, whereby his students and followers continue the work he has started. [Read more...](#)



### **Russia returns to Africa**

November 27, 2020 member of the Federation Council Committee on Economic Policy Igor Morozov via videoconference held a meeting on **"Improving State Export Support to African Countries"**. According to the director of the Institute for African Studies **Irina Abramova**, the main issue of Russian interaction with the continent is the financial tools. She raised the topics such as Russian investments in African countries, the prospects for establishing direct contacts on the supply of agricultural products with African states. [Read more...](#)

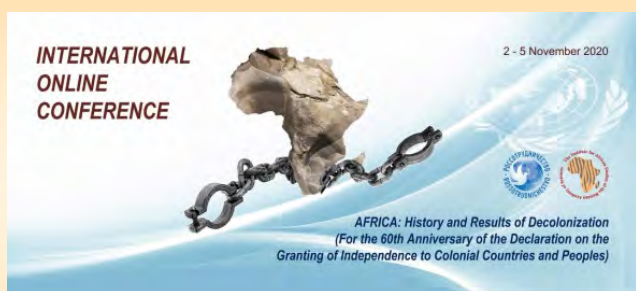
## AECAS delivered the first lecture on Nigeria in a joint project with the Institute for African Studies

November 26, Moscow. The Association of Economic Cooperation with African States held a webinar on doing business in Nigeria jointly with the [Institute for African Studies of the RAS](#). The event took place with support from the Russian Foreign Ministry and the [Roscongress Foundation](#) and gathered more than 40 participants - representatives of major and medium-sized companies from the industries such as mechanical engineering, mineral production, energy, fertilizer production, water supply, information technology, etc. The event featured the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS Abramova Irina Olegovna, L.L. Fituni, T.S. Denisova, K.A. Alyoshin. [Read more...](#)

## Online conference following the BRICS Summit and the presentation of a series of books

December 7, 2020, an online conference was held at the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, timed to coincide with the **XII BRICS Summit** and the release of an informative and colorful edition dedicated to the member countries of the association. The event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, diplomatic missions of the BRICS countries, the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Russian Academy of Arts, members of the author team, management of the partners of the publication, public figures.

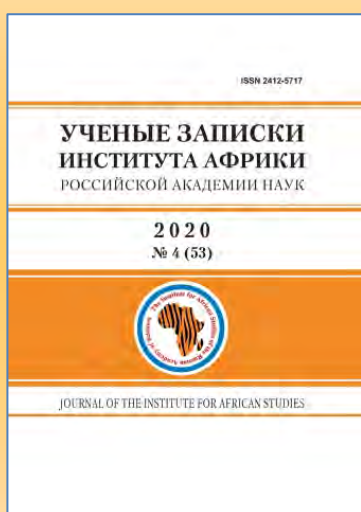
Director of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Member of the Presidium of the RAS, Corresponding Member of the RAS, **I.O.Abramova** noted the importance of 3 fundamental documents signed on the sidelines of the summit: The Moscow Declaration defining a single view on the global development of all participating countries; BRICS Economic Partnership Strategies for the period up to 2025; Anti-terrorist strategies. [Read more...](#)



## The results of an International Scientific Conference "Africa: History and Results of Decolonization (For the 60th anniversary of the UN "Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) "

Unfortunately, Russian-African conferences, especially so large, have never been frequent phenomena of scientific life, recently they have become even less frequent. At the same time, the conference, "Africa: History and Results of

Decolonization (For the 60th anniversary of the UN "Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples)" held on November 2-5, during which about 50 reports were heard and discussed, clearly showed how important such scientific forums are. [Read more...](#)



## The journal " Uchenye zapiski Instituta Afriki RAN " is included in the SAC list

The journal " Uchenye zapiski Instituta Afriki RAN " December 25, 2020 was included in the LIST of peer-reviewed scientific publications (No. 2302), which publishes the main scientific results of dissertations for the degree of Candidate of Sciences and for scientific degree of Doctor of Science.

Congratulations to all our researchers and other authors on this a wonderful event!  
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## **Online conference "Africa in the Global Migration Flow: History and Modernity"**

September 23, 2020 Institute of Socio-Political Research (ISPR) of the Institute for African Studies RAS held a scientific online conference on the topic: **"Africa in the Global Migration Flow: History and Modernity"**.

