



Congratulations!

Abramova Irina was appointed to the position of the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. By the order of the Federal Agency of Scientific Organizations of Russia from March 1, 2016, № 116 Abramova Irina Olegovna was appointed to the position of the Director of the Federal State Budget Institution of Science Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

On behalf of the team, we congratulate Dr. Abramova on her election and wish both scientific and management success!



We congratulate our colleagues with the rank "Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences"

December 22, 2015 in accordance with the decree of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences (September 29, 2015 # 204) "On establishment of the title of "Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences" and the approval of the Regulations on the title of "Professor of the Russian Academy of Sciences", the decision Branch general meeting global challenges and International Relations from December 7, 2015.

The title was assigned to the following staff:

- Larisa Andreeva - Doctor of Philosophy;
- Bekkin Renata Irikovichu - Doctor of Economic Sciences;
- Bondarenko Dmitry Mikhailovich - Doctor of Historical Sciences, Professor;

"Development of Diaspora and International Migration: Comparison of Global Experience"

10-11.01.2016 Dr. Usacheva, the [Center for History and Cultural anthropology](#), participated in the International conference "Development of Diaspora and International Migration: Comparison of Global Experience", which took place at the University of the G. Nehru in Delhi (India). "The Organization for the initiatives of the Diaspora" with the support of the "Study Programme International Migration and Diaspora", Center for the African Studies of the G. Nehru in Delhi (India), the Indian Association of African Research etc. - were the initiators of the event. Dr. Usacheva presented a paper on "The African Diaspora in the United States: the relationship between African-Americans and migrants from Africa".



Dr. Tokarev in the program "Power Block"

9 and 16 February, Head of the [Center for Southern African Studies](#) Dr. Tokarev participated in the program "Power Block", dedicated to the unknown wars.

Subject: "The Unknown War: Angola" ([broadcast 1](#), [broadcast 2](#)). Moderator: Oksana Aulchenkova. Guest: Andrew Tokarev, a veteran of the Angolan military actions.



Meeting with the Ambassador of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

February 18, 2016 The meeting of the Deputy Director, Dr. Sc. (Hist.), Professor Dmitri Bondarenko and Head of the [Centre for Studies of Russian-African Relations and Foreign Policy of African countries](#), Ph.D. (Econ.) Evgeny Korendyasov with His Excellency Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to the Russian Federation Valentin N'kuman Tavun Matungul. During the meeting, the sides discussed the perspectives of cooperation between the two countries and, in particular, between the Institute for African Studies RAS and the training research centres of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"Russia is interested in Moroccan experience of citizens' de-radicalization"

Russian Federation is interested in Moroccan experience in the sphere of compatriots' de-radicalization, arriving home from war-zones. Dr. Fituni, the Head of the [Center for Strategic and Global Studies](#) of the Institute for African Studies, announced this in the interview with A.M. TASS, participating in the [International Security Forum \(Marrakech Security Forum\)](#) in Marrakech (12-13 of February).



"On the one hand, Russia has something to share with the Moroccans, on the other - there is an interest to learn how Moroccans work with their compatriots returning from combat zones, - he said. – Russia is interested in the experience of working with the faithful as well as the organization on de-radicalization measures of fighters who came home from the conflict zone". [Read more](#)

The LRC Publishing House has released the new monograph by Professor D.M. Bondarenko: [The Shades of Black: Cultural-Anthropological Aspects of Mutual Perceptions and Relations between African Americans and African Migrants in the U.S.A.](#)

The book is based on the field evidence collected in 2013–2015 in more than a dozen cities and towns of seven states. The focus of the author - mutual acceptance and mutual relations of representatives of the two African-born US population groups: the current for several centuries African-American community and the prevailing nowadays diaspora of immigrants from different countries of sub-Saharan Africa. In the historical and sociological context are considered such cultural and anthropological aspects of the perception of each other black Americans and African immigrants, as the historical memory and mutual cultural images. The influence of how the mutual acceptance of different cultures affects the relationship between them is described. Monograph on the

one hand, is in line with general trends in modern anthropology and African studies, and on the other, contributes to the development of specific topics poorly studied, relevant not only for these disciplines, but also for American Studies

The research project was supported by the Russian Foundation for Humanities, grants # 13-01-18036 and # 14-01-00070. [Read more](#)

Prof. Leonid Fituni, Deputy Director of the Institute, in Vladimir Solovyov's TV show

March 22, 2016 Prof. Fituni took part in a special broadcast of "[Evening with Vladimir Solovyov](#)" on TV channel Russia-1. Key themes: "March 22, the capital of the European Union - Brussels - was thundered by several explosions. Belgian authorities were warned by Russian intelligence services about possible terrorist attacks. US Embassies in European countries also informed their citizens about the dangers. In London, police and special forces units in connection with information about a possibility of terrorist attacks. The world is faced with a new reality. Terrorism comes on all fronts on the march. Do global powers have a strategy to combat this evil?"





