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"Putin's another Big Game: why the Kremlin "went for a walk" in Africa"

“Don’t go, children, to walk in Africa!” - having written his fairy tale "Barmaley" back in 1925, Korney Chukovsky "cast a spell" on the thinking of our political class for almost a century. In the era of Khrushchev and Brezhnev, the Soviet Union actively "went for a walk" in Africa. However, the results of that “long walk” turned out to be so ambiguous that even against the backdrop of a break with the West, the Black Continent remains “invisible” to a significant part of the Russian elite. True, this does not apply to the "captain's bridge" of the Russian authorities: Vladimir Putin has been actively working in the African

direction for quite a long time. But these presidential maneuvers are perceived as something peripheral - they say, for the sake of order! These countries, too, must not be completely forgotten! But isn't such a point of view a manifestation of political myopia? Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova is convinced that she is. From the point of view of this authoritative expert, Russia's survival as a great power largely depends on the effectiveness of Moscow's African policy. [Read more](#)



Emphasis on the development of own technologies, - Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Irina Abramova on the tasks facing the academy.

“For a long time we thought that we would buy everything in the West, and it was not necessary for us to develop complex technologies ourselves, with the exception of the military-industrial complex. Now, I think, the task is different: we need our own technologies, our own development, and, in my opinion, the new leadership of the academy is quite capable of coping with this task”, said the director of the Institute

of African RAS, member of the Presidium of the RAS, corresponding member. RAS, Doctor of Economics, Professor Irina Olegovna Abramova. [Read more](#)

African Tour of Sergey Lavrov

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov visited Africa on July 23-27, 2022. The trip was the first to Africa following the launch of a special military operation. It covered four countries: Egypt, the Republic of Congo, Uganda and Ethiopia. Sergey Lavrov met not only with the foreign ministers, but with the heads of all states. Moreover, talks were held with representatives of the League of Arab States and the African Union. [Read more](#)





The meeting of the Director of the IAfr RAS with the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in Russia

On September 28, 2022, a meeting was held at the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAfr RAS), the Director of the IAfr RAS, a member of the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member. RAS, Dr.Sc. (Econ.), Professor Irina Olegovna Abramova with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania in Russia Mr. Mohamed Mahmud Dahi.

During the meeting, issues of Russia-Africa bilateral cooperation were discussed, including the development of relations in the field of fisheries, mining, energy, technology, and innovation, as well as the training of qualified personnel. [Read more](#)



Meeting of the Director of the IAfr RAS with the delegation of the Embassy of the Federative Democratic Republic of Ethiopia in Russia

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and Public Diplomacy) Gisilla Shavel Makuria and the Minister (Department of Politics and Economics) Elbetel Wosenyele Abebe. [Read more](#)



Round table "Cooperation between the countries of the Middle East and Africa"

On September 28 at 16:30, the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted a round table on the topic: "Cooperation between the countries of the Middle East and Africa", organized by the Council of Young Scientists of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IAfr RAS) together with the Middle East Club of the Diplomatic Academy of the Russian Foreign Ministry and with the support of the Center for the Study of the Countries of North Africa and the Horn of Africa of the IAfr RAS. [Read more](#)



"Civilizational transit and post-coloniality (on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Alfred Sauvy's article "Three Worlds, One Planet")"

On September 21, 2022, the Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences held a conference on the topic: "Civilization transit and post-coloniality (on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Alfred Sauvy's article "Three Worlds, One Planet")". [Read more](#)



Conference of Young Scientists "Africa Out of Africa"

The event was held within the framework of the Department of Global Issues and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences and was jointly organized by the Councils of Young Scientists of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Institute of the USA and Canadian Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Latin America of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences. [Read more](#)



Round table "Priorities and interests of Asian countries on the African continent"

On September 22, the Russian Institute for Strategic Studies hosted a round table on the topic "Priorities and interests of Asian countries on the African continent". It was attended by A.A. Tokarev, Head of the Center for South African Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, V.V. Usacheva, senior researcher at this academic institution and associate professor at the Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, as well as RISS subject matter experts. [Read more](#)

Report by Yakovlev A.V. within the framework of the scientific seminar "Culture and Society"

