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Participation of the Director of the Institute I.O. Abramova in the XXVII St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

The XXVII St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF 2024), one of the main events for business and the economy in Russia, was held at the Expo forum Convention and Exhibition Center in June 5-8, 2024. The structure of the Forum business program included more than 150 sessions: plenary sessions, round tables, exhibitions, teleconferences, presentations for 17 thousand participants from 136 countries. [Read more.](#)



Participation of the Director of the Institute I.O. Abramova in the II Russian-African conference of the Valdai Club

On July 24, 2024, the Valdai International Discussion Club held the second conference "Russia-Africa: Strategy for Cooperation in a multipolar world" with the support of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Tanzania and the Russian House of Dar es Salaam. This Russian-African conference was held for the first time in Africa. [Read more.](#)



Participation of the Director of the Institute I.O. Abramova in the IV Eurasian Women's Forum "Women for Confidence Building and Global Cooperation"

On September 18, 2024, during the business program at the session "Women in shaping a new agenda of peace and trust" Director of the Institute, Member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding member. I.O. Abramova moderated the section "Dialogue between Women of Africa and Russia: New trends in international cooperation". [Read more.](#)



Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences at the X International Forum "Primakov readings"

On June 25-26, 2024, Moscow hosted the X International Expert and Scientific Forum "Primakov Readings", this year dedicated to the 95th anniversary of the birth of the Russian scientist, orientalist, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation Primakov E.M. and dedicated to the theme "Russia in the global context".

In addition to the main program, the youth session of the Primakov Readings, organized by the Primakov Center in cooperation with the Council of Young Scientists of the E.M. Primakov IMEMO of the Russian Academy of Sciences was held on June 22-27. The program was attended by 30 young scientists from 12 countries: Bosnia and Herzegovina, India, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Morocco, Pakistan, Russia, Tanzania, Turkey, Uganda and Uzbekistan.

Abramova I.O., Doctor of Economics, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor, Director of the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Head of the Secretariat of the Russia–Africa Partnership Forum, acted as an expert at the session "Africa in a new global context". [Read more.](#)



Round table in the Federation Council "The role of Russia in the process of decolonization and countering Western neo-colonialism"

On July 1, 2024, the Federation Council Committee on International Affairs held a round table on the topic "Russia's role in the process of decolonization and countering Western neocolonialism." Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences I.O. Abramova and Senior Researcher from the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

V.V.Usacheva took part in the work.

Senators and experts considered possible tools to consolidate Russia's leading position in the fight against neo-colonialism. [Read more.](#)



Meeting of the Federation Council Commission on Information Policy and Interaction with the Media

July 4, 2024, Senior Lecturer at the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology V.V.Usacheva of the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took part in the meeting "The Federation Council Commission on Information Policy and Interaction with the Media".

The topic of the meeting was led by Alexey Pushkov, Chairman of the Federation Council Commission on Information Policy and Media Relations

"BRICS in the global media field: factors of the information dynamics of the association." [Read more.](#)



July 7, 2024 "Politics of the Upper Guinean coast of pre-colonial Africa" - Dmitry Bondarenko

What pre-colonial states existed on the Upper Guinean coast of Africa? What was the basis and how did the economy of these policies work? What is their history? Who did they fight and trade with?

The lecture is delivered by Dmitry M. Bondarenko, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor, Deputy Director of the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the International Center for Anthropology of the Higher School of Economics, Professor of the Russian State University. [Read more.](#)



Presentation of the book by the President of Ghana (2012-2017) J. Mahama at the Russian Academy of Sciences

On July 10, 2024, the presentation of the autobiographical edition of the President of Ghana (2012-2017) J. Mahama took place in the building of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences "My first coup. Memories of the Lost Decades of Africa", dedicated to the formation of Ghana in the first decades after independence, as well as the development of the African continent during this period. He stressed out that for the first time the book "My first Coup" was published in 2012. The publication of this book is an attempt to close that significant gap in the literature on the history of Ghana in the 1950s and 1990s. This is the first translation of the book into Russian.

"I am happy that my book is now available to my colleagues, friends and readers in Russia. One of the interesting chapters of the book is about the years I spent in Moscow. It seems to me that this chapter will be the most interesting for Russian readers," President J. Mahama said, adding that the book can take a worthy place in Russian educational programs on African studies. [Read more.](#)



III Annual Festival of African Cultures

On July 8-20, 2024, the III Annual Festival of African Cultures was held at the All-Russian State Library of Foreign Literature named after M. I. Rudomino. The program included exhibitions, speaking clubs, concerts and lectures. The Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took an active part in the events of the festival, delivering a series of popular science lectures

and messages. [Read more.](#)



XII Congress of Young Scientists Councils and Student Scientific Societies

On July 15-17, 2024, Barinov A.K., PhD of Economics, research fellow of the Center for Global and Strategic Studies, Chairman of the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took part in the work of the "XII All-Russian Congress of Councils of Young Scientists and Student Scientific Societies" in Vladivostok, organized by the Coordinating Council for Youth Affairs in Scientific and Educational Spheres. [Read more.](#)



On July 25, 2024, V.A. Sidorov and A.I. Kupalov-Yaropolk participated in a meeting of the Digoria Expert Club

The event was dedicated to the topic of building effective communication between the state and youth. The meeting was attended by representatives of Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, Europe. [Read more.](#)



Participation of the Institute's staff in Afrofest 2024

On August 2-4, 2024, the IV International Festival of African Cultures "AFROFEST 2024" was held in Kuzminki Park. The Institute not only attended the event, but also took part in organizing and conducting lectures, master classes. [Read more.](#)

Sofia Zamesina's field study in Ethiopia

On August 18-31, 2024, Sofya N. Zamesina, Senior laboratory assistant at the Center for African Strategy in BRICS at the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, completed a research internship at the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Addis Ababa.