O. Abramova signed a cooperation agreement of the Africa Institute of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Moroccan Center for Strategic Studies.

On February 12 and 13, 2016, Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences Professor I.O. Abramova, DSc (Econ.), visited the Kingdom of Morocco, on the invitation of the [Moroccan Center for Strategic Research \(ICSR\)](#), where she took part in the [7th International Forum on security «Marrakech Security Forum»](#).

This largest international meeting on African security, held under patronage of the King Mohammed VI of Morocco was organised by the ICSR and the African Federation for Strategic Studies. In the course of the visit Prof. I.O. Abramova signed the Agreement on Cooperation between the Institute for African studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Moroccan

Centre for Strategic Studies. Both sides underscored the importance of Russia's participation in African scientific and political forums and expressed their intention to deepen their cooperation. At brief press conference, after signing the agreement, Prof. Abramova spoke about Russia's stand on the burning international issues and the interest of Russian researchers in the study of the Moroccan experience in combating terrorism. Her speech in Arabic was met by enthusiasm and interest by the Moroccan audience. Abramova's presentation at the Forum and the subsequent press-conference was widely covered by local media and in the Moroccan blogosphere and social networks. [Read more](#)

Africa Business Initiative Launches in Moscow

[Squire Patton Boggs'](#) Moscow Office held a launch event for the Africa Business Initiative in partnership with the Institute for African Studies, on 17 March. The initiative, with the support of the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation](#), aims to bring together key representatives from large Russian corporates, government and the academic community as a working group to focus on helping Russian companies to enter and work in Africa, both in exclusive as well as internationally integrated projects.



The event was attended by high-profile officials and business representatives and personally by Mr. Mikhail Bogdanov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Special Representative of the President of Russian Federation in Africa, African diplomats and businessmen. Among the nearly 70 guests were senior delegates from major Russian companies and financial institutions, the Russian Ministry of Trade, the Eurasian Union Commission, the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and from several Russian and African Business Councils and research institutes. [Read more](#)



Role of women in politics and diplomacy

March 23, Dr. L. Prokopenko (Senior Researcher of the Center for Sociological and Political Studies) at the invitation of the [African Club of MGIMO](#) took part in the lecture "Role of women in politics and diplomacy". Dr. Prokopenko spoke on "The representation of women in government and foreign policy in Southern African countries". The keynote was delivered by Republic of Rwanda's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary H. E. Dr. Jeanne d'Arc Mujavamariya.

OBITUARIES

Nikolai Sosnovsky **(14.12.1955 - 13.01.2016)**

Untimely and instantly passed away Nikolay Sosnovsky, former graduate student of the Institute for African Studies. The main aim of his life was a study of cultures of the peoples of Africa and African Diaspora. People like Nicholai are called "People with a sense of his mission on Earth." Nicholai saw his purpose in facilitating rapprochement of cultures. He firmly believed that through this world can become a bright and pure. Erudite and intellectual with a broad mind and warm Heart, whose converse ennobled and enriched many. Hence the poet's words are recalled that must have been written about people like Nickolai Sosnovsky: "Do not say wistfully:" They are gone" but with gratitude: "There were"". [Read more](#)



Stanislav Bessonov **(13.07.1935 - 30.01.2016)**

January 30, 2016 after severe and long-going illness Doctor of economic sciences, Prof. Stanislav Bessonov passed away. Bessonov had worked at the Institute for African Studies of the Academy of Sciences of USSR / Russia since 1978: as a Head of research center and a leading research fellow, member of Dissertation Council for Economics. For many years, he had been teaching economics in different universities. During the years of fruitful work he made a valuable contribution into development of African studies in our country. In recent years, he focused on research of new problems, including economic modernization of African countries. We will remember our colleague Stanislav Bessonov as an outstanding scholar, decent and kind hearted person. Sencere condolences to his family and friends.

Gennady Shubin **(04.09.1966 - 02.02.2016)**

With great sorrow we announce the sudden death of Dr. Gennady Shubin, senior researcher of the Center for South African Studies of the Institute for African Studies. Gennady came to the Institute in 1996 after graduating from Peoples Friendship University of Russia and immediately high favour of his colleagues: hardworking, conscientiuos, responsive, honest, straight, always ready to assist. Most of his works were dedicated to the theme of war, armies of African countries and their armament, military cooperation in Africa. Gennady Shubin is one of the most competent researchers specializing in history of Anglo-Boer Wars and its Russian participants. His works and memories of veterans were published often at Gennady's own expense. His motto was "Veterans should not be forgotten!"

We, colleagues and friends, will remember you, Gennady!

