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# Newsletter



## [Results of the election of the director of the Federal State Budgetary Institution of Science of the Institute for African Studies \(RAS\).](#)

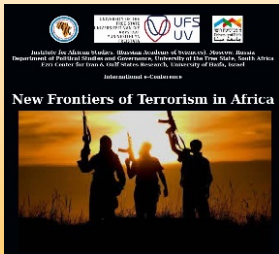


**Director of the Institute for African Studies I.O. Abramova was awarded a Medal "For Significant Contribution to the Organization of the Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum"**

To mark the successful holding of the first historic Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum, which took place in Sochi on October 23-24, 2019 and opened a new page in relations between Russia and the states of the African continent, the director of the Institute for African Studies (RAS) Irina Abramova was acknowledged for her contribution by the Organizing Committee and the Administration of the President of the Russian Federation, she was also awarded a medal and a commemorative coin "For Significant Contribution to the Organization of the Russia-Africa Summit and Economic Forum". [Read more...](#)

## **On the second meeting of the Scientific Council at the Secretariat of the Russia-Africa Partnership Forum**

On February 17, 2021, the second meeting of the Scientific Council (SC), created under the Secretariat of the Russia-Africa Partnership Forum, was held in the format of a videoconference. The event was chaired by I.O. Abramova, the Head of the SC, Director of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), member of the Presidium of the RAS, Corresponding Member of the RAS. It was attended by 25 people, including the leadership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, the Roscongress Foundation, the Russian Academy of Sciences, and other organizations. [Read more...](#)



## **International online conference «New Frontiers of Terrorism in Africa»**

On March 17, 2021, the Center for Sociological and Political Sciences Studies of the IAS (RAS) together with the University of the Free State (Bloemfontein, South Africa) and the University of Haifa (Haifa, Israel) held an international scientific conference on the topic: "NEW FRONTIERS OF TERRORISM IN AFRICA". The conference participants were addressed with a welcoming speech by the Director of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Economic Sciences, Professor Irina Abramova, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to South Africa and the Kingdom of Lesotho Ilya Rogachev and the former Ambassador of Israel to Egypt and the South Sudan, Dr. Haim Koren. [Read more...](#)

## [Congratulations! The journal "Journal of the Institute for African Studies" is included in the SAC list.](#)

## [Center for History and Cultural Anthropology. The program of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society" for 2021.](#)

## [Postponement of the XV international conference of Africanists "The fate of Africa in the modern world".](#)

## [Obituary of Zinaida TOKAREVA \(1928 - 03/10/2021\).](#)

## February 10, 2021 online conference "Scientific and Technological Potential of Africa"

On February 10, 2021, the Institute for African Studies (RAS) hosted a scientific conference "Scientific and Technological Potential of Africa" organized by the Centre for Transition Economy Studies. The conference consisted of five sessions on the following topics: "Regional and National Scientific and Technological Strategies in Africa"; "Research in the field of high technologies"; "Agricultural Research"; "Socio-economic research"; "Use of innovative approaches in entrepreneurship in Africa." [Read more...](#)



### The conference "African Economy: Trends and Transformations"

March 4-5 the African Club of the MGIMO University, AFROCOM and the Institute for African Studies (RAS) in the framework of the Forum "Russia - Africa: What's Next?" Held conferences on the topic: "African Economy: Trends and Transformations".

The event was opened by **Irina Abramova**, the Director of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), Corresponding Member of the RAS, Doctor of Economic Sciences, who made a welcoming speech. Then the floor was given to the Senator of the Russian Federation, Chairman of AFROCOM **Igor Morozov**; Senior Researcher of the Institute for African Studies (RAS), Executive Director of the Coordination Council for Cooperation with Africa of AFROCOM **Stanislav Mezentsev**; Chairman of the Student Secretariat of the Forum: "Russia-Africa: What's Next?" on the basis of MGIMO University and the Coordinator of the Department for Work with Diplomatic Missions of the African club of MGIMO University **Igor Tkachenko**.

