



## "Image of the World with Mikhail Kovalchuk": New centers of world development: Africa

Today there is a process of formation of a new world order and the growth of new centers of power and development. In conditions of multipolarity, the growing economies of the world's majority countries strive to fill their niches. Among them are the states of Africa, with a total population of almost one and a half billion people and a third of the world's mineral reserves. How is the role of Africa

changing despite Western pressure? How has the colonial policy of Europe and the United States for centuries been the basis for the plunder of this part of the world, its human and natural resources? How has Russia repeatedly helped in solving the problems of the continent, from tsarist times to the present day? What was our support for Africa during the formation of independent states there? Irina Abramova, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics answers these and other questions about Africa. [Read more](#)



## Press conference of the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova

May 25 is African Liberation Day. During the press conference, an assessment was made of the current situation in African countries, and the prospects for Russia's interaction with the countries of the continent were discussed. Particular attention was paid to the preparations for the II Russia-Africa Summit. [Read more](#)



## Participation of the Director of the IAfr RAS Irina Abramova in the "Great Game" program dedicated to Russian-African relations

May 31, 2023 Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Economics Irina Abramova took part in the "Great Game" program dedicated to the relations between Russia and Africa. [Read more](#)

## Interview with the Director of the IAfr RAS Irina Abramova "A real geopolitical battle is underway for Africa"

Belarus and Russia are stepping up cooperation with African countries. Fruitful contacts at the highest level contribute to the implementation of major economic projects. Moreover, unlike Western states, our countries offer cooperation aimed at the development of this continent, and not using it as a raw material base. And this is especially appreciated by African partners. Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova spoke about the prospects for cooperation with Africa, the role of the states of the region in a timely peace, attempts to resist external pressure, and the peace initiative proposed by African leaders to Ukraine and Russia in an interview with radio Belarus. [Read more](#)

## Memorandum of Understanding and Co-operation between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Tanzania Institute of Accountancy

April 20, 2023 The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Tanzanian Institute of Accounting of the Ministry of Finance and Planning (Dar es Salaam, Tanzania) signed a Memorandum of Understanding and Cooperation. [Read more](#)



### Solemn meeting dedicated to the 95th anniversary of Roza Ismagilova

On April 12, 2023, the 95th anniversary of Ismagilova was solemnly celebrated at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. Roza Ismagilova is a well-known Africanist, Honored Scientist, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, author of more than 300 scientific publications in Russian and foreign publications. Specialist in the field of ethno-confessional issues of African countries, in the study of the processes of socio-political development of one of the largest states of the Black Continent - Ethiopia and, more broadly, the countries of the Horn of Africa. [Read more](#)



### Solemn meeting dedicated to the 78th anniversary of the Victory of the Soviet Union in the Great Patriotic War

On May 10, a celebration dedicated to the 78th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War took place in the conference hall of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The main Day that united all of us, the whole country into one People. And this was felt in the atmosphere of the hall by each of those who came, from junior employees to an academician. A solemn and at the same time genuinely sincere tone was also tuned in by the Banner of Victory located in full view of everyone. [Read more](#)



### Commemorative meeting dedicated to the celebration of Africa Day

On May 24, 2023, a solemn meeting dedicated to the celebration of Africa Day was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The cross-cutting topics of the event were the urgent tasks of preparing the second Summit and the Russia-Africa Economic and Humanitarian Forum, as well as the current state and prospects for the development of Russian-African relations. [Read more](#)



### Awarding the Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Academician A.M. Vasilyev with the gold medal named after E.M. Primakov

On May 24, 2023, at the General Meeting of the Members of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the presentation of gold medals named after outstanding scientists took place. Awards for 2022 - Gold medals named after E.M. Primakov - was awarded the Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Academician Alexei Mikhailovich Vasilyev. [Read more](#)



### **Expert round table "Information and image support of Russian-African relations: problems and prospects"**

On May 16, 2023, the faculty of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took part in the expert round table "Information and image support of Russian-African relations: problems and prospects", organized by the Russian International Affairs Council.

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### **Round table "Crisis in Sudan: risks and opportunities for external actors"**

May 16, 2023 Georgy Arbatov Institute for US and Canada Studies (IUCS) of the RAS hosted a round table "The Crisis in Sudan: Risks and Opportunities for External Actors", which discussed the latest developments in the Republic of Sudan. The event was moderated by the Scientific Secretary of the Institute for US and Canada Studies, Ph.D. Chairman of the Young Scholars Council (YSC) of IUCS Andrey Evseenko. The main speaker was the Leading Research Fellow, the Head of the Centre for Sociological and Political Science Studies of the IAfr RAS, Ph.D. Sergey Kostelyanets "Interests of key external players in the Sudanese conflict". Senior Research Fellow of the Department

for Foreign Policy Study of IUCS, Ph.D. Valentin Parkhomenko also spoke at the event. [Read more](#)



### **X International scientific and practical conference of young scientists "Scientific research of young scientists: development trends in conditions of uncertainty"**