During her internship, she conducted a study aimed at analyzing the cultural and social values and educational preferences of Ethiopian youth. [Read more.](#)



International conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of A. Cabral

September 12, 2024 marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of one of the brightest and charismatic African leaders, the head of the African Independence Party of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde (PAIGC), Amilcar Cabral (1924-1973). His achievements as a politician, a major organizer of the anti-colonial struggle in Portuguese-speaking Africa, a scientist and a writer were highly appreciated in Russia and other countries of the world. In 1971, the management of the Institute of African Studies of the USSR Academy of Sciences awarded A. Cabral the title of Honorary Doctor "Honoris Causa" for his scientific and public activities. One of the Moscow squares is named after him. [Read more.](#)



September 15, 2024 lecture "Apartheid in South Africa" – Valentina Gribanova

What is apartheid? What was it and who introduced it? How did black people in South Africa and various human rights movements fight apartheid? What were the consequences of this regime for South Africa?

The lecture is given by Valentina Gribanova, PhD in History, Head of the Centre of History and Cultural Anthropology at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. [Read more.](#)

Report by junior research fellow Ivanchenko O. V. within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On 17 September 2024, as part of the seminar 'Culture and Society' of the Centre for History and Cultural Anthropology, a report by Oksana Ivanchenko 'Formation of the Tanzanian nation in the conditions of ethno-racial stratification: results of a field study' took place. The report was based on a field study conducted in Tanzania in November 2023, as a result of which 33 interviews were collected in Dar es Salaam and Bagamoyo, in English and Swahili. [Read more.](#)



Meeting with a delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences

On September 20, 2024, the parties discussed topical issues of co-operation of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus with African countries, opportunities for exchange of experience in scientific and educational spheres, including in the framework of applied research and training of African scientists.

Based on the results of the meeting, the prospects for further dialogue and joint participation in scientific, scientific-practical and business events were underlined. [Read more.](#)

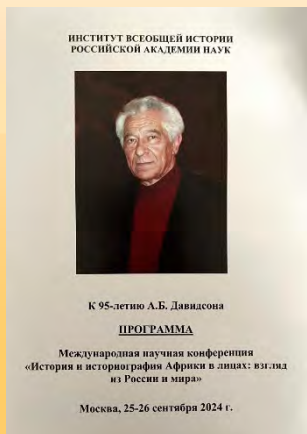


Participation of G.K. Sugakov in the II All-Russian Maritime Congress

On September 24-25, 2024 the II All-Russian Maritime Congress was held in the World Trade Centre (Moscow). The event is one of the largest events of the maritime industry and is held every two years.

The Congress was organised with the support and participation of the Government of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation, the Federal Marine and River Transport Agency, as well as other departments, enterprises and organisations.

The Congress has become a platform for discussion of the most topical issues of the maritime industry development with the participation of authorities, business, scientific and educational organisations. [Read more.](#)



International Scientific Conference 'History and Historiography of Africa in Faces: a View from Russia and the World'

On September 25-26, 2024, the Institute of General History of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted the International Scientific Conference 'History and Historiography of Africa in Faces: a View from Russia and the World'. The event was timed to the 95th anniversary of Academician Apollo Borisovich Davidson and brought together researchers from Russia, South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania. The name of A.B. Davidson is well known to all those interested in the history and culture of the African continent. A significant part of the academician's work is devoted to people and their fates, which determined the theme of the conference, in which the staff of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took an active part. [Read more.](#)



Participation of S. Kostelyants in the international round table 'BRICS and Climate Change'

On September 26, 2024, S.V. Kostelyants, PhD, Head of the Centre for Sociological and Political Science Research of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, took part in the international round table 'BRICS and Climate Change', organised by the Free State University (Bloemfontein, South Africa). [Read more.](#)

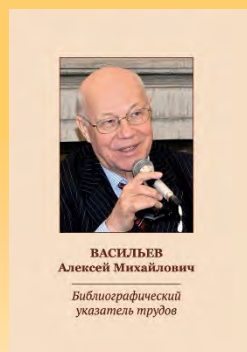
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Rwanda's 2024 Presidential Election

On 15 April 2024 presidential elections were held in Rwanda. The incumbent head of state, 66-year-old Paul Kagame (Tutsi), who ran for the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) party, was re-elected for a fourth - this time 5-year - term, receiving 99.18% (8.8 million) of the popular vote. [Read more.](#)

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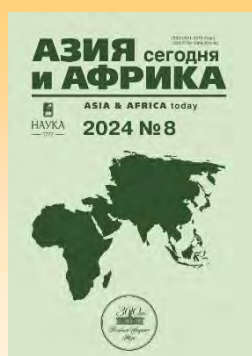
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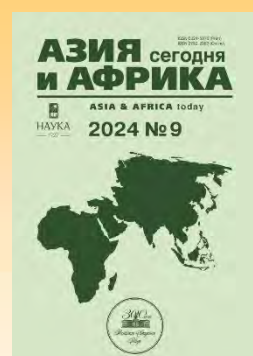
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