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Online symposium was held on the topic "International Solidarity in the Fight Against Apartheid: Historical Memory in Russia and South Africa"

On January 25, 2022, an online symposium was held on the topic "International Solidarity in the Fight Against Apartheid: Historical Memory in Russia and South Africa". It summed up the results of a joint project of the same name, carried out in 2019-2021 with the support of the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (grant No. 19-514-60002) and the National Research Foundation of South Africa. [Read more](#)

International scientific conference "Leadership and power in Africa in the past and present: research by scientists from Russia, Tanzania, and other countries"

On March 1, the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Dar es Salaam hosted the opening of the international scientific conference "Leadership and power in Africa in the past and present: research by scientists from Russia, Tanzania, and other countries", organized jointly by the Russian Center for Science and Culture in Dar-es-Salaam and the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The conference was attended by about 100 scientists who presented more than 100 reports. The conference was held not only in the halls of the Russian House but also online. The work of the international scientific forum lasted until March 4. [Read more](#)



Congratulations to A.A. Tokarev with the medal of the Order of Merit for the Fatherland, 2nd class!

"By Decree of the President of the Russian Federation dated October 8, 2021, Andrey Alexandrovich Tokarev was awarded a state award - a medal of the Order of Merit for the Fatherland, 2nd degree." [Read more](#)

Letter of thanks to Candidate of Historical Sciences Tokarev A.A.

The Government of Sao Tome and Principe and the Department of Communication and Image of Sao Tome and Principe under the Office of the Prime Minister of Sao Tome and Principe express their special gratitude to prof. A.A. Tokarev for holding Sao Tome and Principe Culture Days in Moscow and your personal contribution to the organization of this event. [Read more](#)

Round table on the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and South Africa

On March 14, 2022, the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences hosted a round table organized by the Center for Southern African Studies dedicated to the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of South Africa. The round table was attended by Russian and African scholars, employees of the Russian Foreign Ministry and the Russian Embassy in South Africa, and South African scholars and veterans of the struggle against apartheid and the solidarity movement. [Read more](#)

Report by Banshchikova A.A. within the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On February 22, 2022, at the scientific seminar of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, A.A. Banshchikova presented a report "Askari, Arabs, Africans: the population of Tanganyika through the eyes of German colonial photographers and illustrators".

The report examined the frequency of images of these groups of the population of German East Africa in the colonial author's photography, book illustrations, and postcards, issued to familiarize the inhabitants of the metropolis with the conquered territories. It has been shown that askaris are very often depicted on postcards since the motive of the military presence is very important for colonial propaganda. [Read more](#)



Report by Khokholkova N.E. within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On March 30, 2022, a report was presented by a senior researcher, Ph.D. Nadezhda Evgenievna Khokholkova "Postcolonial Approach in African Studies: Apology, Criticism, Alternatives" within the regular scientific seminar of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology "Culture and Society".

The postcolonial method, through which the so-called former subalterns, through the revision of the colonial past, began to construct an acceptable present, is to this day one of the most discussed in the space of the humanities. [Read more](#)

Seminar "Civilizational transit of the modern world: conceptual approaches"

On March 23, at 12 noon, a seminar of the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies "Civilization Transit of the Modern World: Conceptual Approaches" was held. The seminar was held online using the ZOOM system. [Read more](#)

On-line conference "Cooperation of the participants of the Eurasian Economic Union with African countries".

On March 29, 2022, the Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held a conference with international participation on the topic "Cooperation between the members of the Eurasian Economic Union and African countries". The conference took place at a difficult time, when the international situation sharply deteriorated, which required a rethinking of our country's relations with the outside world in general and with important partners, including the states of Africa and our closest neighbors, the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), a member of which is Russia. [Read more](#)

VI Summit African Union - European Union

On February 17-18, 2022, the Belgian capital, Brussels, hosted a two-day summit of the European and African Unions in person, which was attended by the heads of 40 of the 55 countries that are members of the African Union. As part of this event, seven thematic round tables were held - this is a new format of meetings. [Read more](#)



**“Topical Commentary”
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The 2021 Presidential Election and the Political Situation in Gambia