On May 16, 2023, based on St. Petersburg State University of Economics (SPbSEU), the X International Scientific and Practical Conference of Young Scientists "Scientific Research of Young Scientists: Development Trends under Uncertainty" was held, co-organized by the Young Scholars Council of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (YSC IAfr RAS). [Read more](#)



### **XXXII International Congress on Source Studies and Historiography of Asia and Africa**

On April 26-28, 2023, St. Petersburg State University hosted the XXXII International Congress on Source Studies and Historiography of Asia and Africa: "Russia and the East. Commemorating 300th anniversary of Saint-Petersburg State University". The faculty of the Institute for African Studies of RAS actively participated in the event, presenting the results of their research. Corresponding Member of the RAS, Ph.D., prof. Dmitri Bondarenko and Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow Irina Tatarovskaya made their presentations at the opening of

the section of Africanists "Readings in memory of D.A. Olderogge", dedicated to the 120th anniversary of the birth of the outstanding scientist. As part of the further work of the section, presentations were made by Junior Research Fellow Valentina Bryndina, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow Valentina Griбанова, Ph.D. Leading Research Fellow Tatyana Denisova, Ph.D., Leading Research Fellow Evgeniya Morozenskaya, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow Natalya Khokholkova, and Ph.D., Leading Research Fellow Natalya Zherlitsyna. [Read more](#)

### **Presentation by Oxana Ivanchenko within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"**

On April 11, 2023, within the framework of the seminar "Culture and Society" of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, Oksana Ivanchenko presented a report "Remembering the leaders of Tanganyika: the Arab-Swahili slave trade and the contamination of the slave and colonial discourses in modern Tanzania". The presentation was based on the results of 5 years of field research conducted in Tanzania by the faculty of the center Oxana Ivanchenko, Anastasia Banshchikova, and Valentina Bryndina. The study was devoted to the memories of modern Tanzanians about the Arab-Swahili slave trade of the 19th century, as well as their influence on modern interethnic relations in the country. [Read more](#)

### **The Scientific Seminar "Post-coloniality and World Civilizational Transit"**

On April 18, 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", a meeting of the scientific seminar of the Commission "Post-coloniality and World civilizational transit" was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The theme of the last meeting: "Post-coloniality and civilizational transit: horizon lines." [Read more](#)

### **Tatyana Denisova took part in the conference "Russia and the World: Dialogues - 2023. Goals and Values"**

Head of the Center for Tropical African Countries, Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. in History Tatyana Denisova spoke at the plenary session of the 7th International Scientific and Practical Conference "Russia and the World: Dialogues - 2023. Goals and Values", which is organized by the National Research Institute for the Development of Communications (NRIDC). The event was attended by experts from 22 countries. [Read more](#)

### **«Conference "Deradicalization of Religiously Motivated Extremists: Opportunities and Prospects"**

On May 30, 2023, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted the Interuniversity Scientific Conference with international participation "De-radicalization of Religiously Motivated Extremists: Opportunities and Prospects". There were 4 sections devoted to the radicalization and de-radicalization of society at the conference. [Read more](#)

### **Presentation of Irina Tatarovskaya within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"**

On May 30, 2023 within the framework of the seminar "Culture and Society" of the Centre for History and Cultural Anthropology, a presentation was made by Senior Researcher, Doctor of Philosophy. Irina Tatarovskaya "Mythology as a source for studying the philosophical ideas of the peoples of Tropical Africa". [Read more](#)

### **Vasily Sidorov's interview "Will South Africa help resolve the Ukrainian conflict?"**

June 1, 2023 Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in Economics, Vasily Sidorov gave an interview to Sputnik radio about the African peace initiative in resolving the Ukrainian conflict and the role that South Africa plays in this. [Read more](#)

### **Presentations by Veronika Usacheva and Vladimir Shubin within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"**

June 7, 2023 in the framework of the seminar "Culture and Society" of the Centre for History and Cultural Anthropology, a presentation was made by Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. in History, Veronica Usacheva "The fight against monuments in the context of the BLM movement". The Presentations examined the main theoretical approaches to the problem of vandalism and the fight against monuments in the modern world. [Read more](#)

### **Seminar "Images and Meanings of the Future in Conditions of Civilizational Transit (on the Example of African and Eastern Countries)"**

On June 21, 2023, the Centre for Civilizational and Regional Studies (CCRS) held a seminar "Images and Meanings of the Future in Conditions of Civilizational Transit (on the Example of African and Eastern Countries)". 7 presentations were heard and discussed at the seminar. Seminar moderators - Ph.D., senior researcher N. A. Neflyasheva and Ph.D. in Psychology, senior researcher E. V. Kharitonova. [Read more](#)

## **Conference "The nature and characteristics of multiculturalism in the context of the crisis of world civilization and the high speed of information exchange"**

