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**X International Conference "Africa and the formation of the new system of
international relations" Africa's Past, Present and Future. (Commemorating the 60th
anniversary of the "Year of Africa")**

RUDN University (6 Miklukho-Maklaya street, Moscow), 28 February 2020

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

09.30 – 10.00 – Coffee-break, RUDN banquet hall

Welcoming address session

RUDN Rector's Hall

10.00– 10.10	Welcoming address by the Rector of the RUDN University, academician of Russian Academy of Education <i>Vladimir M. Philippov</i>
10.10- 10.20	Welcoming address by the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, <i>H.E. Prof. Steve Davies Ugbah</i>

Session 1. "Africa's Past, Present and Future. Rethinking the Decolonization 60 Years Later"

RUDN Rector's Hall

Session co-chairs – Honorary President of the Institute for African Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences (RAS), Head of RUDN Department of African and Arabic Studies, RAS Academician, Doctor of History *Alexey M. Vasiliev* (Russia); Professor of Temple University *Molefi Kete Asante* (USA)

10.20 – 10.35	USSR and Africa: Ideology and Politics <i>Alexey M. Vasiliev</i> , Honorary President of RAS Institute for African Studies, Head of RUDN Department of African and Arabic Studies, RAS Academician, Doctor of History (Russia)
10.35- 10.50	Analytic Afrocentricity and the Future of African Studies <i>Molefi Kete Asante</i> , Professor, Chair, Department of Africology, Temple University (USA)
10.50- 11.05	"Postcolonial Library": Afrocentrism, Afropolitanism, Afropeanism <i>Tatyana M. Gavristova</i> , Professor, Doctor of History., P.G. Demidov Yaroslavl State University; <i>Nadezhda E. Khokholkova</i> , PhD in History., Researcher, RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia)
11.05 – 11.20	Sixty years later: Africa's stalled decolonization <i>Ian Taylor</i> , University of St Andrews (UK); University of Stellenbosch (South Africa); University of Addis Ababa (Ethiopia)

11.20 – 11.35	Decolonization: New Parameters of African Development <i>Kassaye Nigusie W. Michael</i> , Professor, Doctor of History & <i>Lydmila Ponomarenko</i> , Professor, Doctor of History, Department of theory and history of international relations, RUDN University (Russia)
11.35 – 11.50	Rethinking State Theory through an African Lens <i>Tinashe Jakwa</i> , The University of Western Australia (Australia)
11.00 – 12.05	Problem of African Agency in International Relations from the European Union Viewpoint <i>Olga S. Kulkova</i> , senior researcher, RAS Institute for African Studies, PhD in History (Russia)
12.05- 12.20	Information Dependence as the Neocolonialism of the 21st Century: Past, Present and Future <i>Konstantin A. Pantserev</i> , Doctor of Political Sciences, Department of Theory and History of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
12.20- 12.30	Discussion. Participants: <i>Padraig Carmody</i> (Trinity Collegy, UK); <i>Nina G. Gavrilova</i> (IAS RAS, Russia); <i>Aaron X. Smith</i> (Temple University); <i>Mikhail L. Volpe</i> (Russia); <i>Daria Zelenova</i> (Oxford Department of International Development, Oxford University, UK)

12.30 – 13.15 – Dinner, RUDN banquet hall

Session 2. "Emerging Powers in Africa in the context of the Multipolar World Formation"

RUDN Rector's Hall

Session co-chairs – Deputy Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies, RAS corresponding member, Doctor of Economics *Leonid L. Fituni* (Russia); Professor at the University of the Western Cape School of Government *Patrick Bond* (South Africa).

13.15– 13.30	Rethinking African Political Economy in 2020 <i>Timothy Shaw</i> , McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Boston (USA)	
13.30– 13.45	Designs of the Four: Comparing African strategies of Russia, China, US and EU against the Backdrop of the (re-) Emerging Bipolarity <i>Leonid L. Fituni</i> , Deputy Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies, RAS corresponding member, Doctor of Economics (Russia)	
13.45– 14.45	Roundtable Discussion: "China in Africa: New Strategic Reality and its Impacts on Continent's Development" Discussants: ➤ <i>Patrick Bond</i> (South Africa) ➤ <i>Evgeniy N. Grachikov</i> (RUDN, Russia) ➤ <i>Padraig Carmody</i> (Ireland) ➤ <i>Tatyana L. Deych</i> (IAS RAS, Russia) ➤ <i>Ian Taylor</i> (UK) ➤ <i>Vladimir I. Yurtaev</i> (RUDN, Russia)	<i>China in Africa</i>
14.45– 15.00	Potential of the African Continent in the New Development Strategy of the Russian Federation <i>Irina O. Abramova</i> , Director of the RAS Institute for African Studies, RAS corresponding member, Doctor of Economics (Russia)	<i>Russia in Africa</i>
15.00– 15.15	The New Page for Russia-Africa Relations <i>Evgeniy N. Korendyasov</i> , PhD in Economics., Head of the Centre for Studies of Russian-African Relations and Foreign Policies of African Countries, RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia)	<i>Russia in Africa</i>
15.15– 15.30	Civil and Professional Destinies of the African Graduates from Soviet Universities	<i>Russia in Africa</i>

