

REVIEW

by Professor, Dr. Daniela Bobeva

of the materials submitted for participation in the competition for the academic position of ‘professor’

at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski"

in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences;

professional field 3.8 Economics professional field (Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies).

Mrs. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova from Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" participates as the only candidate in the competition for ‘associate professor’, announced in the State Gazette, issue 40 from 14.05.2021. and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of Economics at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

1. General presentation of the received materials

By order № P33-3127 of 12.07.2021 of the Rector of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU) I was appointed as a member of the scientific jury in a competition for the academic position of 'associate professor' in PU in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field 3.8 Economics, professional field Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies.

For participation in the announced competition documents have been submitted by a single candidate:

Chief Assistant Professor, **Dr. Dobrinka Ivanova Stoyanova**, Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski", Department of Economics.

The set of paper materials presented by Dobrinka Stoyanova is in accordance with the Regulations for development of the academic staff of the University of Plovdiv, and includes the following documents:

1. Application form to the Rector
2. CV;
3. Diplomas for higher education and for the degree of "doctor";

4. Author's reference for the scientific contributions in the works
5. List of publications;
6. Habilitation work: Macroeconomics and labor market in the conditions of a currency board.
2. Information on fulfillment of the minimum national requirements;
3. Annotations and self-assessment of the contributions (in English and Bulgarian);
4. Declaration of originality;
5. Certificate of work experience;
6. Diplomas;
7. Documents for research work;
8. Attached monographs and others

The documentation is complete and prepared in full accordance with the requirements. The dissertation is published as a monograph, which is not included in the evaluation of the publications for this competition. The publications for the "Associate Professor" competition do not repeat the publications for the acquisition of the ONS "Doctor" and for the academic position of "Chief Assistant". These publications are not subject to this review.

For the purposes of this competition, Dr. Stoyanova has submitted a total of 15 scientific papers, of which 1 independent monograph, 3 monographs (co-authored), 11 scientific publications, and 2 textbooks.

2. Brief biographical data of the candidate

Dobrinka Stoyanova was born on August 30, 1986 in the city of Plovdiv. She received a bachelor's degree in International Economic Relations and a master's degree in International Trade from the Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv. She also completed a doctorate at Plovdiv University in 3.8. Economics, doctoral program "Political Economy" in 2016. The topic is "Macroeconomic analysis of youth unemployment and policies to overcome it."

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activities

Assessment of educational and pedagogical activity

The candidate is the only lecturer in macroeconomics at the moment in the department and despite her high workload (above the normatively required hours) she is doing excellently. The development of the teaching qualities of the candidate is strengthened by the expansion of the author's textbooks, which are in accordance with the specific student audience of Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv.

Evaluation of the scientific and scientific-applied activity of the candidate

The candidate has indicated participation in three research projects, including one that can be classified as international. As far as I know, the candidate participates in six more, which are not specified in the competition documentation. It should be emphasized that the candidate's research projects enrich her teaching activity and are the basis for her publishing activity.

Publications can be classified by type:

- books - 1 ;
- articles - 7;
- reports - 4;

By popularity:

- more popular publications - 4 issues,

By relevance (articles in publications with impact factor - 4 issues),

By place of publication (articles in peer-reviewed scientific journals - 3 issues) (SCOPUS, WoS) - 3 issues;

Articles in no referred, peer-reviewed scientific journals - 4 issues;

Papers in refereed papers at international scientific conferences (WoS) - 1 issue;

Papers in no referred, peer-reviewed papers at international scientific conferences - 3 issues);

In the language in which they are written:

- in English - 8 pieces
- in Bulgarian - 9 pieces;),

By number of co-authors

- independent - 2 pieces;
- with one co-author - 1 issue;
- with two co-authors - 11 pieces;
- with three or more co-authors - 3 pieces.

The publication and teaching activities of the candidate fully cover the quantitative criteria, national requirements and those of PU "Paisii Hilendarski".

In the map for fulfillment of the national minimum requirements according to ZRASRB (art. 26) and

The Regulations for its application (Art. 1a, para 1), Dr. Stoyanova realized a total of 518.9 with the required 400 points. They are divided into sections as follows:

- Section A - 50 points;
- Section B - 100 points,
- Section C - 303.9;

– Section D - 65.

According to the Additional indicators for evaluation of the candidates for the academic position "Associate Professor", according to the Decision of the FS of FISN, Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Dobrinka Stoyanova formed another 276.8 points.

Evaluation of the qualities of the publishing and teaching activity

I give a high assessment of the presented main habilitation work - Stoyanova, D., Macroeconomics and labor market in the conditions of a currency board. Paisii Hilendarski University Publishing House, Plovdiv, 2021, 130 pages, ISBN 978-619-202-674-5. It is an independent scientific study and achieves results that differ from the conventional theory of currency boards. The development of this specific monetary regime in the last twenty years, not only in Bulgaria, accumulates serious arguments, supported by empirical data, for its viability especially in times of crisis.

