

## OPINION

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Scientific Specialty *Finance and State Regulation of the Economy*

Subject: Materials submitted for participation in a competition

for the academic position of **Associate Professor**

**at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"**

in Area of Higher Education **3. Social, Economic and Legal Sciences**

in Professional Field **3.8. Economics**

Scientific Specialty **Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies**

With regards to the competition for the position of Associate Professor, announced in the State Gazette, issue 40 dated 14 May 2021 as well as on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" regarding the needs of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, **Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova, lecturer at FESS at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"**, submits her candidature.

### **1. Overview of the received materials**

By Order № P33-3127 from 12.07.2021 by the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU) I have been appointed a member of the Academic Jury at the competition for the academic position of Associate Professor in PU in Area of Higher Education 3. *Social, Economic and Legal Sciences*, Professional Field 3.8. *Economics (Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies)*, **opened for the needs of** the Department of Economic Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

Documents were submitted by the only candidate for participation in the so announced competition: Chief Assistant Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

The set of paper materials presented by Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova is in accordance with the Regulations for Development of the Academic Staff of PU.

## **1. Brief biographical data**

Dobrinka Stoyanova graduated with a Bachelor's degree in *International Economic Relations* and a Master's degree in *International Trade* at Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv. In 2016 she successfully developed and defended a dissertation on the topic: *Macroeconomic Analysis of Youth Unemployment and Policies to Overcome It* and acquired the educational scientific degree of *Doctor of Economics* in PU Paisii Hilendarski. Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova was appointed an Assistant in October 2016, and since 2017 she has been a Chief Assistant at the ESS Faculty of Plovdiv University. In parallel with her teaching activity, Dobrinka Stoyanova has acted as Scientific Secretary of the Department of Economic Sciences since 2016 until now. She also participates in a lot of research projects.

## **2. Overview of the Submitted Materials**

The candidate Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova participates in the competition with 17 publications, realized in specialized scientific publications, namely:

- Monograph - 1 item (habilitation thesis);
- Collective monographs - 2 items, in each of which the author's text exceeds 100 pages (which are not presented as main habilitation work;)
- Research study - published in a scientific journal indexed in international databases (SCOPUS) - 1 item;
- Articles and scientific reports published in specialized scientific publications and by publishers with scientific review - 7 items;
- Articles and scientific reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in international databases (WoS) - 3 items;
- Teaching aids (manual) - 1 item;
- Other publications - 2 items.

### **According to location of publication of the works submitted for review:**

- Articles in referenced scientific journals (SCOPUS, WoS) - 3 items;
- Articles in unreferenced, reviewed scientific journals - 4 items;
- Reports in referenced papers at international scientific conferences (WoS) - 1 item;
- Reports in unreferenced, reviewed papers at international scientific conferences - 3 items;

### **According to the language in which they are written:**

- In English - 8 items;

- In Bulgarian - 9 items.

#### **According to the number of co-authors:**

- Independent - 2 items (monographs - 1 item; a published book based on a defended dissertation - 1 item);
- With one co-author - 1 item (educational textbook);
- With two co-authors - 11 items (collective monographs - 2 items; a chapter of a collective monograph - 1 item, research studies - 1 article and 7 reports);
- With three co-authors - 3 items (articles).

### **3. Reflection of the candidate's scientific publications in the written sources (known citations)**

- Total - 6 citations;
- In scientific journals referenced and indexed in world-famous databases - 2 citations;
- In monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviews - 4 citations.

## **4. General Overview of the Candidate's Activity**

### **4.1. Overview of the Works Submitted for Review**

After getting acquainted with the works submitted for review under the announced competition, the following more important conclusions can be made:

1. The candidate presents a habilitation thesis, which does not repeat the topics of her previous scientific works. By doing so, she complies with one of the most important requirements of the Academic Staff Development Act of RB.

2. Another advantage is the presence of the most important scientific genres in which the candidate has published her analyzes - monographs, studies, articles, reports.

3. Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova presents scientific papers which can relate to the following scientific fields:

**- Macroeconomic problems in the labor market in the conditions of a Currency Board;**

**- Social cohesion - structural dimensions;**

**- Social cohesion and education. I especially appreciate the unique approach to this important issue in the perspective in which it is presented.**

### **4.2. Educational and pedagogical activity (work with students and doctoral students)**

From the academic employment reference of Dr. Stoyanova it is evident that she is assigned the following subjects, of which she is a holder in the faculty:

**1. Macroeconomics;**

**2. Macroeconomics, second level;**

**3. Economics.**

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova gave lectures in a foreign language to visiting students under the *Erasmus +* program, and also participated in the same program as a lecturer at the University of Vienna.

Dr. Stoyanova independently developed a course in *Institutional Economics* and participated in a team who developed a course in *Economics*.

#### **4.3. Scientific and scientific-applied activity**

Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova is involved in three research projects. It is noteworthy that the topic of these projects is in full unison with the scientific specialty of the competition in which she is a candidate. The projects concern important aspects of the topic, which Dr. Stoyanova combines with teaching.

#### **4.4. Contributions (scientific, scientifically-applied, applied)**

Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova enclosed an author's reference on the contributions to the works she has submitted for review. According to her, there are nine of them. In the reference they are not divided into such of theoretical and such of practical nature.

The first six can be grouped with a definite **theoretical nature**, whereas the other three bear pronounced **practical-applied features**.

**I accept these contributions as authentic, original, a result the work of the author herself.**

#### **5. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate**

I have every reason to believe that the works of Dr. Stoyanova proposed for review, along with the concepts in them, are her personal work.

I have no direct personal impressions, but the presented works convinced me that Dr. Stoyanova is very well prepared both theoretically and with an in-depth practical view on the subject of her research. She introduces her concepts convincingly, in a motivated and competent manner. This is possible only for people who have a thorough knowledge of the topic which they discuss.

#### **6. Compliance with the minimum national requirements under Art.2b, para.2 and 3 of Academic Staff Development Act.**

The obligation for achieving the minimum requirements under Art.2b, para.2 and 3 of Academic Staff Development Act is fulfilled. The reference presented by the candidate shows that, given a minimum of 400 points, she has achieved 518.9 points. According to the Additional indicators for Evaluation of the Candidates for the Academic Position of Associate Professor, and according to the Decision of the FC of Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova collects another 276.8 points, which covers the Additional requirements for the academic position of Associate Professor. Thus, the total number of points from the mandatory and additional requirements amounts to 795.7 points.

## **7. Critical notes**

I have no significant remarks on the qualities of the presented works.

## **8. Conclusion**

**With regards to the above, I suggest that Dr. DOBRINKA STOYANOVA be voted positively and elected Associate Professor in the competition announced by PAISII HILENDARSKI Plovdiv University.**

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