From the Institute for African Studies, the conference was attended by Ph.D. **S.V. Kostelianets**; Ph.D **T.R. Khairullin**; Ph.D., **K.A. Alyoshin**. [Read more...](#)



### March 18, 2021 Round table "Africa - a Hotbed of Interethnic and Interreligious Confrontation"

On March 18, 2021 at 17:30 in a hybrid format (offline conference based in MGIMO University and online connection on Zoom platform), a round table "Africa - a Hotbed of Interethnic and Interreligious Confrontation" was held as part of the Days of Science of the Student science society of MGIMO University. The event was held jointly with the Institute for African Studies (RAS).

Ph.D., I.A. Zakharov; Ph.D., A.A. Banshchikova; Junior Researcher, O.V. Ivanchenko; Junior Researcher, V.N. Bryndin; Ph.D, T.R. Khairullin actively participated in the round table. [Read more...](#)

### Conference "Africa in the Face of Modern Challenges and Threats"

On March 25 at the Institute for African Studies (RAS) an online scientific conference "Africa in the Face of Modern Challenges and Threats" was held, organized by the Center for Russian-African Relations Studies and Foreign Policies of African Countries. The reports presented were divided into four sections: "The Increased Conflict Potential in Africa - the Main Obstacle to Development" (moderator T. L. Deytch), "Modern African Challenges and Threats" (moderator S. V. Nenashev), "Consequences of the Pandemic for the African Economy"(Moderated by OS Kulkova) and "Assistance of International Actors in Solving African Problems "(moderated by S.N. Volkov). [Read more...](#)

### March 1-5, 2021 Series of Virtual Meetings "Contemporary Challenges of the Middle East"

March 1-5, 2021, an employee of the IAS (RAS), Ph.D. T.R. Khairullin took part in a series of virtual meetings organized by the Center for Middle East Development at UCLA. Topic of the report: "Ways of Resolving the Libyan crisis." [Read more...](#)



### March 25-27, 2021 "Transforming Reality: Strategies and Practices"

March 25-27, 2021, the Fifth International Youth Convention of UrFU "Transforming Reality: Strategies and Practices" was held online in Yekaterinburg. From the Institute for African Studies, the event was attended by Ph.D. **T.R. Khairullin**, who made a presentation on the topic: "Modern Trends in Political Islam." [Read more...](#)

## "Topical commentary"

(rubric created in cooperation with IMEMO RAS)



### 2020 Presidential Election and the Political Situation in Guinea

Presidential elections were held in Guinea on October 18, 2020. The 82-year-old incumbent President Alpha Conde (Malinki) was elected the Head of the State for a third term, previously he had won twice - in 2010 and 2015. Candidate of the ruling Rally of the Guinean People (RPG) party, he received about 59.5% (2,438,815 votes); Conde's main rival, leader of the opposition Union of Democratic Forces of Guinea (UFDG), Prime Minister from December 9, 2004 to April 5, 2006, Cellou Dalein Diallo (68 years old, Peul) received 33.5% (1,372,920 votes) [Read more...](#)



### 2020 Presidential Election and the Political Situation in Ghana

Presidential elections were held in Ghana on December 7, 2020. A candidate from the New Patriotic Party (NPP) was elected the Head of the State for a second term, President since January 7, 2017, 76-year-old President Nana Akufo-Addo received 51.3% (6,730,587) of the vote. His main and, in fact, the only rival was John Dramani Mahama (47.36%, 6,213,182) from the National Democratic Congress (NDC) party, the former President of Ghana - from July 24, 2012 to January 7, 2017. [Read more...](#)



### Parliamentary elections in Egypt

Parliamentarism in Egypt has a history of over 150 years. On October 22, 1866, Khedive Ismail established the Consultative Council of Representatives in the country - the first elected body with representative functions, the procedural rules of which initially gave its members the right only to familiarize themselves with the state of public finances. However, soon the rights of the elected parliamentarians began to expand and, in accordance with the current Constitution, adopted in January 2014, at the moment they have rather broad powers. [Read more...](#)



### 2020 General Election in Central African Republic

The development of the Central African Republic (CAR) throughout the entire period of independence (since August 13, 1960) was characterized by instability and crisis. The change of power in the country almost always took place by force. In 1966, the first president of the CAR, D. Dacko, was overthrown by J.-B. Bokassa, in 1979 D. Dacko in his turn removed J.-B. Bokassa, in 1981 D. Dacko was again overthrown by General A. Kolingba, who remained in power until the presidential elections in 1993, in which A.-F. Patassé won (re-elected for a second presidential term in 1999). [Read more...](#)