On December 4, 2021, presidential elections were held in The Gambia. The current president, 56-year-old Adama Barrow, was elected head of state for a second term. The candidate of the ruling National People's Party (NPP), he received 53.23% (457,519) of the popular vote, far ahead of his main rival, the 73-year-old United Democratic Party (UDP) leader, human rights lawyer Ousainou Darboe, who won 27.72 % (238,253) votes. Six candidates competed for the presidency. The voter turnout, despite the coronavirus pandemic, was the highest in the history of the post-colonial

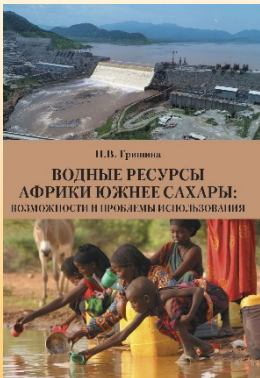
Gambia - 89.3% (a total of 962,157 voters were registered). [Read more](#)



Military coup d'état at Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso has become the third state in the last 18 months, in the Western African region that had a military coup d'état in January 2022, after Mali (on August 2020 and May 2021) and Guinea (in September 2021). It was the seventh coup organized by the army, after gaining independence in 1960. [Read more](#)

Institute`s Publications:

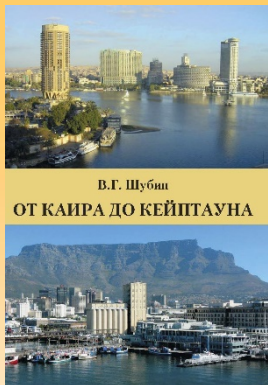


[Grishina N.V. Sub-Saharan Africa's Water Resources: Opportunities and Challenges.](#)

Rep. editor: Ph.D. Ksenofontova N.A.
M.: Institute for African Studies RAS, 2022. - 228 p.
ISBN 978-5-91298-275-0

The monograph is devoted to a number of problems related to the state of water resources and various areas of water use in sub-Saharan Africa. Attention is focused on the role of the water element in traditional culture, the influence of natural, climatic and anthropogenic factors on the quality and availability of water in cities and rural areas, on the possibilities of mitigating water shortages, and the formation of sanitary and hygienic

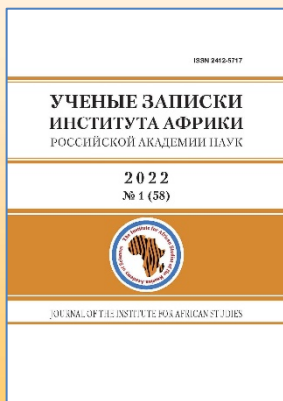
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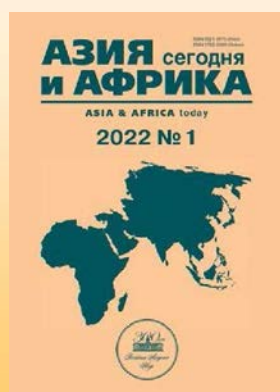
[VG Shubin. From Cairo to Cape Town. Africa through the eyes of a Russian person.](#)

Rep. editor: d.h.s. A.Yu. Urnov
M.: Institute for African Studies RAS, 2022. - 284 p. from ill.
ISBN 978-5-91298-269-9

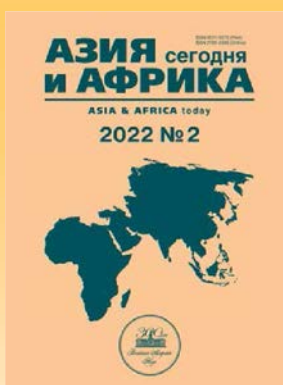
The slogan "From Cape to Cairo" appeared at the turn of the 20th century as an expression of the desire to expand and strengthen the British colonial rule in Africa. But these plans collided with a wave of independence, which was on the contrary, from the north of the continent to its south.



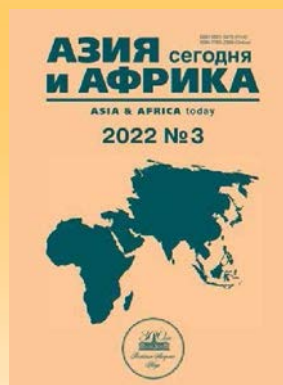
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