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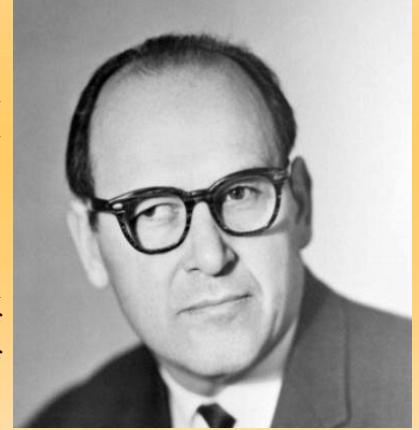
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Vasily Grigorievich Solodovnikov (08.03.1918 - 30.09.2018)

We regret to inform you that Vasily Grigorievich Solodovnikov has passed away. He was the Soviet and Russian diplomat, outstanding scientist, specialist in African studies, international relations, D.Sc. (Econ.), advisor of RAS and Corresponding Member of RAS.

Vasily Grigorievich served as Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS from 1964 to 1976, and contributed a lot to the achievements of the Institute. His name is associated with the development of the concept of USSR relations with African countries and the creation of a Scientific Council for the Problems of Africa. He made a great contribution to the work of the International Congress of Africanists, to the activities of many public organizations.

Over the years of his work, he was on many occasions awarded with medals and orders.



Second field research of the Institute for African Studies (RAS) in the first Old Believer communities of Africa

From 16 to 27 of October 2018 social anthropologists of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, Institute of World Literature of RAS and the head of the Russian Orthodox Old Believers Church mission in Uganda worked in the Republic of Uganda (in the capital Kampala and towns Nakabaale, Kisojjo, Kapeke). The research was supported by the Russian Foundation for Basic Research (grant № 17-01-00148).

The field research members were: Corresponding Member of RAS, D.Sc. (Hist.), Prof. D.M. Bondarenko (project manager), D.Sc. (Philos),

Prof V.L. Klyaus, Priest N.E. Bobkov and Junior Research Fellow A.O. Lapushkina. [Read more](#)

Memorandum of understanding between the government of the Russian Federation and the Southern African Development Community

On October 23 the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov met with the Executive Secretary of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) S. Tax, who arrived in Moscow on a working visit.

Sergey Lavrov and S. Tax signed a Memorandum of understanding between the government of the Russian Federation and the Southern African Development Community on the basics of interaction and cooperation. The Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Corresponding Member of RAS, D.Sc. (Econ.), Professor I.O. Abramova took part in the signing of the memorandum. [Read more](#)





Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Madagascar M. Dovo in the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences.

On October 23, 2018 a meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Madagascar Eloi Alphonse Maxime Dovo took place.

Welcoming the guest, the Director of the Institute, Corresponding Member of RAS, Professor I. O. Abramova stressed that it was a great honor for the Institute to accept His Excellency as a statesman, but also as a sincere friend of the Institute. Many years

of productive relationship link M. Dovo with this Institute during his work as the Ambassador of the Republic of Madagascar in the Russian Federation. Mr. Minister participated in many scientific events of the Institute, showing great interest in the research work of its staff.

I.O. Abramova said: “We are sincerely happy with the appointment of our friend to the post of Minister and we wish His Excellency a great success. Moreover, we perceive the appointment of Ambassador M. Dovo in Russia as Foreign Minister as an important confirmation of the desire of the leadership of Madagascar to strengthen and expand relations of friendship and full cooperation with the Russian Federation.” [Read more](#)



Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences marks the bicentenary

From 29 to 30 October 2018, the bicentennial congress of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences took place. Founded in 1818, the Institute of Oriental Studies of RAS received wide international recognition as one of the leading scientific centers in the world. The Institute of Oriental Studies of RAS celebrates its bicentennial anniversary. President Vladimir Putin sent greetings to the participants and guests of the forum.