The habilitation work shows excellent knowledge of the subject, skillful use of modern methodology and courage in questioning traditional scientific views. An important contribution to the scientific work of Dobrinka Stoyanova is the study of the relationship between macroeconomic development in the currency board and the labor market, which transfers all stabilizing functions in the absence of monetary policy instruments and limited those of the fiscal.

In the collective development dedicated to social cohesion - Stoyanova, D., Raichev, St., Madzhurova, Bl. Social cohesion (National, regional and structural dimensions in the context of Bulgaria-EU-Western Balkans), PU Paisii Hilendarski, Plovdiv., 2019, p. 385, ISBN 978-619-202-442-0 also shows an innovative approach and new scientific results. Although I do not agree with some of the theses, such as that 'the working poor are on the one hand a cause and effect of economic growth', the study is a good basis for discussion and citation.

Social cohesion is considered in several developments - collective and individual, but we do not find significant repetitions that lead to a reduction in quantitative indicators.

The academic activity of the candidate - both teaching and research and publishing activities are concentrated in the field of macroeconomics. At the beginning of her academic career, emphasis was placed on social issues (including her dissertation), and in recent years on macroeconomics. The list of publications also includes those in the field of education, social entrepreneurship and other social topics. In the wide range of scientific interests of the candidate, policies are sought and identified to solve the relevant problems. Definitely the candidate has an ambition for a practical-applied effect of his academic activity.

In methodological terms, her publications are sound and follow the principles of in-depth research. Dobrinka Stoyanova is well acquainted with and expands both classical economic theory and the modern development of theory and methodology in the field of macroeconomics. In his works he

emphasizes the clarification of the conceptual apparatus and its updating in connection with the new tendencies in the development of the economy and its theory.

Evaluation of contributions

Dobrinka Stoyanova has attached an author's reference to the contributions in the works she has submitted for review. According to her, there are nine of them. They are both theoretical and practical. I fully agree with the defined contributions in the macroeconomic field. They are theoretical in nature and form a new concept of the role of currency boards. The contributions in the social field and the policies regarding employment, the labor market and education carry a practical charge, for the effective application of which I do not have enough information in practice.

Citation

Although most of the candidate's publications have been made in the last four years, they have already aroused academic interest. A total of 6 citations are presented;

– In scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases - 2 citations;

– In monographs and collective volumes with scientific review - 4 citations.

My quantitative assessment of the citations is that they meet the minimum requirements. Regarding the content of the citations, it is noteworthy that most of them are by Bulgarian authors, as well as by two abroad.

4. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate

The presented habilitation work and the author's publications are a personal contribution, which gives me reason to confirm that the candidate meets the norms of scientific ethics in connection with the procedure regulated in ZRASRB and the Regulations for the development of the academic staff of PU. I do not find plagiarism in the work of the candidate.

5. Critical remarks and recommendations

Most of the candidate's publications are co-authored and despite the presented separation protocols, it is difficult to assess the personal contribution outside the joint work in a research team. The self-assessment of the contributions indicates rather the contributions of the respective scientific developments while the personal contribution of the candidate is not fully highlighted.

To date, professional careers, publications, and scientific recognition have been concentrated at the University of Plovdiv. I recommend expanding the activity outside the university.

Thematically, I believe that the scientific specialization and focus in macroeconomics corresponds to the scientific maturity of the candidate and gives a good perspective for development.

6. Personal impressions

As the head of the Department of Economic Sciences at the Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, I know Dobrinka Stoyanova in her capacity as scientific secretary of the department, as well as a lecturer and researcher. She manages to combine these duties and easily performs the assigned tasks with extreme accuracy and professionalism. She is a balanced scientist and a respected colleague.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by Dobrinka Stoyanova meet all the requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for implementation of ZRASRB and the respective Regulations of PU "Paisii Hilendarski". The candidate in the competition has presented a significant number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of ONS 'Doctor'.

In the works of the candidate there are original scientific and practical contributions, which have received national and international recognition. A representative part of them are published in books, magazines and scientific collections published by prestigious academic publishers. Theoretical developments have practical applicability, as some of them are directly oriented to the educational work, and another part to the economic policy. The scientific and teaching qualification of Dobrinka Stoyanova is significant and of high quality.

The results achieved by Dobrinka Stoyanova in the teaching and research activities fully comply with the specific requirements of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, adopted in connection with the Regulations of the University of Plovdiv for the application of the Law on Economic Research and Social Sciences.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analysis of their importance and contained in them scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions, I confidently give a positive assessment and recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences for the election of Dobrinka Stoyanova to the academic position of '**Associate Professor**' at the University of Plovdiv "P. Hilendarski": scientific field 3. Social, economic and legal sciences; professional field 3.8 Economics professional field Political Economy - Macroeconomics, Macroeconomic Analysis and Policies.

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Chair of Jury:

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