The director of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor **Irina Olegovna Abramova** addressed the conference participants with a welcoming speech.

The conference was attended by researchers from the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Lomonosov Moscow State University, MGIMO, HSE University, Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation.

At the conference, 27 scientific reports were heard and discussed, highlighting the place of the African continent in global migration processes. During the discussion at the conference, topics such as the African diaspora, socio-economic aspects of migration, regions and countries of Africa at the crossroads of migration were discussed.

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## **Scientific session with participation of representatives of Russia and Japan**

September 25, 2020, was held an online scientific session of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Ritsumeikan University (Japan) and Doshisha University (Japan). The event analyzed topical problems of economic relations between the states of the African continent.

On behalf of the Institute, Member of the Directorate, Head of Applied Research Group, Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. of Economics K.A. Alyoshin made a presentation on the topic **"Current State and Prospects for the Development of Russian-African Relations"**.

During the session, a detailed discussion of the interested participants took place. [Read more...](#)

## **Webinar from the series "Africa: Crossroad (Scramble) of (Re)Emerging Forces"**

October 5, 2020, took place an international webinar of the series **"Africa: Crossroad (Scramble) of (Re) Emerging Forces"**, organized by the [Ritsumeikan University](#) (Japan) and the Institute for African Studies of the RAS (Russia). The meeting was moderated by Professor Takuo Iwata from Ritsumeikan University.

K.A. Alyoshin, Member of the Directorate, Head of Applied Research Group, Senior Research Fellow of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Ph.D. of Economics made a report on the topic **"Eastern Africa in the Face of International Competition: Scramble for Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda (a reflection on economic cooperation between Russia and East Africa)"**

The webinar was attended by 30 Africanists from Indonesia, China, Russia, South Korea, Japan and other countries, among which is Professor Seyfudin Adem, Doshisha University (Japan), Professor Liu Haifang, University of Beijing (China). [Read more...](#)

## **BRICS Civil Forum**

September 23-25, the BRICS Civil Forum 2020 was held in Moscow in off-line and online modes. During these days more than 450 representatives of civil society institutions, experts, scientist and journalists became guests of the Forum at the digital and face-to-face platforms.

**Alexander Neklessa**, Head of the "North-South" Group, of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies, Chairman of the Commission on Social and Cultural Problems of Globalization, Member of the Bureau of the Scientific Council "History of World Culture" under the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, whose recommendations are included in the documents of BRICS Civil Forum 2020, took part in the preparation and activities of the Forum. [Read more...](#)



## Conference “The Turning Point in the History of Africa. Expectations and Reality ”

October 14, 2020 Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. (World History) Anastasia Alekseevna Banshchikova, Head of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, Senior Researcher, Ph.D. (History) Valentina Valerievna Gribanova, Junior Researcher Oxana Vasilievna Ivanchenko, Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. (History) Nadezhda Evgenievna Khokholkova and Principal Research Fellow, Doctor of Sciences (History) Vladimir Gennadievich Shubin took part in an online conference “**The Turning Point in the History of Africa. Expectations and Reality**”, organized by the Center for African Studies of the Institute of General History of the RAS. [Read more...](#)



## X Jubilee South-Russian Political Science Convention

October 27–31, the All-Russian online conference with international participation was held. X jubilee South-Russian Political Science Convention "Political Power in Conditions of Social Turbulence: Regional and Global Aspects" was organized by the Southern Federal University.

The head of the "North-South" Group of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Chairman of the Commission on Social and Cultural Problems of Globalization, Member of the Bureau of the Scientific Council "History of World Culture" under the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences **Alexander I. Neklessa** took part in the conference. He spoke at the plenary session with the report "**Postmodernity as Postcoloniality: Metamorphoses of Civilization Transit**". [Read more...](#)

## International (on-line) conference of Young scholars "Global Governance: Crisis or Transformation?"

October 30, 2020 within the international (on-line) conference of Young scholars "Global Governance: Crisis or Transformation?" in Moscow, at the site of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) RAS was held the section “**The Future of Russia and BRICS in the Global Governance**”. On behalf of the Institute, Chairman of the Young Scholars’ Council, Research Fellow for the Center for Southern African Studies, Ph.D. (International Economics) V.A. Sidorov made a report on the topic "**South Africa in BRICS**". [Read more...](#)

## Webinars of the Department of Africology and African American Studies of the Temple University (Philadelphia, USA)

Employees of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology took part in online webinars, organized by the Head of the Department of Africology and African American Studies of the Temple University (Philadelphia, USA) Molefi Kete Asante.

