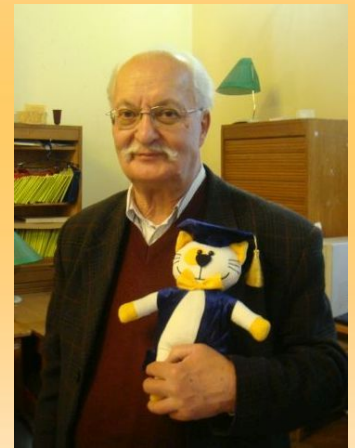




# Newsletter

## **Congratulations on anniversary!**

November 2015, one of the leading Russian Africanists, Dr.Sc. (Hist.), Professor, Honored Worker of Science of the Russian Federation, Igor Vasilyevich Sledzevskiy celebrated his 75th anniversary. Throughout his scientific career, he published more than 230 works totaling more than 170 author's sheets, including publications in the most authoritative academic journals. He has been a member of the editorial board of the academic journal "Oriens" for about 25 years, and a Deputy Chairman of the specialized Scientific Council of the Institute for African Studies on award of PhD degrees in the fields of history and political science. [More](#)



## **The ceremonial meeting of the Academic Council of the Institute for African Studies**

October 6, 2015, a meeting of the Academic Council of the Institute for African Studies RAS took place, which was devoted to the 90th anniversary of the first Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Patrice Emery Lumumba.



## **The third season of field research by the research fellows of the Institute for African Studies (Russian Academy of Sciences) in the United States**

From 20 September to 6 October 2015, Deputy Director of the Institute, Dr.Sc. (Hist.), Professor Dmitri M. Bondarenko and senior research fellow, PhD (Political Science) Veronica V. Usacheva conducted the third season of field research in the United States. The purpose of research is to study the characteristics of mutual perceptions and relations of contemporary migrants from Africa and the African-Americans in the USA. The study is supported by the Russian Foundation for Humanities (RFH grants, projects №№ 13-01-18036 and 14-

01-00070). This year the study was conducted in two cities: St. Louis and New York. [More](#)

## **A hundred days that shocked the world**

Why in the spring of 1994 the Rwandan government organized the mass killings of the representatives of Tutsi ethnic group, what role in the events the media played and why after this tragedy Rwanda turned from being a French-speaking country into an English-speaking one? Dr.Sc. (Hist.), Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies, Dmitri Bondarenko told "Lenta.ru" about it. [More](#)

## Round table "Terrorism and violence in the East and in Africa. Gender Aspects"

October 21, 2015, at the [Center for Sociological and Political Studies](#) of the Institute for African Studies RAS there was conducted the round table "Terrorism and violence in the East and in Africa. Gender aspects". Thirty-five people attended the «round table». Among them - researchers and post-graduate students of the Institute for African Studies, Institute for Oriental Studies, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of State and Law RAS, professors from Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Moscow State University, and Yaroslavl State University. The conference also welcomed the representatives of public organizations of Moscow (Moscow House of Compatriots under the Government of Moscow, Commission on Education of the Council on interethnic relations under the President of the Russian Federation) and the representatives of the Russian diaspora in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire and Syria. [Read more](#)



## Meeting of the Club of Friends of Madagascar

October 28, 2015, the Institute for African Studies RAS held a meeting of the Friends of Madagascar Club. During the event, guests met Lanto Ramahefarisua, professor at the University of Antananarivo, the President of the Malagasy Association of Teachers of Russian Language (AEMR).

## Presentation of the book «Russian Foreign Policy: In Search of Lost Influence»

November 3, 2015, the presentation of the book "Russian Foreign Policy: In Search of Lost Influence" written by Professor Igho Natufe took place at the Institute for African Studies. The event was attended by a teacher of the author - Professor Anatoli S. Protopopov (Department of Theory and History of International Relations, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia), and by the PhD students of PFUR.