On September 20, 2022, within the framework of the seminar "Culture and Society" of the Center for History and Cultural Anthropology, together with the Center for Southern African Studies of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a report was made by A.V. for South Africa in 2022. The report included a story about the author's travel impressions, about the history and current state of the city of Port Elizabeth, where he spent the most time this time, about its beauty and its problems. Of the cities through which the route ran, the speaker spoke about East London, Grahamstown, Bloemfontein, Georgetown, and Naysna, which made the greatest impression on him. Attention was paid to the description of the Boer War Museum in Bloemfontein. The story was accompanied by a display of numerous photographs. [Read more](#)

II International Scientific and Practical Conference "Problems of Modern Oriental Studies"

On June 30 - July 1, 2021, the Department of Oriental Studies and the Department of Oriental Languages of the Faculty of International Relations of the Belarusian State University held the II International Scientific and Practical Conference "Problems of Modern Oriental Studies" in a mixed format. Ph.D. in Political Science Khairullin T.R. represented the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences during the conference. [Read more](#)



Unveiling of the bust of Agostinho Neto in the Atrium of the Library for Foreign Literature

On July 29, 2022, in the Atrium of the All-Russian State Library for Foreign Literature (VGBIL) named after M. Rudomino, a solemn ceremony was held to open the bust to the Angolan poet, the first president of Angola A. Neto. The ceremony was attended by the ambassadors of a number of African countries, as well as Portugal, accredited in the Russian Federation. Among the invitees were former ambassadors of the USSR / Russia in

Angola V.N. Kazimirov, senior researcher. Institute for African Studies RAS S.V. Nenashev. After the official opening ceremony of the bust, its participants, including the Ambassador of Angola in Russia, Augusta da Silva Cunha, director of VGBIL P. L. Kuzmin, read A. Neto's poems. Senior Researcher Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences A. Tokarev. [Read more](#)

Institute`s Publications:

[Scientific and technological potential of modern Africa](#)

Rep. editor: Ph.D. E.V. Morozenskaya
M.: IAfr RAS, 2022. - 278 p.
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In African countries, the processes of innovative technological development aimed at improving competitiveness and economic efficiency are complicated by the rapid proliferation of global value chains in international production, to which it is difficult for Africa to get involved because of its scientific and technological potential underdevelopment.





[Modernization in North Africa: Opportunities and Obstacles](#)

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M.: IAfr RAS, 2022, 2022. – 160 с.
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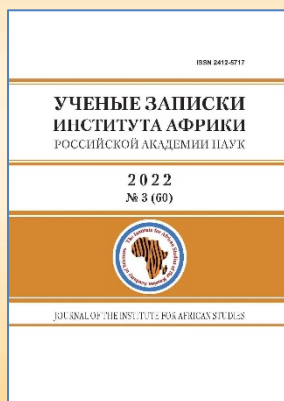
The manuscript shows social, political and economic renovation/ modernization processes that were started in the last quarter of the XX century in the North Africa as well as in the Middle East. Those renovation processes impacted every country of the region, but the impact varied in time and forms/depth.



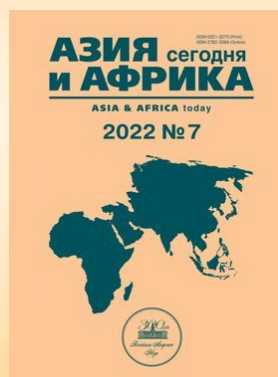
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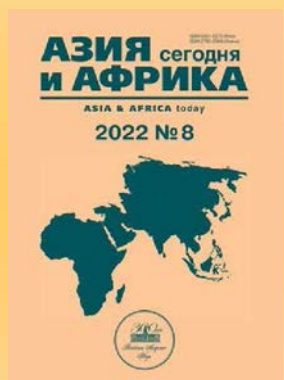
Collection of dedicated African socialist parties in the Socialist International. The authors consider the ideological aspect of relations between electoral parties and their positions in society, the rationale and forms of inter-party competition, the role of national relations in party life, as well as the relationship between the party and cultural political community.



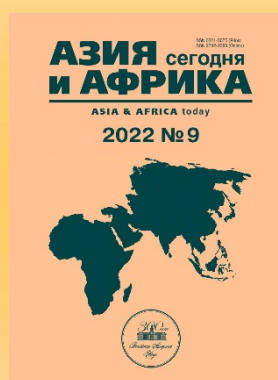
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