From the Institute for African Studies of RAS, attended: Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, Academician A.M. Vasilyev, Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, D.Sc. (Econ.), Professor I.O. Abramova, Deputy Director for Science (IAS RAS), Corresponding Member of RAS, D.Sc. (Hist.), Professor D.M. Bondarenko, Deputy Director for Science (IAS RAS), Corresponding Member of RAS, (D.Sc. Econ.), Professor L.L. Fituni.

On October 30, 2018 Professor I.O. Abramova moderated the session “Eastern Economy: Development Contrasts.” [Read more](#)

Inter-institutional conference “Development spaces and territories of non-development in the modern world”

The Institute for African Studies of RAS and the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences held an inter-institutional conference “Development spaces and territories of underdevelopment in the modern world” on November 6, 2018. At the opening of the forum the Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, Corresponding member of RAS, D.Sc. (Econ.), Professor I.O. Abramova marked the relevance of the stated topic, its sharpness and importance. [Read more](#)

International Conference “Elections in Africa”

The first joint conference of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Center for African Studies of the University of Porto (Portugal) from the series “Domestic changes and foreign policy of African countries” took place on November 1-2, 2018 at the Institute for African Studies of RAS. [Read more](#)

“Round-table” meetings with the participation of “Doctors Without Border” (MSF) and the Institute for African Studies of RAS.

On 22 November 2018 the representation of the international medical humanitarian organization “Doctors Without Borders” (MSF) held a “round-table” meeting “The priorities and challenges for the international cooperation between Russia and the CA states”. The employees of MSF who is carrying out activity in the countries of the Central Africa and also the IAS researchers took part in the round-table meeting: Ph.D. (Econ.)



E.N. Korendyasov delivered a report on “The prospects for Russian-African partnership” and D.Sc. (Polit.) Science G.M. Sidorova - on “The problem of the aggravation of the social-political situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo before the presidential elections 2018”. [Read more](#)

Speeches and lectures by Prof. V. G. Shubin in Dar es Salaam (Tanzania)

From November 27 to December 6, 2018, on the invitation of the Russian center of culture and science, Prof. V. G. Shubin visited Dar es Salaam (Tanzania), where he gave lectures at the Dar es Salaam University, the Open University, Memorial Academy of Mwalimu Nyerere and the Mozambique-Tanzania center of international relations, and also gave interviews to TV and E-TV stations and Tanzanian radio. [Read more](#)



The reports of Corresponding Member of RAS, D.Sc. (Hist.), Prof. D.M. Bondarenko in the USA Universities.

In November - December 2018, the Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS Prof. D.M. Bondarenko made a business trip to the United States. In the course of it, he made presentations on the study of Old Believers in Uganda at the 117th annual conference of the American Anthropological Association in San José and the 61st annual Conference of the Association of african studies in Atlanta and with a guest lecture on the topic “Relations between African-Americans and modern migrants from sub-Saharan Africa to the USA” in the department of sociology, criminology and anthropology at Wintrop University. [Read more](#)

Meeting of representatives of the Institute for African Studies of RAS with associate Professor of the School of Economics of the University of Cape Town Mark Ellin

A meeting between representatives of the Institute for African Studies of RAS and Associate Professor of the School of Economics at the University of Cape Town Mark Ellin was held On December 4. The meeting was attended by the Director, Corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Prof. I.O. Abramova; the Deputy Director, Corresponding Member of RAS, Prof. L.L. Fituni; and Senior Researcher, Ph.D. (Econ.) K.A. Aleshin; as well as the staff of the [Center for Southern African Studies](#), Senior Research Fellow ,



Ph.D. (Econ.) Yu.S. Skubko and Senior Research Fellow, Ph.D. (Econ.) V.A. Sidorov. The development of the South African economy, foreign economic issues and integration processes in Southern Africa were discussed. The parties agreed on the development of further cooperation. [Read more](#)

“Dialogue for the future - 2018”: the fourth day. From the West - to the Middle East

On December 6, the project “Dialogue for the Future – 2018” brought together contrasting themes: the common future of Russia and Western countries, problems of the state in the Middle East and the history of the Korean Peninsula.