### General Election in Burkina Faso, November 2020

On November 22, 2020, a general election was held in the Republic of Burkina Faso, in which the citizens of the country elected a President and a new National Assembly. The legal system of Burkina Faso is formed as a result of the synthesis of French law with Muslim religious and African customary law. According to the Constitution, Burkina Faso is a Presidential Republic, the Head of the State is the President, who can be re-elected once. The election of the President takes place in two rounds: if none of the candidates receives a majority of votes in the first round, a second round is held. [Read more...](#)

## 2021 Presidential Election in Uganda

Presidential elections were held in Uganda on January 14, 2021. A candidate from the National Resistance Movement (NRM) party, the incumbent (since January 29, 1986) 76-year-old President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni was elected the Head of the State for a sixth term, he received 58.6% (5,851,037) of the vote. In addition to Museveni, 10 candidates participated in the elections (4 from the opposition, 6 independent), but the main and, in fact, the only rival of the President was the 38-year-old candidate from the National Unity Platform (NUP) party Bobby Wine (real name - Robert Kyagulanyi Ssentamu), who received 34.8% (3,475,298) of the votes. [Read more...](#)



## On the death of the President of Tanzania

President of the United Republic of Tanzania (URT) John Magufuli passed away from heart disease on March 17, 2021 at the age of 61 in a hospital in Dar es Salaam, Vice President Samia Suluhu Hassan, according to the Constitution of Tanzania took the oath on March 19 as the Head of the State for the remainder of J. Magufuli's presidential term (until November 2025). The country has declared two weeks of mourning. [Read more...](#)



## Publications of the Institute:

### [African conflicts and crises: causes and solutions](#)

Ex. ed.: Volkov S.N., Deich T.L., Nenashev S.V.

Moscow: IAfr RAN, 2019.-- 270 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-233-0

The monograph was prepared on the basis of reports and speeches at a conference at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences on April 3, 2019, dedicated to African conflicts, the resulting migration of the population, as well as the role of international and regional organizations, Africans themselves and external players from among the countries of the West and the East in the regulation of conflict and crisis situations and stabilization of the situation in the countries of the continent.



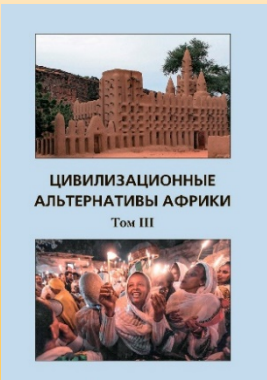
### [Civilizational alternatives in Africa. Volume III](#)

Ex. ed.: Doctor of History I.V. Sledzevsky

Moscow: IAfr RAN, 2020.-- 208 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-254-5

The third issue of the multivolume edition "Civilizational Alternatives of Africa" continues the study of the tendencies and prospects of the civilizational development of Africa, primarily sub-Saharan Africa in the postcolonial period. The volume is devoted to the experience of the formation and role of Christian and Islamic communities in the cultural and civilizational self-determination of sub-Saharan Africa in the XX-XXI centuries.



### [Islamic radical movements on the political map of the modern world. Sahara-Sahel and the Horn of Africa. Volume IV](#)

Ex. ed.: I.V. Ponomarev

Moscow: IAfr RAN, 2020.-- 220 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-261-3

The authors' collective of the monograph united the efforts of historians, political scientists and culturologists, which made it possible to consider the stated problems from different angles of modern humanitarian knowledge. At the same time, the historical principles of analysis and the regional approach to the material under study were used as a unifying methodological basis.



**ВЫБОРЫ  
В СТРАНАХ ЮГА АФРИКИ**



**[Elections in the countries of Southern Africa. Collection of articles](#)**

Ex. editor: Doctor of History V.G. Shubin

Moscow: IAfr RAN, 2020 .-- 144 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-262-0

This collection is dedicated to elections that took place in almost all countries in the south of the African continent, as well as in Madagascar. In the years following the “wave of democratization” that swept across Africa in the early 1990s, holding regular elections on a multiparty basis became a common feature of their political life.

**[T. Kofanov "Tunisia: A Time for Change"](#)**

Ex. editor: Ph.D. A.A. Tkachenko

Moscow: IAfr RAN, 2020 .-- 148 p.