October 21, 2020 as part of the webinar on the problems of racism, anti-racism and humanity, Corresponding member of RAS, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Deputy Director of the Institute for African studies in charge of research, Professor Dmitry Mikhailovich Bondarenko made a report “**African Migrants in Moscow**”. November 2, 2020 at the webinar “**Afrocentricity: Epistemological Revolution in African Studies**” Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. (History) Nadezhda Evgenievna Khokholkova gave a presentation on the topic “**Key Functions of Afrocentric Epistemology**”. [Read more...](#)

## Online conference of Young scholars "Topical Issues of Ethnology and Anthropology" at the IEA RAS

November 18, 2020 Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. (History) Nadezhda Evgenievna Khokholkova made a report “**Historical Memory of German Colonialism in Modern Tanzania**” at the meeting of the section “**Memory and Anthropology: from Local Practices to Global Challenges**” of the online conferences of Young scholars “**Topical Issues of Ethnology and Anthropology**”, organized by the Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology RAS. [Read more...](#)



### **International Scientific Forum “Russia - Africa: Politics, Economy, History and Culture”, (within the X International Symposium "Islam in the Multicultural World")**

November 11, 2020 at the Institute of International Relations of Kazan (Volga Region) Federal University took place International Scientific Forum “**Russia - Africa: Politics, Economy, History and Culture**”. Among the co-organizers were Group of strategic vision "**Russia - Islamic World**", Egyptian-Russian Foundation for Culture and Science (Arab Republic of Egypt, Cairo), Center for Research and Scientific

Interaction "Aualim" (Kingdom of Morocco, Tetouan).

Director of the Institute for African Studies, Member of the Presidium of the RAS, Corresponding Member of the RAS I.O. Abramova opened with a welcome address to the participants of the conference. Employees of the IAfr RAS participated in the work of the sections: Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor V.G. Shubin, Ph.D. (History) T.S. Denisova, Ph.D (History) G.M. Sidorova, PhD (History) O.S. Kulkova, Ph.D (Political Science) D.A. Zelenova, Ph.D. (History) E.R. Salakhedinov, Ph.D. (International Economics) V.A. Sidorov, N.A. Voronina, D.A. Turyanitsa. [Read more...](#)

### **XIX All-Russian School of Young Africanists**

Institute for African Studies of the RAS, Scientific Council of the RAS on African Countries in cooperation with the Department of Indo-Iranian and African Languages of MGIMO of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation and the African Club of the MGIMO University Scientific Student Society on November 25, 2020 held in Moscow regular XIX The All-Russian School of Young Africanists, which this year bore the name "**Russian-African Relations: History, Achievements, Challenges and New Horizons for Cooperation**".

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### **Online conference "Separatism in Africa: History, Modernity and Prospects"**

November 25, 2020 the Zoom platform hosted an online conference “**Separatism in Africa: History, Modernity and Prospects**”. The event was organized by the Center for Tropical African Studies of Institute for African Studies, RAS. The conference was attended by 25 experts from several scientific and pedagogical institutions of the country: representatives of the Institute for African Studies, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Lomonosov Moscow State University, MGIMO, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and also Kazan University of Management "TISBI". [Read more...](#)

### **Third season of field research in the United Republic of Tanzania**

In August-September 2020 A.A. Banshchikova, O. V. Ivanchenko and V.N. Bryndina accomplished the third season of field study in the United Republic of Tanzania dedicated to the historical memory of the Arab slave trade. The researchers have conducted interviews in Dar es Salaam, Bagamoyo and Zanzibar, with parishioners of the Anglican Church of Zanzibar. The latter interviews are of particular interest, since a significant part of the worshippers are descendants of slaves. [Read more...](#)





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## Online conference "Prospects for Destabilization Processes in the Middle East and North Africa: Before and after the Pandemic "

December 2, 2020 Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS held a scientific conference on the topic: **"Prospects for the Destabilization Processes in the Middle East and North Africa: Before and after the Pandemic"**. [Read more...](#)

