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The Institute for African Studies (IAS) is a research body incorporated in and funded by the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS).

The Institute was founded in October 1959. Over the past 50 years, the Institute has been conducting research on historical, socio-economic, ethno-cultural and political problems of all independent African nations that emerged on the continent following the collapse of the colonial system. This collapse had led to the formation of a research field for the development of Soviet-African, and later Russian-African relations. Since then the scholars of the Institute have played a considerable part in the development of African studies in Russia. Their names are well-known the centres of African Studies all around the world.

Prof. Ivan Potekhin was the first Director of the Institute, his successors being Corresponding Members of the Russian Academy of Sciences Prof. Vasili Solodovnikov and Prof. Anatoly Gromyko. Since 1992 the Institute has been directed by Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Prof. Alexei Vassiliev.

The Institute's activities are performed in top priority fields of fundamental study prescribed by the Academy Presidium and listed in the Institute's Statute.

The IAS is the key institution for the activities of the Academy Research Council for the Problems of Africa under the Department for Global Problems and International Relations of Russian Academy of Sciences.

The IAS comprises 102 research fellows; including a Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 18 Doctors of Sciences and 54 PhDs.

The IAS embraces 10 research centres. In addition, there are the Department of Information and International Relations, the Doctoral Studies Department and the Editing and Publishing Department.

The library of the RAS Institute for African Studies is a collection of scientific and reference literature on Africa, the largest in the Russian Federation and CIS countries. Its selection numbers about 120 thousand of library items: books, pamphlets, dissertations and periodicals in Russian and foreign languages covering the problems of Africa and the Arab world.

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RESEARCH CENTRES

Centre for Global and Strategic Studies

- Globalisation and regionalism in the world economy and international relations and the part of Africa in these. Strategic competition for African resources
- International terrorism and Africa. Countering terrorist financing
- Africa: population and developmental issues in the global and regional contexts

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Centre for Transition Economy Studies

- Comprehensive research on African national economies
- Formation of the market relations in Africa. Correlation of traditional and contemporary patterns of management
- Africa in the system of international economic relations

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Centre for Russian-African Relations Studies and External Policy of African Countries

- Russia and Africa in the context of contemporary international relations
- Russian-African trade, economic, investment and technical cooperation
- Political, cultural and scientific intercourse between Russia and African countries

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Centre for North African and African Horn Studies

- Comprehensive research on economic and socio-political development of the countries of North Africa and the Horn of Africa
- Countries of the region in global economic and socio-political processes
- History of Islamic civilization and its place in the global civilizational process. The part of Islamic civilization in formation of the present world order

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Centre for Tropical African Studies

- Socio-economic and political development of the countries of Tropical Africa
- Internal and inter-state conflicts in the region, conflict settlement
- Regional economic and political organisations activities

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Centre for Southern Africa Studies

- History of the national liberation movement in Southern Africa
- Socio-political development in the countries of Southern Africa: democratization processes and shifts in the balance of political power
- Development of South Africa's economy and of the economies of other Southern African countries, integration processes in the region

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Centre for History and Cultural Anthropology

- History of African nations from antiquity to the present day
- Traditional and contemporary cultures of the African peoples, migration processes in African countries, African Diasporas around the world
- Religions and interreligion interaction in contemporary Africa and in the world

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Centre of Information and International Relations

- Development of cooperation with international research institutions in the field of African Studies
- Provision of domestic and international scholarly literature to the Institute's staff, Russian and international media relations
- Design and support of the Institute's web site

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Centre for Sociological and Political Sciences Studies

- Transformation of social structures and political systems in African countries
- Human factor in socio-economic development. Problems of employment, education, public health and ecology
- Gender studies

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Centre for Civilisational and Regional Studies

- Africa and Russia in the global civilizational process
- Comprehensive risks and threats to global and regional development
- Problems of civilisational theory

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Laboratory for Geo-economic Analysis

- Typology of the emerging world order. «North-South» relations
- Geo-economic factor in contemporary international relations
- Methods of social modeling. Forecasting the role and place of Africa in the world in the XXI century

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Group of Gender Studies

- Theoretical problems of gender relations of African people
- Gender, power and policy in Africa
- Gender relations in the point of intersection of civilisations and cultures

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THE DOCTORAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT

The Institute's Doctoral Studies Department is an independent structural unit, which deals with the training of scholarly experts in the problems of Africa.

