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Cooperation Agreement between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the Libyan Institute for Advanced Studies (Tripoli, Libya)

The Libyan politician and presidential candidate of Libya **Aref Ali Nayed** has visited Moscow. He met with the Special Representative of the President of the Russian Federation for the Middle East and North Africa, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation **Mikhail Bogdanov**, LDPR leader **Vladimir Zhirinovskiy**, deputies, senators, scientists, political scientists.

On September 25, 2018, **Dr. A. Nayed** was received by the Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Corresponding Member of the RAS, Dr.Sc. (Econ.) **I.O. Abramova**. As a result of the negotiations, a cooperation agreement was signed between the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences and the [Libyan Institute for Advanced Studies](#). On September 26, **Dr. A. Nayed** delivered a public lecture at the Institute for Africa Studies. [Read more](#)

DESTINIES OF AFRICA IN THE MODERN WORLD 15th International African Studies Conference

(Moscow, Russia, May 26-29, 2020)

First Announcement and Call for Panel Proposals

Dear Colleagues!

On May 26-29, 2020 in Moscow the Research Council for the Problems of African Countries and the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences hold the 15th African Studies Conference titled «Destinies of Africa in the Modern World». The Conference will take place on the premises of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences. The working languages are Russian and English.

The Organizing Committee would like to encourage you to submit panel proposals, focusing on any particular topics related to the Conference's umbrella theme. **The deadline for panel proposals submitting is March 1, 2019.** The Organizing Committee will be glad to consider panel proposals (within 500 words in English or both English and Russian) received by this date. The information to be submitted alongside with the proposal includes the proposed panel convenor(s)' full name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation(s), full mail and e-mail addresses, telephone number. The list of prospective papergivers with their particulars is desirable but not compulsory.

The Organizing Committee will inform the applicants about the results of their panel proposals' consideration on or soon after March 15, 2019. The list of all the Conference participants is to become known by early December, 2019 due to the activities of both the Organizing Committee and panel convenors.

None of the proposals may be accepted or rejected on the basis of its submitter(s)' previous academic credentials, ethnic or national origin, sex, or otherwise, but only on the basis of the proposal's relevance to, and importance for, the Conference's general theme.

During the Conference, each panel will work for one day and will have one or two time slots, with no more than six papers in each (that is, no panel will exceed twelve papers).

In case the proposal is accepted and you and/or your panel participants need Russian entry visas, the Organizing Committee will send you in the beginning of the year 2020 the list of documents necessary to support the visa application process at a Russian Consulate or Embassy.

The conference registration fee in Russian rubles, equivalent to \$150 (\$75 in rubles for students, citizens of African states residing in Africa, except South Africa, and accompanying persons), is to be paid in cash onsite upon arrival. The Conference participants working for the Institute for African Studies official partners are waved from registration fee. No other participant or an accompanying persons can be waved from registration fee.

The Organizing Committee can assist in booking accommodation, but independent reservation is encouraged. Please note that early hotel reservation is strongly recommended, as Moscow hotels and hostels may be full any season. Besides booking.com, otel.com and other internationally recognized hotel and hostel search and booking websites, you may try specifically Moscow websites <http://www.moscow-hotels.net/> and <http://www.moscow-hotels.com/>.

All the correspondence should be sent by e-mail for the Conference Organizing Committee (afconference2020@gmail.com). The Organizing Committee phone number is + 7 495 690 2752.

The Organizing Committee would appreciate your familiarizing the members of your research/teaching unit, as well as all interested colleagues, with the present Announcement. [Read more](#)



Expedition of researchers from the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences to Tanzania

From August 24 till September 14, 2018, senior research fellow A.A. Banshchikova and junior research fellow O.V. Ivanchenko conducted field research in Tanzania, supported by Russian Scientific Foundation. The study focused on the historical memory about Arab slave trade in the 19 century and contemporary relations between Tanzanians and Arabs living in the country.