## Online conference "The Role of Christianity and Islam in the Civilizational Development of Modern Africa "

December 9, 2020 Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS held a scientific conference on the topic: **"The Role of Christianity and Islam in Civilizational Development of Modern Africa"**. The relevance, scientific and practical significance of the conference is determined by the movement of the world's "demographic centers" of Christianity and Islam to Sub-Saharan Africa, the growing influence of Christianity and Islam on the socio-cultural structure of African societies. [Read more...](#)

## Conference "Current Situation in the Horn of Africa Region"

Coordination Committee on Economic Cooperation with Africa Countries (AFROCOM) in cooperation with the Institute for African Studies of the RAS, the Joint Department of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the RAS at the HSE University and the African Club of the MGIMO University Scientific Student Society on December 16 and 17, 2020 held a conference on the Zoom platform. [Read more...](#)

## Mayak Radio Station "The Unknown Foreign Culture. How is New Year Celebrated in Africa?"

How is New Year celebrated in Africa? When did it come to these parts? And what kind of presents do people give to each other? Professor **Dmitry Mikhailovich Bondarenko**, Africanist, Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS answered these questions. [Read more...](#)

### "Current Comment"

(the rubric was created in cooperation with IMEMO of the Russian Academy of Sciences)



## 2020 Presidential Election in Ivory Coast

October 31, 2020, Ivory Coast held the next presidential elections. Alassane Draman Ouattara was re-elected as the Head of the State for a third presidential term. For (according to the voting results, announced by the Independent Election Commission on November 3) voted 94.27% or 3,031,483 out of 7,503,095 registered voters. [Read more...](#)



## 2020 General Election in the United Republic of Tanzania

October 28, 2020 citizens of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) elected the country's President, Deputies to the National Assembly (NA) and to local authorities. This was the eighth multi-party elections in the country, the first took place in October 1995. Each registered political party has the right to nominate one candidate for presidential, parliamentary and local elections. 19 parties participated in 2020 elections. [Read more...](#)

### Publications of the Institute:

#### [New additions to the Library of the Institute for African Studies in 2020](#)



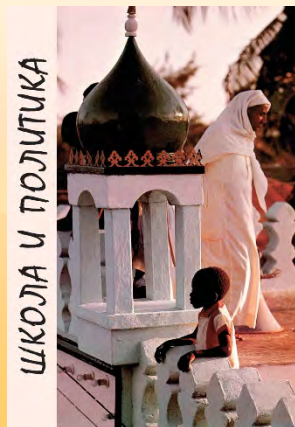
#### [New Global and Regional Challenges in Africa in the Context of Multipolarity.](#)

Conference Materials.

Edited by Ph.D. (Econ.). K.A. Alyoshina  
Compiled by G.K. Sugakov  
Moscow, Institute for African Studies, RAS, 2020, 72 p.  
ISBN 978-5-91298-257-6

The collection includes materials from the conferences "New Global and Regional Challenges in Africa "(May 16, 2020)," Russia and the United States: State and Prospects of Cooperation with the Countries of the African Continent "(July 6, 2020), organized by the Council of Young Scholars of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS in cooperation with African Club of the of MGIMO University Scientific Student Society and Council of Young Scientists of the Institute of the USA and Canada,

RAS, respectively.



#### [Gribanova V.V., Ponomarev I.V. "School and Politics. From the History of Creation and Reforming of the School System in the Countries of Eastern and Southern Africa."](#)

Resp. editor Corresponding Member of RAS, Dr.Sc. (Hist.), prof. D.M. Bondarenko  
Moscow: IAfr RAS, 2018 .-- 176 p.  
ISBN 978-5-91298-222-4

The monograph proposes an unconventional approach to studying educational policy based on the comparison of alternative data from quite different areas of scientific knowledge: history, political science, anthropology, cross-cultural psychology, and econometric research.



#### [The collective monograph "Africa: Political Development and the Army"](#)

Resp. editor Ph.D. (Hist.) T.S. Denisova  
Moscow: IAfr RAS, 2020 .-- 380 p.  
ISBN 978-5-91298-250-7

The monograph is devoted to the study of the role of the army in the socio-political life of African countries. The evolution of this institution is traced from pre-colonial times to this day. Along with the questions of politicization and professionalization of the armed forces great attention is paid to the problems of increasing of their military capacity and relations with the civilian population, to the activities of military regimes, to the participation of African armies in peacekeeping missions and economic development.