The Department is licensed by the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation for educational activities in the sphere of postgraduate studies in the following fields:

- General history (07.00.03);
- Ethnography, ethnology and anthropology (07.00.07);
- History of international relations and foreign policy (07.00.15);
- World economy (08.00.14);
- Political problems of international relations and global development (23.00.04).

For the last half century the Institute has conferred a Ph.D. degree on 462 doctoral students and Doctor of Science degree on 32 competitors who successfully defended their thesis. Among them 139 persons were foreign citizens.

Currently 34 doctoral students and applicants for a degree from Moscow and other Russian cities are provided further education on a budgetary or commercial basis. Over 20 Doctors of science and Ph.D. from the ranks of the leading Institute's researchers are engaged in advising and supervising their studies.

Doctoral and competitors take an active part in the Institute's academic activities. They publish the results of their studies in monographs and collections of papers issued by the Institute, participate in all-Russian and international conferences. They have an opportunity to debate and present their papers on the core issues of African studies at the annual sessions of the Young Africanists School.

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FIELDWORK

Fieldwork is an important component of Institute's activities. Expeditions to the African countries became a regular activity for the Institute's researchers since 1960's. The Institute's field studies started with the 1971 joint Soviet-Somali expedition. Russian researchers focused their attention on the studies of socio-economic processes in Somalia and on the history of the national liberation movement of the Somali people.

The Russian expedition in Ethiopia in 1991–1992 followed the tradition of previous field studies; it gathered a unique historical and ethnological material. In-depth polling of various groups of the people helped to produce a comprehensive analysis of the social structure of the Ethiopian society.

In the 2000s expeditions and field studies have become a priority in the Institute's activities. In 2003, an expedition was sent to Tanzania, where it studied inter-confessional relations and their impact on the social development. The second expedition to Tanzania (2005) aimed at exploring inter-ethnic and interracial relations in the country.

In the mid-2000s, a new direction of studies was implemented by the Institute: an analysis of the processes of socio-cultural adaptation of both voluntary and forced migrants from Africa and their descendants. Thereupon, a sociological polling has been carried out among the natives of Africa in Western Europe and African migrants in Russia.

Within the framework of academic project «Image of Russia in the Modern World», sponsored by the Russian Foundation for Humanitarian Research, in 2006–2010 the Institute's researchers took part in the field studies in Benin, Egypt, Ethiopia, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Ruanda, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia and Zimbabwe.

The findings of the expeditions and field studies have been published in collections of works in Russian as well as foreign academic journals.

Conferences, Seminars, Memorial Readings AND SCHOOLS

Conferences are a major issue in Institute's activities. They brighten up the routine, provide new impetus to research, open up new fields of study and expand the boundaries of research activities.

Traditionally the Institute holds:

– **Conference of Africanists.** The tradition of holding such a conference dates from 1969. The 11th conference took place in 2008. The conference is held tri-annually and is usually timed to the celebration of the Africa Day – in the last week of May – with broad representation of scholars from all over the world and particularly from Africa. The conference comprehensively addresses a wide range of urgent African problems and generates forecasts for the future. This academic project, conducted over the past decades, has become one of the major forums for Russian and foreign Africanists for complex approach to the problems of Africa.

– **The International Conference «Hierarchy and Power in the History of Civilisations»** takes place every second or third year and is organised jointly with the Russian State University for Humanities. In 2009 it was convened for the fifth time. The conference is attended by experts in history, political sciences, anthropology, cultural studies and other branches of science from dozens of countries.

– **I. I. Potekhin Memorial Readings** are held once in two years in early October and focus mainly on historical and socio-political problems. Special attention is paid to the issues of the national liberation struggle of the African nations.

– **The School of Young Africanists** is an annual forum which brings together young researchers from among senior postgraduate students and addresses all spheres of African studies. The School is organised within the ambit of the RAS programme «Support of young researchers» in cooperation with the universities of various Russian cities. It is usually scheduled during October or November.

– **D.A. Olderogge Memorial Readings**, which honour the memory of one of the forefathers of the Soviet/Russian Africanistics, are traditionally held by St. Petersburg State University with the assistance of the RAS Research Council for the Problems of Africa, the RAS Institute for African Studies and other academic organisations.