I.O. Abramova, Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, D.Sc. (Econ), Professor, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, stressed that Russia has recently become a major player in the Middle East: “Our policy in the region is one of the most successful. But you need to understand that in this region, Russia will not have permanent allies and it is more useful to build temporary alliances. The whole system of international relations is unbalanced today and nobody knows its further development. The global balance of power is changing, and as well as the economic basis is shifting from West to East.

Will the Middle East become the point where this unstable system will not come to a new level, but will be even more chaos? Yes, it is possible. But Russia, as a major eurasian power, has the opportunity to play a certain role in order to prevent this final chaos.” [Read more](#)



“Round table” dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the leaders of the ANC and the Republic of South Africa N. Mandela and A. Sisulu

On December 11, a “round table” meeting was held at the Institute for African Studies of RAS dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the birth of two major leaders of the ANC and leaders of a democratic South African Republic: Nelson Mandela and “Mother” Albertina Sisulu. The “round table” was jointly organized by the South African Embassy in the Russian Federation and the Institute for African Studies of RAS. In Presidium - Chairman of the National provincial council of South Africa (upper house of parliament), Thandi Modise, Director of the African

Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation A.V. Kemarsky, Director of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, Corresponding Member of RAS, Professor I.O. Abramova, Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, Academician A.M. Vasiliev, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences A.D. Davidson.

A.A. Tokarev, the head of the [Center for Southern African Studies](#), opened and chaired the meeting. Addressing the audience, Professor I.O. Abramova briefly recalled the bright pages of the biography of the two leaders and their struggle against apartheid. She also noted that in 2011, following a survey of 50 thousand people in 25 countries of the world, N. Mandela topped the list of world leaders with an impeccable reputation. Both leaders, N. Mandela and A. Sisulu, made an enormous contribution to the liberation of their homeland from apartheid, and at the same time remained extremely modest people to the end of their lives. Guests were welcomed by the Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies of RAS, Academician A.M. Vasiliev. He drew attention to the prominent role of women in South African society. As an example, he recalled that about half of the seats in the parliament in South Africa are occupied by women: a good example for the Russian parliament.



Director of the African Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation A.V. Kemarsky stressed that Russia and South Africa have strategic partnership relations. [Read more](#)

“Africa Today” - a conference on the results of the project “Scientific Tandem”

The scientific conference “Africa Today” was held on December 11, 2018, where the results of the “Scientific Tandem” project were presented - a joint study of the African Club MGIMO and the Institute for African Studies of RAS. After 1.5 years of research, we have released a collection of works, in which nine “scientific tandems” are presented. Every work covers one or another topical issue of African reality. [Read more](#)



Course of lectures “Islam in Russia” by R. I. Bekkin

From 18 to 21 December 2018, Leading Researcher of the [Center for global and strategic studies](#) R. I. Bekkin read the course of lectures “Islam in Russia”, consisting of 8 lectures, at the University of Sarajevo (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina) faculty of Islamic science. The lectures aroused interest among students and teachers of the faculty. [Read more](#)

Nigerian Diaspora in Russia NIDO Russia awarded the Institute for African Studies a Certificate of Recognition.

On December 18, 2018 in the Russian Chamber of Commerce and Industry took place a meeting of the Business council of Russia – Nigeria (DSRN) with a delegation of the Chamber of Commerce Abuja (Federal Republic of Nigeria). The event was attended by more than 50 people, half of whom – from the Nigerian side.

With a report on the topic “Potential of the Federal Republic Nigeria and perspectives on Russian-Nigerian relations” presented by the head of the group, Senior Fellow of the [Center for Global and Strategic Studies](#), of the Institute for African studies of RAS Ph.D. (Econ.) K. A. Aleshin. [Read more](#)



The meeting of the Council of young scientists of the Institute for African Studies of RAS

On December 26, 2018, a meeting of the Council of young scientists of the Institute for African Studies of RAS took place. It was attended by young staff and graduate students of the Institute. A number of issues were on the agenda: the approval of the new composition of the Council of the young scientists, the adoption of the new Regulation of the Council of the young scientists, the election of a new chairman and his deputies. According to the results of the elections, the new composition of the Council decided to appoint the chairman of the CYS - Research Fellow, Ph.D. (Econ.), V.A. Sidorov, Junior Research fellow I.E. Ibragimov as his first deputy, and to the position of deputy – Junior Research Fellow A.K. Barinov.