Natufe O. Igho. «Russian Foreign Policy: In Search of Lost Influence» Moscow: URSS, 2015. 304 pages, ISBN 978-5-396-00709-3



## Congratulations on the successful defense of PhD theses for Salahetdinov Eldar and H.E. Ambassador of Namibia to Russian Federation, Mr. Ndali Che Kamati

On November 11, 2015, at the Institute for African Studies there were successfully defended two PhD theses:

1. Research fellow of the Institute for African Studies Salakhmetdinov Eldar R. Theme of the thesis: "The influence of external factors on the crisis in Zimbabwe at the beginning of the XXI century".
2. H.E. Namibian Ambassador to the Russian Federation, Mr. Ndali Che Kamati. Theme of the thesis: "Political problems of development of Southern Africa's region (Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa)". We congratulate them on the successful defense and wish further creative and academic successes!



### The Festival “Africa. Moscow”

The festival “Africa. Moscow” was held on November 14, 2015 with support from the Institute for African Studies of the RAS (the IAS) and “YastrebFilm” company in the club Fassbinder at the Artplay Design Center. Little spectators could take part in the festival decoration, could see African fairytales and learn to play African Drums.

Ethnic music bands from Moscow, Saint Petersburg, Madagascar, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, and other African countries, creative groups such as Kimbata, Mājās, Sofoli, Zava matotra, Salegy, drum schools AfroDrum, SunDrums, Samba real, the gospel choir of Namibia and the others took part in the concert.

There was a presentation of a new Africanda band’s video for the People’s Russian-African song “Mgombo” (director E. Kuzyomin), a presentation of the Mozambican poet Rong Ngvembe’s poetry book. What is more, Candidate of Historical Sciences A. A. Arkhngelskaya (the IAS) held a presentation of the book “What is Africa?” (K. Babaev, A. Arkhangelskaya). Besides, a video message of Candidate of Historical Sciences N. A. Sosnovskij, a famous specialist in African music was shown to those who were present.

[Details](#)



### The IAS Scientific Council Meeting

The IAS Scientific Council Meeting was held on November 24, 2015. At the meeting a report about business trip to Afghanistan and Syria by Doctor of Historical Sciences A.V. Korotaev and A.R. Shyshkin was presented. Furthermore, works of the Institute employees were approved at the meeting.



### XIV Conference “School of Young Africanists”

On November 17-18, 2015 at the IAS there was held the XIV conference “School of Young Africanists”, which was dedicated to the 55th anniversary of the Department of African Studies of the Institute of Asian and African Studies of Moscow State University (the IAAS). The acting director of the IAS I.O.Abramova and Director of the IAAS professor I.I.Abylgaziev greeted participants of the conference. [Details](#)

“Africa Talks” November 7 – December 5, 2015 Research Assistant Lapushkina A.O. conducted a set of popular science lectures for children called “Africa Talks” in the Lumiere Brothers Center for photography in the context of the exhibition of Anton Lyalin “Disappearing Africa”.

### **“Africa and the emerging countries: first results and perspectives of partnership”**

On December 9, 2015, at the Institute for African Studies RAS a scientific conference "Africa and the emerging countries: first results and perspectives of partnership" took place. It was organized by the [Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy](#) headed by Dr. Evgeny N. Korendyasov. The conference brought together both fellows of the Institute and researchers from the Institute for Oriental Studies RAS, People's Friendship University of Russia, Moscow State University, St. Petersburg State University, Nizhny Novgorod State University named after N.N. Lobachevsky. The participants analyzed the new trends of the African policies of China, India, Turkey, Israel, Russia, Iran, Latin



American countries, the Arab states of the Gulf, their roles in the economic development of the continent. There were also reports, which provided the "view from the African side" - reflections on Africa's position in the new geopolitical and geo-economic realities, in the changing configuration of world trade, on the place of new actors in the foreign policy and the economies of Uganda and Angola. Participants also discussed the Syrian crisis as a complex problem, and the African component of modern migration crisis in the EU. The discussion was very fruitful and encouraged the active exchange of views.

### **“Arabic Crisis: Threat of Big War”**

On December 8-9, 2015 the Interinstitute Conference “Arabic Crisis: Threat to Big War” was held at the IAS.