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The monograph examines a wide range of issues of socio-economic development of Tunisia. Much attention is paid to the peculiarities of the country, which predetermined the role of Tunisia as a pioneer of the "Arab Spring" and the relative success of its results.

И.Т. Кофанов

**ТУНИС:  
ВРЕМЯ ПЕРЕМЕН**



**[Zakharov I.A. "Geography of Religions: Transformation of the Confessional Space in Africa"](#)**

Ex. ed. Corresponding Member RAS, Doctor of Economics, prof. L.L. Fituni

Moscow: IAfr RAN, 2020 .-- 148 p.

ISBN 978-5-94193-087-6

The book is devoted to identifying and analyzing the transformation of the confessional space in Africa since the beginning of the twentieth century. The paper clarifies the concept of "transformation" in relation to the category of confessional geospace and proposes a methodology for studying this process.

Захаров И.А.  
**ГЕОГРАФИЯ  
РЕЛИГИЙ**



ТРАНСФОРМАЦИЯ КОНФЕССИОНАЛЬНОГО  
ПРОСТРАНСТВА АФРИКИ

**[Africa: Postcolonial Discourse](#)**

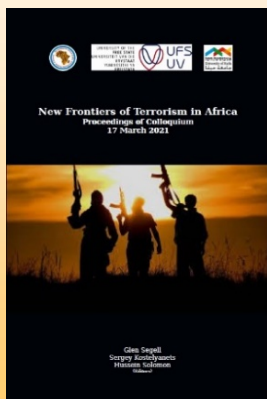
Ex. ed.: T.M. Gavristova, N.E. Khokholkova.

Moscow: IAfr RAN, 2020 .-- 248 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-260-6

The monograph is devoted to topical problems of interdisciplinary research carried out at the intersection of the humanities. The authors focus on the study of postcolonial discourse in a global context, in connection with the intellectual, personal, political, social, cultural, gender history of Africa and the African diaspora.

**АФРИКА:  
ПОСТКОЛОНИАЛЬНЫЙ  
ДИСКУРС**



### [New Frontiers of Terrorism in Africa: Proceedings of Colloquium](#)

Glen Segell, Sergey Kostelyanets, Hussein Solomon (eds.)

Haifa: University of Haifa, 2021. 139 p.

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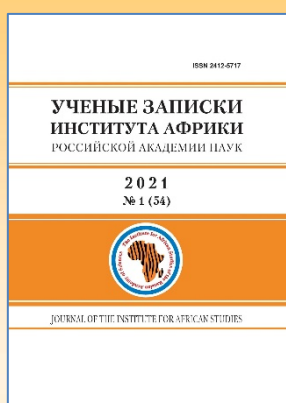
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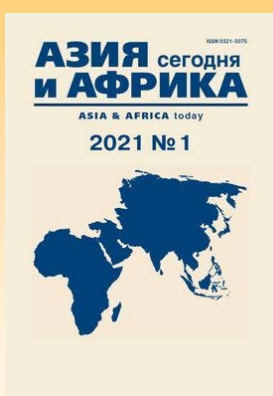
This volume is a collection of the proceedings of the international conference “New Frontiers of Terrorism in Africa,” that was held as an online event due to COVID-19. It marks the academic collaboration between the Department of Political Studies and Governance, University of the Free State, South Africa and the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia. The conference was held on 17 March 2021 open to a global public audience.

[Gift from the prominent German folklorist Sigrid Schmidt to the library of the Institute for African Studies \(RAS\)](#)

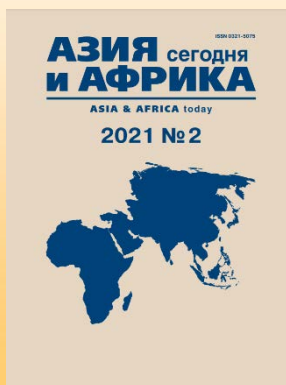
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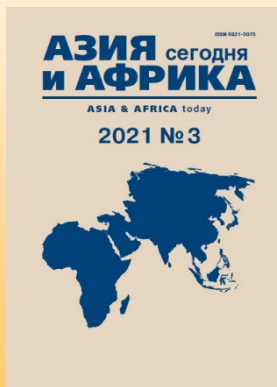
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