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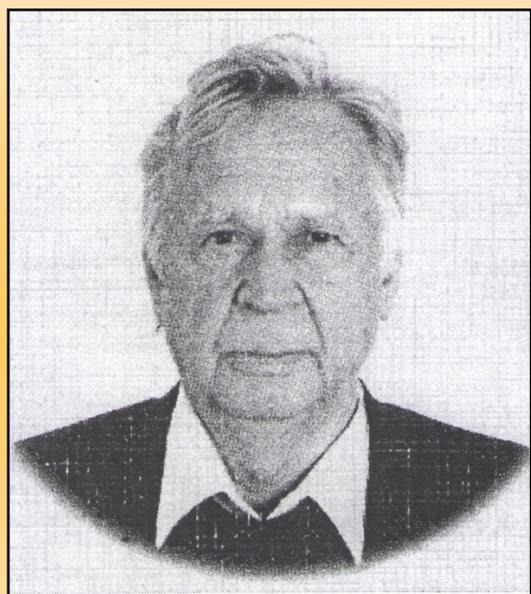
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Obituaries. We cherish the memory of them!



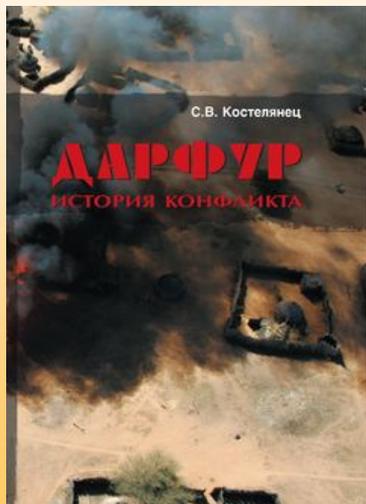
KOCHAKOVA Natalia Borisovna (12.01.1932-26.11.2014)

On 26th November, 2014, after a severe and prolonged illness died one of the oldest members of the Institute for African Studies, the Leading Researcher at the [Center for Tropical African Studies](#), Dr.Sc. KOCHAKOVA Natalia Borisovna



KOSUKHIN Nikolai Dmitrievich (03.04.1932 – 25.12.2014)

At the age of 83, the Leading Researcher at the [Centre for Sociological and Political Sciences Studies of the Institute of African Studies](#), Dr. Sc., and Professor Nikolai Kosukhin passed away.

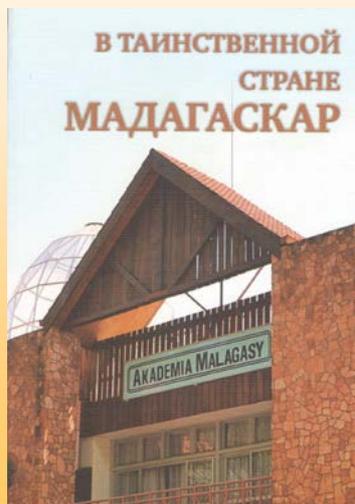


«Darfur: the history of the conflict.»

Came off the press the book "Darfur: the history of the conflict", written by Dr. Sergey V. Kostelyanets, PhD, Research Fellow of the [Centre for North African and African Horn Studies](#). Dr.Sc. Yu.M. Kobischanov edited the book. **Kostelyanets S. Darfur: the history of the conflict. Moscow, Institute for**

African Studies, 2014. 388 pp.

The book is devoted to the conflict in the Darfur region of Sudan, which is considered one of the greatest humanitarian catastrophes of the XXI century. The author of the monograph analyzes the causes, background, the course of the Darfur crisis and ways to resolve it, as well as domestic, regional and international factors that determine the dynamics of the conflict.



Presentation of the book "In the mysterious land of Madagascar: Year 2012"

On 10th December, 2014, at the Institute for African Studies at the meeting of the Club of Friends of Madagascar the presentation of the book "In the mysterious land of Madagascar: Year 2012" took place.

The book was compiled by L. Kartashova, N. Radzaunarimanana.

