



The Africa Day

May 24, 2016 the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and Coordination Committee of the African Business Initiative carried out a solemn meeting devoted to celebration of the Africa Day.

The event was opened by welcoming speeches from:

-The Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Dr.Sc. (Econ.), co-chairman of African Business Initiative, Professor Irina Abramova;

-Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), academic of the Russian Academy of Sciences Aleksey Vasiliev;

-Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation Mikhail Bogdanov;

-His Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Ambassador of the Republic of Madagascar, and Dean of the Group of African Ambassadors in the Russian Federation, H.E. Eloi A. Maxime Dovo;

-Head of the African Business Initiative, the adviser for interaction with public authorities and management in Russian Federation, Eurasian Union and Africa Squire Patton Boggs, Nataliya Zaiser;

Scientific message “African civilizational alternatives. The time to choose” was presented by Ph.D., D.Sc.

(Hist.), Professor Igor Sledzevski, Head of the Centre for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies.

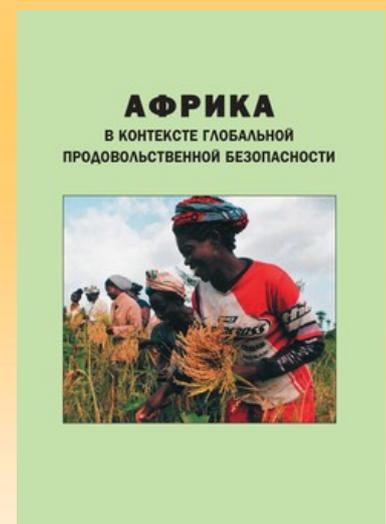
We thank all the participants and dear guests for sharing with us this celebration and wish the entire African continent stability and well-being!

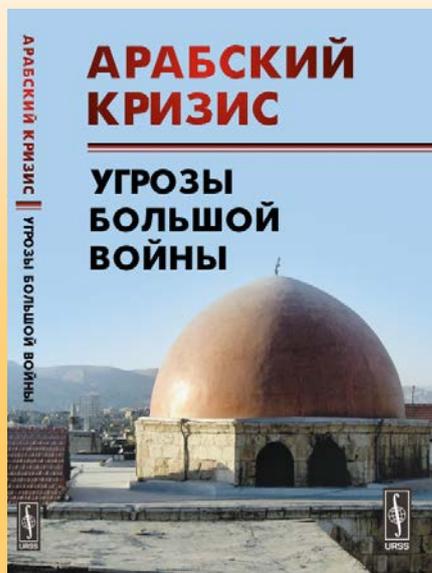


Collective monograph “Africa in the context of global food security”.

A publishing house of the Institute for African Studies (RAS) let out a collective monograph “Africa in the context of global food security”, which was prepared by the Centre for Sociological and Political Sciences Studies.

This book reveals the place of Africa among the world's regions in terms of providing the population with food and the origin of possessed threats of food security. In this regard, the actual problems of economic and social development of African countries in the context of food security are considered as well as factors influencing on it. Particular attention is paid to the analysis of the role of agriculture, the continent's self-sufficiency in food products, investment issues in this sector of the economy, efficient use of natural agricultural potential and labor resources. The book is intended for specialists who study contemporary issues of global development, as well as for a wide readership. [See more](#)





Publication of collective monograph «Arab Crisis: Threats of a big war».

«Arab Crisis: Threats of a big war» Vasiliev AM (Ed.). URSS. 2016. 344 p. ISBN 978-5-9710-3330-1

The authors of the book explore new trends in the development of the crisis in the Arab world for past five years from the perspective of civilizational approach: the yield on the forefront of world history and politics radical Islamism; tensions between Islamist regimes and Western states, between Sunni and Shiite communities, transforming into military actions; the collapse or crisis of nation-states, emerging period of turmoil; economic recession; destruction of the foundations of social and political life in relatively prosperous countries. Attention is paid to the reactions of Russia and China on what is happening in this part

of the world; possibilities of formation of civil society against the background of sharp political changes; role of information technology and social networks in the preparation of protests are examined. Authors

attempt to carry out a comprehensive analysis of events that lasted from 2012 to 2015, with the aim to form the reader's understanding of the ambiguity and multi-directional processes in the Arab world that threaten to escalate into great war. [See more](#)

4th Pécs African Studies Conference in Hungary

Dr. Vasily Sidorov took part in the 4th Pécs African Studies Conference held on 7-10 April in Pécs (Hungary). Dr. Sidorov made a presentation «Russian Business in South Africa».



