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From October 1968 to December 1997 the Institute was known as the Institute of Slavic and Balkan Studies. Since June 1, 2008 the Institute is officially referred to as the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute of Slavic Studies.

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- Tradition and modernization. Social and national movements. Foreign affairs and military conflicts in the Central, Eastern and South Eastern Europe.
  
- Reception of the Russian culture by Slavic cultures and reception of Slavic cultures by Russia.
  
- Comparative study of Slavic culture, literature and folklore.
  
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