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Round table «The UN Sustainable development goals for 2016–2030: opportunities and ways to achieve them by African countries»

On September 26, 2018, a meeting organized by the [Centre for Transition Economy Studies](#) was attended by researchers from the [Centre for North African and African Horn Studies](#), the [Centre for Tropical African Studies](#), the [Centre for Southern Africa Studies](#), the [Center for Global and Strategic Studies](#), also [IMEMO RAS](#) and [RUDN](#) (15 people). The regional and national aspects of the sustainable development potentials of the countries of North Africa, Tropical Africa and South Africa were discussed. Special attention was paid to the implementation of such goals as ensuring reliable access to energy and water; developing a green economy and food security; industrialization and modernization of the real economy; introduction of electronic technologies in business and services; ensuring decent work and the possibility of «soft power» in the relationships of peripheral countries; the problem of using economic indicators to assess the implementation of sustainable development goals in Africa.

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Conference «Eastern Europe - the global sphere / Eastern Europe in the international dimension»

On 3-5 July 2018 the conference «Eastern Europe - Global Sphere / Eastern Europe in the International Dimension», organized by the [Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe](#) and Science complex Eastern Europe - Global Sphere, was held in Leipzig (Germany). The program included a plenary session and 6 sections. The event was attended by representatives of scientific, educational and expert circles of Austria, Great Britain, Hungary, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia and the Czech Republic. A total of 35 reports were made.

The conference was attended by senior researcher of the [Center for Global and Strategic Studies](#), Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, PhD K.A. Aleshin. In his presentation on the theme «Africa and Russian national interests» held in the section of «Eastern Europe and the Global South during the «Cold War», he evaluated the potential of the African continent, the results of Soviet-African relations, the state of current trade, economic and investment relations of Russia with countries of Africa, outlined the opportunities and prospects for their development. [Read more](#)



«Argentina's G20 presidency: participation in the G20 Africa partnership»

July 3, 2018 in Pretoria, South Africa, junior researcher Yuri D. Vertashov, [Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy](#), took part in a symposium on the topic: «Argentina's G20 Presidency: Participation in the G20-Africa Partnership». The purpose of the symposium was to determine the role of the Argentine presidency in the G20, and in particular its relations with African countries, to identify how the Argentine presidency would determine relations between Latin America and African countries in the context of the G20 partnership with Africa,

to explore existing opportunities to advance the interests of the countries of the Global South. [Read more](#)

«Russia's political and economic ties in the Mediterranean»

PhD of Political Sciences, Senior Researcher, [Centre for North African and African Horn Studies](#) S.V. Kostelanetz participated in the international round table «Political and economic relations of Russia in the Mediterranean» (Marrakech, Morocco) on September 16-18, 2018, where he delivered a report on Russian public diplomacy in North Africa. For the second year in a row, the Tunisian bureau of the German Konrad Adenauer Foundation has been holding a round table devoted to the problems of Russia's «return» to the southern Mediterranean. There were representatives of Russian academic and University science among the two dozen participants of the event this year, as well as experts from Germany, Egypt, Morocco, Poland, Tunisia, Turkey and France. Although the main focus of the forum was on regional and country-specific features of Russia's military, political and economic influence in North Africa, as well as various manifestations of Russia's «soft power» in the region, a separate panel was devoted to the prospects of coordination of actions to stabilize the region between the EU and Russia. [Read more](#)



XXVIII Economic Forum

The 28th Economic Forum was held in Krynica-Zdroj (Poland) from 4 to 6 September 2018. Every year the Forum, organized at the beginning of September brings more than 3000 guests. These are politicians, employees of the largest companies, experts, representatives of the world of science, culture, media from over 60 countries. Organizational outline included six plenary sessions, more than 180 panel discussions, lectures of public figures, workshops and round table discussions, national and regional presentations. The Head of the «North-South» Group at the [Center for Civilizational and Regional Studies](#) of the Institute for African Studies Alexander Ivanovich Neklessa visited the Forum, speaking at the panel «Middle East: Gordian knot or» («Afroasian zone of instability and Russian policy in the region»). [Read more](#)

Symposium on peace and security

The researcher of the [Center for Southern African Studies](#), PhD of History, A.A. Arkhangelskaya, at the invitation of the South African Analytical Center of BRICS and the National Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, took part in the Symposium on peace and security, held on September 20-21, 2018 in Johannesburg (South Africa), where she made a report «BRICS prospects in the field of international security: a view from Moscow». Also, on September 19, 2018, A.A. Arkhangelskaya, at the invitation of the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of South Africa delivered a lecture on «The Role and future of BRICS» in Pretoria (South Africa). [Read more](#)



«Interconnection of water supply, nutrition and health issues in BRICS countries - Plus: problems, progress and prospects»