Celebration of Victory Day

On the 4th of May, 2016, a solemn meeting dedicated to the Victory in the Great Patriotic War, was held at the conference hall of the Institute. The event was opened and led by the director of the Institute, Prof. Irina Abramova, and attended by veterans of World War II: P. Kupriyanov and M. Vedernikova, veteran and participant of military operations in Ethiopia S. Mezentsev. At the end of the event, a documentary about the beginning of the Great World War II, realities of war and the heroism and the Great Victory was displayed. The closing remarks and greetings were said by Dr. E. Kharitonova, Chairman of the union organization of the Institute.

Public lecture by **Dr. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya**

May 17, 2016 the public lecture of Her Excellency the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Rwanda **Dr. Jeanne d'Arc Mujawamariya** dedicated to 22nd anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda was held at the Institute for African Studies. Lecture topic: «The Role of Diplomacy in creating a world free of genocide and its ideology». The lecture was attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps of African countries and academic community.



Interview of Acting Director of the Institute Prof. Irina Abramova «With Ambitious Goals, Russia Joins Foreign Players in Africa» to «Modern Diplomacy». [See more](#)

Prof. Irina Abramova's interview «Russia plans to deepen relations with Africa» for «GhanaWeb». [See more](#)

PhD thesis defense

May 18, 2016, Vladislav Kruchinsky, junior research fellow of the Institute for African Studies, successfully defended his PhD thesis «[New developments in socio-economic situation of the Afrikaaner South African community after the elimination of the apartheid regime \(1994-2015\)](#)». The thesis was presented in candidacy of degree in World History (07.00.03).

Congratulations on the successful defense! We wish our colleague further creative and academic successes!



Exhibition of antique maps of Africa. Alexander Romanov collection

From May 23 to June 3 the Institute for African Studies became the venue for Exhibition of African maps collection «From Sebastian Munster Munster and Abraham Ortelius to Atlas Africa, the Soviet Union» gathered by the member of Russian Geographical Society, Mr. Alexander Romanov. The Collection covers the period from the 1600s to the 1900-ies, including rare items e.g. map by the famous Dutch scientist and cartographer of XVI Century Abraham Ortelius, XVII century map by French engineer and cartographer Alain Mallet, etc. The opening ceremony was

kept by Mr. A. Romanov and Deputy Director of the Institute, Prof. D. Bondarenko.

Workshop «Youth in the global Islamist movement»

June 15, 2016 Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies held a seminar in the framework of the primary implementation of the research program «Youth in the global Islamist movement». The purpose of the program is to explore the background, reasons and methods for involving young people into the jihadist groups, examine the role and place of youth in today's Islamist movements, identify ways to confront the Islamist propaganda and offer a complete wide program to the inclusion of young people in the socio-political and economic construction of Russia. [See more](#)





20th anniversary of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries

June 15, 2016 a round table devoted to the 20th anniversary of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLC) was held at the Institute. The celebration was organized by the Institute for African Studies and the Institute of Latin American Studies, in cooperation with the embassies of the Republic of Angola, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the Republic of Mozambique, Portugal, the Republic of Equatorial Guinea. The opening address to the audience was delivered by the director of the Institute for African Studies Prof. Irina Abramova.

Among the speakers were: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Brazil (the representative of the CPLC), Antonio José Vallim Guerreiro; head of the Center for Iberian Studies of the Institute of Latin American Studies Prof. P. Yakovlev; head of the Center for South African Studies of the Institute of African Studies Dr. A. Tokarev. The session was also accompanied by the performance of Russian folk ensemble «Grenada».



Tatyana Denisova's lecture «The History and Culture of the Congo Basin»

June 16, 2016 the Head of the Centre for Tropical African Studies Dr. T. Denisova delivered a guest lecture at the [Center of aesthetic education «Museyon»](#). The lecture was devoted to the nature of the Congo Basin, variety of natural areas, lifestyle of local tribes, origins of the formation of local cultures and characteristics of traditional arts, customs and rituals of secret religious societies that still remain an important component of the social and political life of African peoples.

Letter of gratitude from the Museum of Modern Art «Garage»

Institute for African Studies has received a note of thanks from the Museum of the Modern Art «[Garage](#)» for assistance in the preparation of the exhibition «In our yard» by African artist Rashid Johnson.



Club of Friends of Madagascar

June 29, 2016 the TASS conference hall of the Institute hosted a regular meeting of the [Club of Friends of Madagascar](#). The agenda was the following: meeting with Mariya Vorobyova, deputy chairman of the Coordinating Council of Russian Compatriots in Madagascar, Alexei Seredukhin and Elena Seredukhina who worked as teachers in the school of the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Antananarivo in 2011-2015.

Documentaries about Madagascar shoot by Mr. Seredukhin, were demonstrated.