During the meeting, the Council discussed and approved the work plan for 2019

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China-Africa Cooperation Forum Summit (FOCAC) in Beijing on 3-4 September, 2018

The China-Africa Cooperation Forum (FOCAC), established in 2000, plays an important role in Chinese politics in Africa. Conferences or forum summits are held once every three years. Each time, China sums up cooperation over the past three years and announces a new program of cooperation with Africa. Something is repeated in it, but in a slightly different quality, something is being announced for the first time. The amount of funding that China will provide to Africa in the form of loans, etc. in the next three years is announced each time. This year marks the 18th anniversary of FOCAC activities. On September

3-4, 2018, the regular FOCAC meeting was held in Beijing. The Chinese authorities raised its level from the conference to the summit, taking into account, as stated by the speaker of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China, Geng Shuang, the great needs of African countries and the practical necessity of developing Chinese-African relations. This is the third FOCAC summit (the first was held in Beijing in 2006, the second in Johannesburg in 2015). [Read more](#)

Guinea: to the 60th anniversary of independence

On October 2, 2018, a West African state Guinea celebrated its anniversary - the 60th anniversary of independence. The postcolonial development of the country was distinguished by almost permanent political instability. In addition, despite the abundance of natural resources (minerals - bauxite, iron ore, gold, diamonds, uranium, oil, etc., as well as fertile land, rivers and lakes), Guinea remains one of the most economically backward countries in Africa. The “socialist experiments” of the first president of the Republic, Ahmed Sekou Toure (1958–1984), led to an increase in poverty, which covered a significant part of the population; his rule was repressive and marked by severe suppression of dissent and numerous violations of human rights. [Read more](#)



Public Forum “Russia – Africa” - the start of a new stage of Russian-African relations

On October 22, in Moscow, within the framework of Russia's international strategy for the development and strengthening of trade, economic, social and cultural relations with the countries of the African continent, the Russian-African public forum was conducted on the initiative of the World Association of Higher Education Graduates and the “African Business Initiative Union”. The idea of holding such an event was supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation, Rosmolodezh, Rossotrudnichestvo, the Valdai International Club, the Russian Academy of Sciences. Forum partners were Financial University under the Government of the Russian Federation, Alrosa Corporation, GPB Global Resources, Global Alumni Alliance, ABI (Africa Business Initiative). [Read more](#)

Investment Forum Russia – SADC

On October 23, the first Russia-SADC Investment Forum (SADC - Southern African Development Community) was held in Moscow. The investment forum was initiated by the ambassadors of SADC member states accredited in Russia with the support of the Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI) of the Russian Federation, the Coordinating committee for economic cooperation with Sub-Saharan Africa (AfroCom) and the African Export-Import Bank (Afreksimbank). [Read more](#)



Presidential elections in Mali: elections without a choice?

September 4th of this year, Ibragim Boubacar Keita, who won the presidential election in Mali (IBK, as he is called in the country), began his second five-year mandate. These was the fifth presidential election on an alternative basis after the overthrow of the one-party regime in 1991 and the second in the last six years of a sharp national crisis. [Read more](#)

Results of the presidential elections in Cameroon

On 22 October, 2018 in Yaoundé, the results of the presidential elections of the Republic of Cameroon held on October 7 were announced. The results can be found on the official website and on Twitter at the Cameroonian Electoral Commission (ELECAM). The 85-year-old Paul Biya, the permanent head of state since 1982, has been elected for the new term. In fact, he is for 43 years at the pinnacle of power, given his stay in the rank of prime minister (1975–1982) under President Ahmadou Ahidjo. Despite growing public discontent with the policy of the irremovable leader, Biya again became president (elections were held in 1984, 1988, 1992, 1997, 2004, 2011, 2018). The election results once again revealed systemic characteristics and chronic problems of the political life of Cameroon: practically unlimited powers of the president, a weak level of organization of the opposition, regional imbalance, marginalization of Anglophones, separatism. [Read more](#)



Publications of the Institute:

Fituni L.L., Abramova I.O. Monograph.