3-5 September 2018, Senior Researcher of the [Center for Southern African Studies](#), PhD Yu.S. Skubko took part in the conference «Interconnection of Water Supply, Nutrition and Health in BRICS Countries - Plus: Problems, Progress and Prospects» organized by the South African Analytical Center BRICS and the National Institute for Humanities Research and Social Sciences at the Free State University in Bloemfontein (South Africa), where he made a presentation «Water supply crisis in Cape Town and Crimea: some similar problems and possible solutions». [Read more](#)



Senior Research Fellow O.S. Kulkova made a report at the Delegation of the European Union to Russia

Senior Researcher of the [Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy](#), Institute for African Studies, PhD Olga Kulkova made a report at the Delegation of the European Union to Russia at the meeting of councillors of the embassies of member countries of the European Union on the invitation of Mr. Mirko Kruppa, the head of the political section of the delegation of the European Union in Russia on 28 August, 2018. O.S. Kulkova presented a report «The Main factors of the African policy of Russia» to the

participants of the meeting and answered questions. [Read more](#)

Joint session of the Centre for Southern Africa Studies and the Council of young scientists

On 17 July 2018 the joint Session of the [Centre for Southern Africa Studies](#) and the [Council of Young Scientists](#) was held, during which PhD of History A.A. Arkhangelskaya spoke about her participation in the Academic forum of BRICS in Johannesburg, and the junior researcher Yu.D. Vertashov – about his participation in the Symposium on the Argentine presidency in the «Big Twenty», in the city of Pretoria. The colleagues also shared their views on the current situation in the country and spoke about the trends and prospects of bilateral cooperation with the scientific community of South Africa. [Read more](#)

The project «MENTORING» of the Institute for African Studies

The project «Mentoring» of the Institute for African Studies RAS is unique for the academic environment in general and the Russian Academy of Sciences in particular. The program is socially oriented. We aim to attract best students and recent graduates interested in working in one of the most promising areas, namely African. Our mentors are leading specialists in Russia and the CIS whose lives are connected with the African continent. They are scientists in different fields, as well as practitioners. [Read more](#)

Dmitry Bondarenko: «My anthropology»

«My anthropology» is devoted to the way of the anthropologist, the service and the intersecting destinies, Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor Dmitry Bondarenko. [Read more](#)



The celebration of the anniversary of Dmitry Bondarenko

The Institute for African Studies hosted a celebration of the famous Africanist, Corresponding member of RAS, Professor Dmitry Bondarenko on the occasion of his half-century anniversary on September 12, 2018.

Fruitful service to science, actualization of the «image» of Africa, active organizational activities, education of the younger generation of researchers – all these are the facets of the great talent of our colleague.

D.M. Bondarenko is the author of more than 500 papers, which have gained well-deserved fame among domestic and foreign africanists. He has made an outstanding contribution to the promotion of African studies in the Russian and world scientific community. D.M. Bondarenko has gained international recognition and respect as the leading specialist in the field of anthropology. [Read more](#)

«The country is stuck in time»: what Russia is looking for in Africa

Since August 2018, after the death of three Russian journalists in the Central African Republic, the attention of politicians and the public has been focused on this country. How has this state developed and what Russia is looking there, the Internet portal Gazeta.Ru was explained by Dmitry Bondarenko - Corresponding Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Director of the International Center for Anthropology of the National Research University Higher School of Economics, Professor of the RSUH. [Read more](#)



«Where does the new African course of Russia lead?»

On July 25, 2018, the BRICS summit (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) opened in Johannesburg with the main theme: «BRICS in Africa: cooperation with developing countries to achieve inclusive growth in the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution». As part of the summit, Vladimir Putin will meet with the presidents of African states invited to the summit. Andrei Aleksandrovich Tokarev, head of the [Centre for Southern Africa Studies](#) of the Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, comments on the African agenda for BRICS for the Pravda.Ru Internet portal. [Read more](#)

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Ethiopia and Eritrea - a long road to peace

On July 9, 2018, Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a joint declaration on peace and friendship, which was a significant event not only for the peoples of the two countries, but also for the entire world community. On the part of Ethiopia, it was signed by Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed, on the part of Eritrea by President Isaias Afewerki. [Read more](#)





Election results in Zimbabwe

On July 30 2018 Presidential and parliamentary elections were held in the Republic of Zimbabwe. These were the first elections after Robert Mugabe, who led the country for 37 years, retired from his presidency in November 2017, and the first elections after the death in February 2018 of Morgan Tsvangirai, who was a leader of the opposition for 18 years.