	<i>Natalia L. Krylova</i> , Doctor of History., Chief Researcher at the RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia)
15.30-15.45	Teleconference. The Lands of My Father: The Story of Ouardia Belanteur, a Female Algerian Student in 1960s/70s Russia <i>Dr. Natalya Vince</i> , Reader in North African and French Studies, University of Portsmouth (UK)
15.45–16.00	Discussion. Participants: Alla Yu. Borzova (<i>Brazil in Africa; RUDN</i>); Valeriy A. Usov (<i>India in Africa; RISS</i>); Anastasia A. Zabella (<i>China in Africa; RUDN</i>)

16.00 – 16.30 – *Coffee-break, RUDN banquet hall*

16.30 – 19.00

The conference work continues in two parallel sections:

3a. Conceptualizing Africa' IR: Western and Non-Western Theories <i>RUDN Rector's Hall</i>	3b. Conflicts and Peacekeeping in Africa <i>RUDN № 3 Hall</i>
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19.00 – 20.00 – *Banquet, RUDN banquet hall*

Session 3a. "Conceptualizing Africa' IR: Western and Non-Western Theories"

RUDN Rector's Hall

Session co-chairs – Head of Department of Theory and History of International Relations, RUDN University, Doctor of political science *Denis A. Degterev* (Russia); Professor at the McCormack Graduate School, University of Massachusetts Boston *Timothy Shaw* (USA)

16.30 – 16.40	History of the Slave Trade and Mutual Perceptions of African Migrants and African Americans in the USA <i>Dmitri M. Bondarenko</i> , Deputy Director of the Institute for African Studies, RAS corresponding member, RSUH professor, Doctor of History (Russia)
16.40-16.50	Black Studies Theories and Methodologies Afrocentricity <i>Aaron X. Smith</i> , Temple University (USA)
16.50 – 17.00	The Role of Ubuntu Philosophy in Resolving Political Conflicts in Africa <i>Maria G. Ivanova</i> , PhD in Philosophy, Assistant Professor, Department of Mass Communication, RUDN University (Russia)
17.00 – 17.10	Non- Western IR theories: African Perspectives <i>RUDN University, Claire Amuhaya</i> (Kenya); <i>Mugabi Brian</i> (Uganda); <i>Olumide Oluwakayode</i> (Nigeria)
17.10 – 17.20	USSR and the Nkrumah's Project of the Union of African States (Based on the Russian Archival Materials) <i>Sergey V. Mazov</i> , Doctor of History, Senior Researcher, Center for African Studies, RAS Institute of World History (Russia)
17.20 – 17.30	Tropical Africa: Political Leadership in the Post-Colonial Period <i>Tatiana S. Denisova</i> , Head of the Centre for Tropical African Studies, RAS Institute for African Studies, PhD in history (Russia)
17.30 – 17.40	Western IR Theories in Studying Africa: Limits and Possibilities <i>Natalya Ivkina</i> , senior lecturer, PhD in history; <i>Nikita Kuklin</i> , assistant, Department of theory and history of international relations, RUDN University (Russia)
17.40 – 17.50	International Cooperation on the Nile River Basin

	<i>Irina Nesterova</i> , PhD in Political science, Senior Lecturer, Department of World Politics, St. Petersburg State University (Russia)
17.50 – 18.00	Practical Viability Test for the Principles of Sub-Regional Economic Integration in Africa (Case of Energy market) <i>Anna Yu. Sharova</i> , Senior researcher, Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, RAS Institute for African Studies, PhD in Economics (Russia)
18.00 – 18.10	Liberian Interference in the Ivorian Civil War of 2002-2007 through the Lens of Supply Networks Theory <i>Alexander Yu. Shipilov</i> , PhD Candidate, Center for African Studies, RAS Institute of World History (Russia)
18.10 – 18.20	African Foreign Policy Thought and Classical Political Doctrines: the Commonality of Ethical and Axiological Grounds <i>Andrei V. Shabaga</i> , Professor, Doctor of Philosophy; <i>Ivan E. Lapshin</i> , PhD in Philosophy, Assistant professor, RUDN University (Russia)
18.20 – 18.30	International Communication and West African Symbols: Stereotypical and Archetypical Aspects <i>Elena A. Ivanova</i> , PhD in Philosophy, Assistant professor, Department of Mass Communication, RUDN University (Russia)
18.30 – 18.40	Teleconference. International Relations Theory of African States <i>Kigen Morumbasi</i> , Strathmore University, Nairobi (Kenya)
18.40 – 18.50	Teleconference. “Postcolonial Maghreb and the Limits of IR” - Narratives as Tools for IR Theory <i>Jessica da Silva</i> , Pontifical Catholic University of Minas Gerais (Brazil)
18.50 – 19.00	Discussion: Participants: <i>Olga V. Constantinova</i> (IAS RAS, Russia); <i>H. Djavad</i> (Afghanistan, RUDN); <i>Vladimir Ivanov</i> (RUDN, Russia); <i>Malek Musli</i> (LAS; Algeria); <i>Vladimir Shubin</i> (IAS RAS, Russia)