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МАДАГАСКАР



### Republic of Madagascar.

Reference and monographic edition.

Resp. editor Ph.D. (Hist.) T.S. Denisova Moscow:

IAfr RAS, 2020 .-- 242 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-255-2

The guide contains extensive information about the unique nature of the island, the peoples inhabiting it, the composition of the population of Madagascar, religions, state structure, economic development, culture, healthcare, etc.

ТУРИЗМ  
В АФРИКЕ  
ПРОБЛЕМЫ  
И ПЕРСПЕКТИВЫ



### The collective monograph "Tourism in Africa: Problems and Prospects".

Resp. editors: Ph.D. (Hist.) N.V. Grishina, Ph.D. (Political Science) S.V. Kostelyanets

Moscow: IAfr RAS, 2020 .-- 302 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-252-1

The monograph provides a comprehensive analysis of the state of the tourism industry as one of the fastest growing sectors of the economy in African countries. The main forms and directions of tourism are considered, as well as the obstacles to development of this area faced by the states of the continent - the growth of terrorism, the spread of epidemics, the lack of infrastructure and qualified personnel, etc.

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В УСЛОВИЯХ ФОРМИРОВАНИЯ  
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### Collective monograph "Africa in an Emerging Polycentric World".

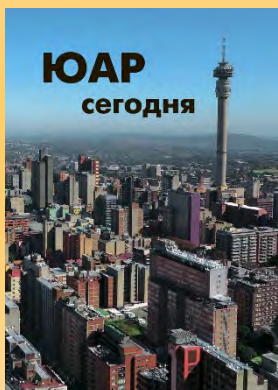
Resp. editors: Volkov S.N., Deich T.L., Nenashev S.V.

Moscow: IAfr RAS, 2020 .-- 360 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-246-0

This monograph raises a number of such important questions of contemporary international relations as the growing role of African countries in an emerging polycentric world, the desire of the new young states to greater identity and the conquest of more significant positions in the international arena.

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### Collective monograph "South Africa Today".

Resp. editor Doctor of Sciences (History) V.G. Shubin

Moscow: IAfr RAS, 2020 .-- 182 p.

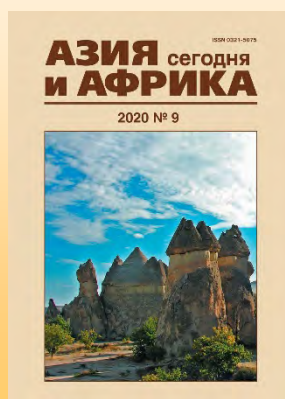
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A monograph prepared by a group of employees and applicants of the Institute of Africa RAS, is dedicated to the current stage of development of the South African Republic (South Africa), a country that is a strategic partner of Russia. The authors set themselves the task of analyzing current problems of South Africa and the steps taken to address them.

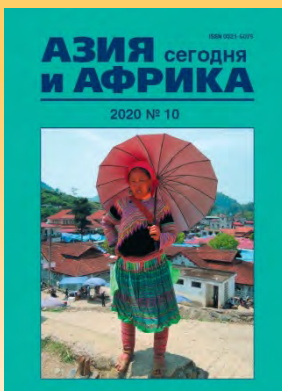




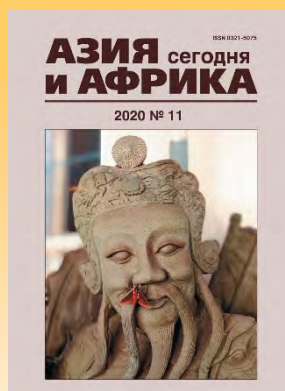
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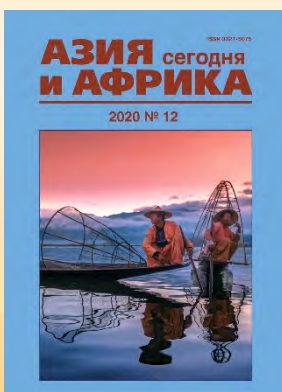
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