The fifth edition of the anthology "In the mysterious land of Madagascar" is dedicated to the anniversary of the Malagasy National Academy, the first Academy of Sciences in Africa, which 2012 marked 110 years since it was established. This is the first book written jointly by Russian and Malagasy scientists.



Academic mission of the members of the Institute for African Studies, Ph.D. Yekaterina B. Demintseva and Dr.Sc. Natalia L. Krylova to Tunisia

In September 2014, an academic mission of the members of the Institute for African Studies, Ph.D. Yekaterina B. Demintseva and Dr.Sc. Natalia L. Krylova to Tunisia took place. In Tunisia, they organized the round table on the basis of the Russian Centre of Science and Culture with the participation of the management and the representatives of the Association of Soviet Universities' Graduates in Tunisia, with the representative of the Tunisian Ministry of Education and the leadership of the Russian diaspora in Tunisia. Then a meeting was arranged with

the graduates of Soviet and Russian universities, and several interviews were conducted in the cities of Tunis and Bizerte. All these activities were realized in the framework of the international research project "African students in the Soviet Union: post graduate mobility and career development", which was supported by the Russian Humanitarian Scientific Fund and the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme (France).



Round table: "Problems and prospects of federalism in Africa"

On 12th November, 2014, a roundtable discussion on the "Problems and prospects of federalism in Africa" took place at the Institute for African Studies with the participation of researchers of the Institute. Moderators - Omajuwa Igho Natufe and Khristina M. Tur'inskaya. The round table was held to discuss the topical issues of federalism theory and the application of the federal model in Africa (Nigeria, Ethiopia, Tanzania, South Africa, Madagascar and other countries). Presentations were made by Omajuwa Igho Natufe, Vasiliy R. Filippov, Yury N. Vinokourov, Roza N. Ismagilova, Artyom V. Timofeev, Svetlana M. Shlyonskaya, Khristina Tur'inskaya. It is

planned to publish a collection of reports subsequently. [Read more](#)

Conference "Arab crisis: New Challenges"

On 26-27th November, 2014, a regular conference dedicated to the events in North Africa and the Middle East, called "Arab Crisis: New Challenges" was held in the Institute. The conference was organized by the [Center for Civilisational and Regional Studies of the Institute for African Studies](#) and the Laboratory for monitoring the risks of social and political destabilization (Centre for Fundamental Studies, National Research University "Higher School of Economics").



The conference covered a wide range of issues relating to the study of the region of North Africa and the Middle East in the context of the Arab crisis that began in 2011. [Read more](#)

Round table

"BRICS and Africa: the state and the prospects of cooperation"»

On 3rd December, 2014, the Centre for the Study of the Russian-African Relations and African States' Foreign Policy (Institute for African Studies) has organized the round table on "BRICS and Africa: the state and the prospects of cooperation". The meeting was attended by the researchers from the different institutes of the Russian Academy of Sciences - Institute for African Studies, Institute for Oriental Studies, from the Institute of World Economy and International Relations, and also by the colleagues from the Russian University of Peoples' Friendship, from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO University), Higher School of Economics, Johns Hopkins University (USA), Fund for Public Diplomacy Support named after Alexander Gorchakov, from other Russian and foreign academic institutions. The participants made 25 presentations, 10 people joined the discussion. [Read more](#)



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Prof. Dmitri M. Bondarenko in the TV show "There's a topic" ("Est' tema"), dedicated to the twentieth anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda.

On 13th October, 2014, Dr. Sc. (Hist.), Professor, Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies Dmitry Bondarenko told the detailed story of those tragic events during the live interactive broadcast. In 1994, the whole world was shocked by the massacre in Rwanda during which the representatives of the ethnic majority of this small East African country killed in a short time over half a million people belonging to the ethnic minority. [Read more](#)

Ebola: a real threat or global hoax?

On 27th October, 2014, Tatyana Denisova, Head of the [Center for Tropical African Studies](#) (Institute for African Studies) took part in the debate, which discussed the Ebola virus.