“Islam, global governance and the new world order.”

Moscow: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2018. 376 pages. ISBN 978-5-91298-227-9

The role and place of Islam in international development and global governance in the context of topical issues of inter-civilization and interfaith interaction in a changing world are explored. The emerging challenges and threats to the interests of Russia, including the fight against modern forms of extremism and international terrorism, are identified. The novelty of the study lies in the comprehensive assessment and forecast of the development of the “Muslim segment” of the modern polycentric world, the conflict between the spatial expansion of traditional Islam and the neoliberal world order, mass control technologies, risks of regional destabilization and opportunities to ensure global security. [Read more](#)



Monograph Sharova A.Yu. “Electric power industry of the Arab East: economic trends and innovations”

Executive Editor: Corr. Member RAS, D.Sc. (Econ.), Prof. Abramova I.O.

Moscow: Institute for African Studies of the RAS, 2018. - 204 p. ISBN 978-5-91298-223-1

The proposed monograph is a comprehensive study of the current state of the power industry of the Arab East, its problems and prospects. With the help of an in-depth analysis of the technical and economic indicators of the industry, the main trends of its development have been identified, including: reforming, integrating the energy systems of the states of the region in question, as well as increasing the participation of foreign business in the field of generation through government-private partnership. [Read more](#)



ПОВОРОТ АФРИКИ НА «ВОСТОК» И ИНТЕРЕСЫ РОССИИ



Multi-authored monograph “Africa’s turn to the “East” and Russian interests”

Executive editors: Ph.D. (Hist.) Deych T.L., Ph.D. in (Econ.) Korendyasov E.N., SRF Nenashev S.V.

Moscow, Institute for African Studies RAS– 304 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-216-3

Monograph is based on the information presented in the reports and speeches of the members who participated in the international conference Russian-African relations within the framework of “Africa’s “turn” to the East” which took place on 18 April 2018 in the Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States Foreign Policy of the Institute for African Studies of the RAS. The monograph’s subject – the new trends in the African states foreign policy in the context of the enhanced role of the continent in the modern global economy and the world as a whole. [Read more](#)

Multi-authored monograph “The African anthropology: the new research objects”

Moscow, Institute for African Studies RAS, 2018. – 206 p.

Executive editor: Ph.D. (Hist.) Science Kavykin O.I.

ISBN 978-5-91298-218-7

Multi-authored monograph touches upon the searching and analysis of the new research objects in the social (cultural) African anthropology, the development of the new approach to the anthropologic research of the African continent in light of the changes of the last decades. [Read more](#)

АНТРОПОЛОГИЯ АФРИКИ:
НОВЫЕ ОБЪЕКТЫ ИССЛЕДОВАНИЯ



Monograph Prokopenko L.J. “Women and power (through the example of South-African states)”

Moscow, Institute for African Studies RAS, 2018. – 206 p.

Executive editor: Ph.D. (Hist.) Science Ksenophontova N.A.

ISBN 978-5-91298-217-0

The monograph touches upon the topical and relevant issue in the modern history and political science, which is rarely considered by Russian political analysts and Africanists, – gender-based aspect of the political leadership evolution and the role of African women in the sociopolitical life of the South-African states. [Read more](#)



“Senegal yesterday and today. The collection of articles.”

Moscow, Institute for African Studies RAS, 2018. – 224 p.

Executive editor: Ph.D. (Phil.) Science Elez A.J.