Main questions:

1. New conflicts in the Middle East and Northern Africa: their origin, tendencies and possible political and economic consequences, risks and threats.
2. Tendencies and perspectives of these conflicts in an international context.
3. Islamic State as a new phenomenon and factor of global politics.
4. Tendency of the split of Islamic world and its influence on the international condition.
5. Perspectives, risks and threats of Afrasian global instability zone.
6. Russia in the light of Arabic crisis: interests of Russia, scenarios and results of possible involvement, recommendations.
7. Concept and practice of hybrid warfare in Arabic crisis

Organizers:

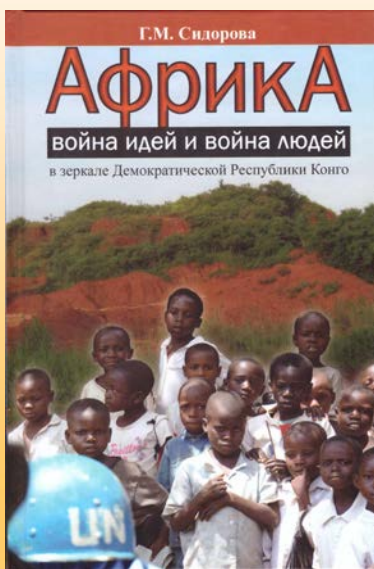
[Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies](#)

[Monitoring and Risks of Socio-political Destabilization Laboratory of Higher School of Economics \(HSE\)](#)



### **“BRICS in the Year of the seventh Summit: Focus on Africa”**

Institute for African Studies of the RAS has published a digest of articles of Russian Africanists as a result of a round-table discussion on the topic “BRICS – Africa: Reconfiguration of International Priorities of African countries”. The first part of the digest is dedicated to the results of a six-year cycle of the BRICS activity, problems the grouping faces, and the attitude to the group from the direction of “old” international actors – the USA and the EU. In the second part of the digest the politics of BRICS in Africa on the whole and in individual states of the continent is viewed, various aspects of cooperation with Africa of a new collective actor on the international arena are analysed.



**The book “Africa: the War of ideas and the war of people in the mirror of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (from the diary of the diplomat)” written by doctor G.M. Sidorova is published**

The book is the continuation of G.M.Sidorova’s monograph “Armed Conflicts in Africa by the example of the Democratic Republic of the Congo” (2013). The book touches a series of new aspects of armed conflicts in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in the Great Lakes District, including matters of national politics, traditional authority, violations of human rights and others. Trips to various regions of the country, visit refugee camps, rehabilitation centers for victims of sexual assault, as well as combat zones and weapons caches, left by illegal armed groups after retreat allowed the author to collect valuable materials. Meetings with political and military experts, participation in conferences and briefings of national, regional and international organizations, United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other mission of the UN structures in Kinshasa have added impression. The edition is written mainly for scientists-Africanists and for those who are

engaged in problems of armed conflicts and are interested in it.

**The first edition of anthology of the Council of Young Researchers of the IAS**

The [collection](#) that calls attention of the readers is the result of research conducted by young Africanists in the framework of various branches of science during the period 2009-2014. The collection contains works of collaborators and past-graduate students of the IAS and People’s Friendship University of Russia working effectively with research in African studies field. Issues covered by authors are wide and reflect complex difficulty in analysis of modern Africa. Authors use different attitudes and schools, from Cultural Studies and History to international law.

**The book “A Far-Away War: Angola, 1975-1989” is published**

The book “A Far-Away War: Angola, 1975-1989” is published in the public house SUN MeDIA Stellenbosch (South Africa) with the assistance of Institute Collaborator Vladimir G. Shubin.

Published by SUN MeDIA Stellenbosch under the SUN PRESS imprint (South Africa) ISBN 978-1-920689-72-8 ISBN 978-1-920689-73-5 (e-book)

On December 16, 2015 the results of the competition for the best scientific works were published by the staff of the IAS

[The list of award-winning publications](#)  
[Arrivals in the IAS Library of 2015](#)



**Obituary**  
**Nizskaya Laska Osherovna**  
**13.07.1932–14.12.2015**

After hard and enduring illness dead one of the oldest collaborators of the Institute. During long years of work, she made significant contribution to the Study of Africa.