Participants answered the pointed questions regarding the spread of the disease, its prevention and treatment. Today in Russia three anti-Ebola vaccines at once are being developed. How can they help in the fight against a possible epidemic? Will the countries that most need vaccines, be able to buy them? The virus was first discovered in 1976. Why the vaccine has not been developed so far? [Read more.](#)

Apostol: "Liberia: one month prior to Ebola"

On 21st October, 2014, in the framework of a special seminar of the young scientists of the Institute for African Studies, Russian traveler and photographer Anton Apostol has delivered a lecture-presentation "Liberia: one month prior to Ebola".

Anton Apostol, who has lived in this wonderful country for six months, described it as the most American country outside the Americas, headed by the Africa's first female president, where fifteen nationalities live within the sixteen counties. The traveler shared the most vivid impressions of the country – masons; nano-eggplant caviar; baboon worms and yams; girls playing kickball; houses painted with handprints; beaches; colorful fishing boats; wall newspaper of Alfred Sirleaf; chess pieces made of rifle bullet shells.

"TASS is authorized to declare". Swaziland and Lesotho.

On November 12, 2014, Alexandra Arkhangel'skaya, research fellow of the [Center for Southern Africa Studies](#) (Institute for African Studies) became the guest of the program "Show named after Schopenhauer" (Radio Mayak).

We congratulate HAMATSHIN Albert Damirovich on successful defense of his PhD thesis!

On 26th November, 2014, at the meeting of the Dissertation Council D 002.030.01 at the Federal State Budgetary Institution of Science, Institute for African Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, HAMATSHIN Albert Damirovich defended the thesis in a competition for the degree of Candidate of Economic Sciences on the subject of "Land relations and the development of agricultural production in Southern Africa." Speciality 08.00.14 - "World



Round table "Russia and Africa: Scientific and Technical Cooperation"

On 10th December, 2014, the round-table discussion "Russia and Africa: Scientific and Technical Cooperation" took place at the Embassy of the Republic of Benin in the Russian Federation. It was attended by the representatives of diplomatic missions of different African countries, by the workers of the Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, the Federal Migration Service, Federal Agency for the Commonwealth of Independent States, Compatriots Living Abroad and International

Humanitarian Cooperation (Rossotrudnichestvo), the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs, Institute for African Studies. [Read more.](#)

December 11, 2014 at the Institute for African Studies was held a meeting with the director of the Department of Africa and the Indian Ocean, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Jean-Christophe Belliard with the counselor of the French Embassy in Moscow - Pierre Clouet.

In the course of the meeting, French diplomats and Russian scientists were sharing their views on a wide range of issues in regard to the political processes on the continent. The key theme was the radical Islam and its threat to African countries. Jean-Ch. Belliard expressed concern about the recent events in the Central African Republic, Nigeria, Mali, DR Congo, were also raised the issues of Sudan.

The parties agreed that Russia and France have significant potential for assisting African countries in their efforts to stabilize the situation in Africa. In this case, was emphasized that for reaching the goal must be used the mechanisms of international organizations and, above all, the UN Security Council on the rights of the permanent members.



Performance-fantasy about an imaginary meeting of Marina Tsvetaeva and Anna Akhmatova

On 17th December, 2014 as part of the cultural and social program of the Institute for African Studies and under the auspices of the trade union of the Institute there was organized a display of poetic fantasy play about the imaginary meeting of Marina Tsvetaeva and Anna Akhmatova "The resonance of two voices". The play was performed by the actresses of the Tambov Drama Theatre (TOGAUK "Tambovteatr"), Olga Siroto and Elena Il'ina. The main

mission of the creative duo of young actresses - the preservation and continuation of the best traditions of the art of declamation. The artistic director and director of the project is a well-known Tambov theatre theorist, drama teacher Tatiana B. Serbzhinskaya.

The audience - members of the Institute for African Studies - warmly received the performance. [Read more.](#)