On April 11 – 12, 2023, the All-Russian Scientific and Research Conference “The Nature and Features of Multiculturalism in the Conditions of the Crisis of World Civilization and the High Speed of Information Exchange” was held at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, at which about 60 reports were presented. The organizer of the conference is the Department of Comparative Cultural Studies of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the research program "Diversity".ment as a phenomenon of the politics of memory". [Read more](#)

## **Evgeniya Morozenskaya took part in the V Anniversary International Moscow Academic Economic Forum "World Economic Development Trends: the Role and Place of Russia"**

Head of the Centre for Transition Economy Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Ph.D. in Economics Evgeniya Morozenskaya made a presentation at the plenary conference "Russia's Political and Economic Pivot to the Global South" (June 8, 2023, INION RAS) as part of the 5th Anniversary International Moscow Academic Economic Forum "World Economic Development Trends: Russia's Role and Place" (MAEF –2023, Moscow, June 7–8, 2023) [Read more](#)



## **Faculty of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences at the XV Congress of Anthropologists and Ethnologists of Russia**

On June 26-30, 2023, the XV Congress of Anthropologists and Ethnologists of Russia was held in St. Petersburg, dedicated to the 300th anniversary of the Russian Academy of Sciences and St. Petersburg State University. More than 800 scientists took part in the work of the Congress, including employees of the Center for

History and Cultural Anthropology of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. [Read more](#)

## **III International Scientific and Practical Conference "Problems of Modern Oriental Studies"**

On June 29-30, 2023, the Department of Oriental Studies and the Department of Oriental Languages of the Faculty of International Relations of the Belarusian State University held the III International Scientific and Practical Conference "Problems of Modern Oriental Studies" in a mixed format. Ph.D. in Political Science Timur Khairullin represented the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences during the conference.

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## **Diploma of the State Public Historical Library of Russia “Essays on the history of Christian civilizations. From the Arab conquests to the Crusades (VIII-XI centuries)”**

"For contribution to the preservation of historical memory" was awarded the Diploma of the State Public Historical Library of Russia book "Essays on the history of Christian civilizations. From the Arab conquests to the Crusades (VIII-XI centuries)". Rep. ed. and head of the team of authors, Doctor of History Yury Kobishchanov.

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## **Participation of the Leading Research Fellow, Doctor of History, Vladimir Shubin in the filming of a documentary film about the life of the Russian diaspora in South Africa**

The authors of the film talk about their project like this: “The new world is the reality in which we have been living for the past few years, and it is also an educational project about the friendship of people. How the Russian diaspora lives in South Africa, why the main memorial of the country is dedicated to the Soviet military, why T-shirts with the inscription "Moscow" became popular among local youth, and how the only Orthodox church in South Africa was built - you will learn about all this from the first issue of "New World". From China and India to Belarus, Brazil, Serbia, and the Republic of South Africa - the people of our countries are closely connected with Russia through a wide range of joint initiatives and projects. [Read more](#)

## “Topical Commentary”

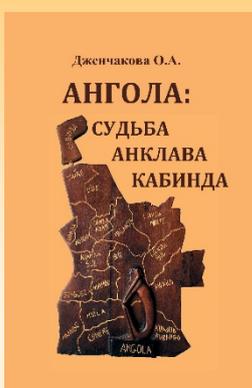
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### Nigeria: The 2023 Presidential Election

The regular presidential election was held in Nigeria on February 25, 2023. There was a change of leadership in the country, as the term of office of President Muhammadu Buhari, who had held this post for two 4-year terms (since 2015), ended on May 29. [Read more](#)

### Institute`s Publications:



### [Dzhenchakova O.A. "Angola: The fate of the Cabinda enclave"](#)

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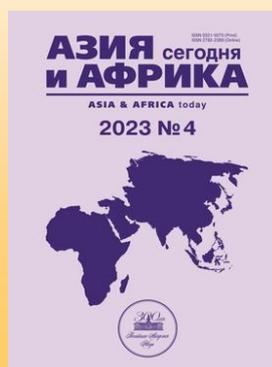
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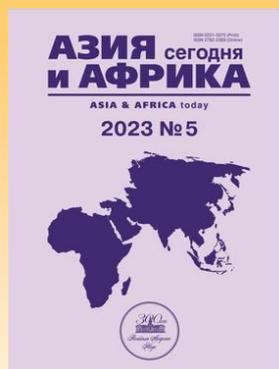
In the second half of the 20th century, the political map of Africa underwent a large-scale transformation. This process consisted in the mass secession of territories from existing states and the creation on their basis new independent states. Currently, there is a real need for scientific understanding of various kinds of conflicts, including territorial ones, in which secession (separation) is a key requirement of the opposition.



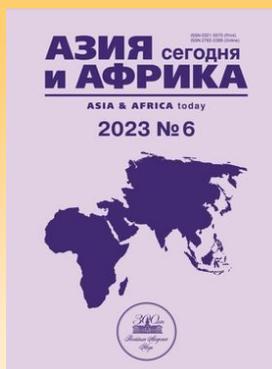
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