ISBN 978-5-91298-215-6

The collection of articles deals with the economic, political and ideological (religious as well) aspects in the history of independent Senegal. The author examined the historical role and the literary heritage of Sengor L.S. – the first state’s president. The foreign policy is considered with a particular attention, specifically its intervention to Gambia, the author gives an opinion on this politics in the context of the international law and the principle of state sovereignty in particular. [Read more](#)

СЕНЕГАЛ
ВЧЕРА И СЕГОДНЯ



Krylova N.L. “Russian Africans” in the 20th century: Family. Fate. Homeland.”

Moscow: Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 2018. - 648 p.

ISBN 978-5-91298-193-7

Russian woman in Africa. What is it like for her to find herself in a foreign country, being cut off from native roots, to live at the crossroads of cultures, in a dramatic contact of such different mentalities as Russian and African? [Read more](#)



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СТРАТЕГИЧЕСКОЕ ПАРТНЕРСТВО?



Yutyaeva I.R. “South Africa and the European Union: a strategic partnership?”

Moscow: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2018. - 108 p. executive editor , D.Sc. (Hist.) Shubin V.G.

ISBN 978-5-91298-209-5

The monograph is devoted to the analysis of relations between the Republic of South Africa and the European Union at the present stage. The author moves from studying the history of South Africa’s interaction with the EU and individual European countries to a modern state of cooperation, examining in detail the Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation (TDCA) in terms of benefits for both parties and evaluating the prospects of South Africa as a strategic partner of the EU in Africa .

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“Africa: political portraits. Collection of articles.”

Executive editor, Ph.D. (Hist.) Denisova T.S. - Moscow: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2018. - 198 pages. ISBN 978-5-91298-224-8

In recent years, the study of various aspects of such a phenomenon as political leadership is experiencing a period of unprecedented rise. This circumstance prompted the group of authors to prepare a collection of articles on the life and activities of a number of heads of African states, political and public figures of the “second echelon”, big businessmen and rebel leaders. [Read more](#)



Multi-authored monograph “Islamist movements on the world's political map.” Edition 3. Afroasiatic zone of instability.

Under the general editorship Academician of RAS. Vasiliev A.M.

Editor-in-chief: Doctor of Historical Sciences Savateev A.D., (D.Sc. Philos.) Grinin L.E.

-M., The Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2018. 250 p.

The monograph is devoted to one of the most acute problems of our time, in which were focused primarily contradictions between modern world civilizations.

The authors examine almost all aspects of the activities of Islamist movements, referring to the experience of their emergence, formation and development in the part of the Muslim world. And this part is most affected by speeches of Islamists and

therefore it received the name of the Afro-Asian zone of instability. [Read more](#)



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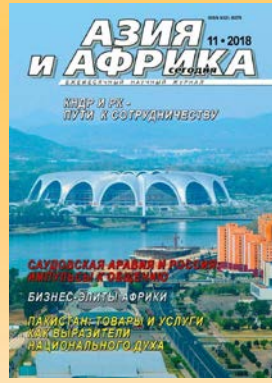
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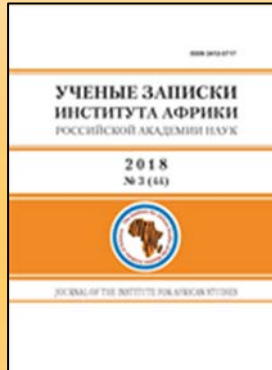
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Valery Petrovich Morozov (15.09.1936 – 13.12.2018)

One of the oldest employees of the Institute, the head of Centre for Sociological and Political Sciences Studies, Ph.D. (Econ.) Sciences passed away.

We express our condolences to the relatives and friends of Valery Petrovich.



Tatiana Nikolaevna Sokolovskaya (29.07.1948 – 10.10.2018)

The employee of the Institute, Senior laboratory assistant of the Center of Information and International Relations passed away. Tatiana Nikolaevna Sokolovskaya was kind, responsive, hardworking person.

We express our condolences to the relatives and friends of Tatiana Nikolaevna.