Session 3b. "Conflicts and Peacekeeping in Africa"

RUDN № 3 Hall

Session co-chairs – Senior Researcher at the RAS Institute for African Studies; Assistant professor at RUDN Department of African and Arabic Studies; Senior Researcher at the HSE International Centre of Anthropology, PhD in political science *Sergey V. Kostelyanets* (Russia); Professor of the Makerere University *Kasaija Apuuli* (Uganda)

16.30– 16.45	The African Union and Peace-keeping in Africa <i>Kasaija Apuuli</i> , Professor, Makerere University (Uganda)
16.45- 17.00	UN-African Union Nexus in Peace and Security: Challenges and Opportunities <i>Svetlana A. Bokeria</i> , PhD in Law, assistant professor. RUDN University Department of theory and history of international relations (Russia)
17.00- 17.15	Contemporary Wars in Africa or 21st Century Competition for Power <i>Galina M. Sidorova</i> , Doctor of History, Professor at Moscow State Linguistic University, Diplomatic Academy, MFA of Russia, RAS Institute for African Studies (Russia); <i>Eliza Lyubenova</i> (Harvard University, USA)
17.15- 17.30	Russia's Conflict Mediation in Africa: Policy Challenges and Perspectives <i>Sergey Kostelyanets</i> , Senior Researcher at the RAS Institute for African Studies; Assistant professor at the RUDN University Department of African and Arabic Studies; Senior Researcher at the HSE International Centre of Anthropology, PhD in political science
17.30– 17.45	Risk-Aversion and Risk-Taking in Providing Assistance to Conflict-Affected States: Case of Libya

	<i>Vladimir I. Bartenev</i> , PhD (History), Associate Professor, Chair of International Organizations and World Political Processes, Director of the Center for Security and Development Studies, School of World Politics, Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russia)
17.45-18.00	Cooperation in North Africa in the Context of Regional Conflict Potential: Models and Risks <i>Igor V. Ryzhov</i> , Doctor in History, Head of the Department of Russian History and Politics, Nizniy Novgorod State University (Russia); <i>Elena M. Savicheva</i> , Associate Professor, RUDN University Department of theory and history of international relations, PhD in History (Russia)
18.00-18.10	Anglophone Problem in Cameroon: The Strike Action and Human rights Violations <i>Ndongo Nlate Jean Martial</i> (Cameroon), RUDN University
18.10-18.20	Violent Conflicts and Insecurity in West Africa: Causes and Prospects RUDN University, <i>Dju Orlindo</i> (Guinea Bissau), <i>Adebayo Kafilat & Idahosa Stephen</i> (Nigeria), <i>Oumar Sidibe</i> (Mali), <i>Mougadam Mahamat</i> (Chad)
18.20-18.30	Military Instability in the Republic of Mali at the beginning of 2020: Field Observation Experience <i>Daria V. Vanyukova</i> , PhD in Arts, researcher at the State Museum of Oriental Art (Russia)
18.30-18.40	A New Stage of International Competition in Eastern Africa? (Case of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda) <i>Kirill Aleshin</i> , Researcher at the Centre for Global and Strategic Studies, RAS Institute for African Studies, PhD in Economics (Russia)
18.40-18.50	Horn of Africa Region: Challenges and Horizons of International Security <i>Valeriy Titov</i> , Africanist (Russia); <i>Kassaye Nigusie W. Michael</i> , Professor, Doctor of History Department of theory and history of international relations, RUDN University (Russia)
18.50-19.00	Discussion. Participants: Taha Ahmed Hassan (Sudan, RUDN); Alexey V. Andreev (RISS, Russia); E.B. Chimampa (Nigeria, RUDN); Nina V. Grishina (RAS IAS, Russia); Petr V. Ivanov (RUDN, Russia); Soumaila Kanoute (Somalia, RUDN); Jean C. Kouma (Cameroon; Cameroon Embassy); Maria A. Osminina (UNN, Russia)

19.00 – 20.00 – Banquet, RUDN banquet hall