The ruling party ZANU-PF (the African National Union of Zimbabwe - Patriotic Front) won the parliamentary elections since the 1980s, as a result gaining 145 seats in the legislative assembly out of possible 210

(another 60 seats are women's quota elected by proportional system). 63 seats in single-mandate constituencies went to the opposition Alliance of the Movement for Democratic Change (MDC-Alliance). [Read more](#)

South Sudan: one step away from peace

Has the long-suffering region of the Great Horn of Africa embarked on the path of peace, stability and prosperity? After the celebration in Asmara and Addis Ababa on the occasion of the adoption of a joint declaration on peace and friendship that officially ended the war between Ethiopia and Eritrea, thousands of South Sudanese went to the streets of Juba, the capital of the Republic of South Sudan, to mark the conclusion of the peace treaty between the authorities of the country and the opposition. [Read more](#)



African continental free trade area: the first step to creating an African economic community?

Economic integration is the most important characteristic of the modern world economy. In Africa, about twenty regional economic groupings have been organized since the early 1960s. Their goal was to create a regional common market, providing for the abolition of customs duties, restrictions in mutual trade, barriers to the movement of capital. [Read more](#)

South Africa - chairman of the BRICS

On January 1, 2018, the BRICS chairmanship went from China to South Africa, from the largest in terms of population, and now in terms of GDP member country of this association, to the smallest in both indicators. This circumstance raised doubts that after the success of Beijing, who invested for a sake of it enormous resources, both intellectual and material, Pretoria (or, more precisely, Tswane, as the capital of South Africa is now called) will cope with the role of chairman. The situation was complicated by the fact that several days before the

«changing of the guard» president of this country, Jacob Zuma, resigned as the leader of the ruling party - the African National Congress (ANC), and Cyril Ramaphosa was elected the new party president at the ANC conference, but not the ex-wife of Zuma Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, in support of which Zuma spoke publicly.

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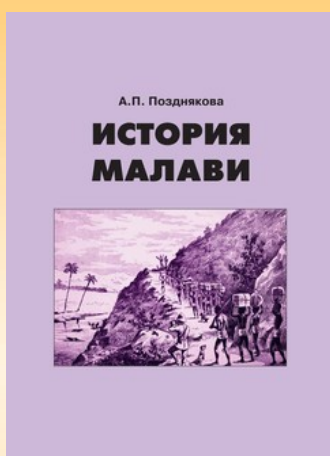


Monograph of Doctor of Economics Pavlova V.V. «Investment codes of African countries: a methodology of analysis and practical application»

The monograph of Dr.Sc. Pavlova V.V. [Investment codes of African countries: analysis methodology and practical application](#).

Ed. PhD, Assoc. A.L. Sapuntsov M.: Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, 2017. - 348 p.

The work examines the mechanisms of foreign private business entrepreneurial investment in the real sector of the national economy of African countries. The texts of the investment codes of individual countries in the region are published, and material is presented on methods for classifying foreign investment in Africa, including an analysis of the key schemes of foreign project investment financing of constructed facilities. [Read more](#)



Monograph Pozdnyakova A.P. «Malawi history»

The monograph by A.P. Pozdnyakova has been published. [Malawi history](#).

Ed. PhD A.Y. Elezs M.: Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 2018 - 222 p.

The monograph is a part of a series of works on the history of individual African countries. The book describes the development of human society in the territory of the modern state of Malawi from ancient times to the present day, the place of this country in the African and the world community and highlights the processes taking place in Malawi during the period of independence in various spheres of public life - political, socio-economic and cultural. [Read more](#)



Monograph of PhD Moseyko A.N. «Madagascar. Features of cultural and civilizational development»

The monograph of PhD Moseyko A.N. [Madagascar. Features of cultural and civilizational development](#).

Ed. PhD E.V. Kharitonov M.: Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, 2018 - 234 p.

The monograph is devoted to the analysis of the specifics of the formation and development of the Malagasy civilization. On a large empirical material the formation of unique Malagasy civilization characteristics is explored. Attention is paid to options of cultural contacts (meeting, dialogue, clash and conflict). A vivid characteristics of the Malagasy civilization is revealed – the «phenomenon of resistance» that emerged

in response to a collision with European civilization. [Read more](#)



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