– The permanent seminar «**Culture and Society**», which is established by the Centre for History and Cultural Anthropology, aims at contributing to further development of methods of civilisational and cultural-anthropological approaches to academic studies.

The papers presented at these conferences are traditionally published in collections of the Institute's works.

The Institute's research fellows take part in conferences both in Russia and abroad on an ongoing basis.

Publishing Activities

During 50 years of the existence of the Institute its researchers have produced about 1500 publications: monographs, collections, articles, pamphlets, materials of scientific conferences. Many of them became noticeable milestones in the history of Russian and world Africanistics. Every year the Institute and its staff publish between 22 and 35 individual or collective monographs.

Besides separate monographs and collections, the Institute issues continued editions: *Proceedings of the RAS Institute for African Studies*, *African Studies in Russia* and also serial editions: *Africa in the Reminiscences of Diplomatic Service Veterans*, *The Rebellious Ethnicity*, *Gender Studies*, *Global and Strategic Studies*, *New and Modern History of African Countries*, *Civilization Dimension*.

The majority of publications is produced on the Institute's publishing base which is equipped with modern typographical outfit. The Institute maintains permanent contacts with «Oriental Literature» and «URSS» publishing houses.

Articles of the Institute's researchers, memoirs and travel notes are published in the journals *Vostok/Oriens* and *Asia and Africa Today*, issued in collaboration with the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

In 2010 Institute for African Studies jointly with «Encyclopaedia» publishing house, «Infra-M» editions and with Russian Foundation for Humanitarian Research's assistance issued two-volumed edition of «Encyclopaedia Africa».

The printed materials of the Institute is being distributed on a free-of-charge basis to research libraries and similar establishments, or is dispatched to the foreign centres of African Studies within the framework of a book-exchange.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Institute for African Studies maintains a wide network of contacts abroad. The Institute engages in international programmes of scientific cooperation, research projects, participate in international expeditions, conferences and seminars, academic exchange programmes and teaching activities abroad.

The Institute maintains constant relations with universities of the Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Morocco, Mozambique, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia, and also with research centres for African studies in other countries.

A great role in the development of international ties is played by constant cooperation with embassies of the African countries in Moscow. African diplomats regularly participate in various events that take place at the Institute.

Considering the growing interest of foreign partners in the Institute for African Studies, it expands its research coverage. Besides updatable materials on its website, the Institute edits and distributes the annual edition of *African Studies in Russia* to international research centres for African studies.

RAS Research Council for the Problems OF AFRICA COUNTRIES

The RAS Research Council for the Problems of African Countries functions under the Department for Global Problems and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences. In collaboration with the Institute for African Studies it coordinates the research activities of all academic institutes of higher education in all spheres of African studies, assigns the priority of research guidelines and methodology of scientific retrieval, promotes the training of new cadres, and takes part in carrying out various academic functions at both domestic and international levels.

The Research Council comprises 60 leading scholars and experts from several academic institutions and Russian universities as well as officials from ministries and agencies interested in solving continental problems and in practical implementation of research findings.

The Research Council Chairman is Alexei Vassiliev, a RAS Corresponding Member and the Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies. He heads the Council Board. The Research Council daily organisational and research work is vested in its Executive Secretary Natalia Zherlitsina, Ph.D. (Hist.).

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Institutional Cooperation

The Institute staff pays serious attention to educational activities and helping younger scholars to establish themselves in the field of African studies. Around 30 percent of IAS PhDs and doctors of science lecture in schools of tertiary education. IAS maintains close relations with the Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, of the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) at the Russian Federation Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russian State University for Humanities, as well as with state universities in the cities and regions of St. Petersburg, Yaroslavl and Altay.

The Institute for African Studies constantly invites postgraduate students and university lecturers to take part in its activities (conferences, expeditions, writing papers and articles), and also accepts students to attend pre-degree training.

The Institute's researchers participated in carrying out the Federal Target Educational Programmes for 2001–2005 and 2006–2010. In 2008 the Institute has entered into the Agreement on Cooperation with the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia and signed an Agreement with the St. Petersburg State University, in which the parties have expressed readiness to develop and realize joint innovative education and research programmes.