

OPINION

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Appointed as an external member of the Scientific Jury by order of the Rector of the University of Plovdiv „Paisii Hilendarski“ (PU), Rzz-3120 from 12. 07. 2021**

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In the competition for „professor“ announced in the State Gazette, issue 40 of 14. 05. 2021 and on the website of the University of Plovdiv, for the needs of a Branch in the town of Smolyan, in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional field 1. 2. Pedagogy (Theory of education and didactics), with Assoc. Prof. Nina Dimitrova Gerdjikova from the Department of Philological and Pedagogical Sciences as a candidate.

1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate

The set of paper materials presented by Assoc. Prof. Nina Gerdjikova is in accordance with the Regulations for development of the academic staff of the University of Plovdiv and includes the following documents:

- Request to Mr. Rector of PU;
- Autobiography;
- List of publications with which Assoc. Prof. Nina Gerdjikova participates in the announced competition;
- Habilitation work;
- Other works (monographs, studies, articles);
- Protocols from the CC and FS for the competition;
- SG, in which the announcement for the competition is.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

The research and teaching activity of Assoc. Prof., Ph.D. Nina Gerdjikova extends in the field of the theory of education, didactics, pedagogical sociology and, in part, in the management of education. Impressive are the many works - monographs, studies, articles, reports in scientific forums, which, in their sequence over time, show her serious scientific growth and expansion of the scope of her scientific interests.

The main scientific work, which is habilitation, is "School as a pedagogical space of concern" (Emotional experience and the effectiveness of management and organization).

The author has made an extensive and very accurate analysis of the educational system in search of its own place between technocracy and humanism. In his research he puts the dynamic characteristics of the school, caused by the thinking, actions and group feelings of the people in them.

I find a very serious scientific analysis and statements, accompanied by personal opinion and positions, in the monographic study „Theory of multicultural education”.

All aspects of multicultural education, training and upbringing, which are realized in our educational system, are analyzed.

In the monograph "Conducting and diagnosing learning in the classroom", Assoc. Prof. Nina Gerdjikova focuses on the dominant in recent decades, the main didactic problem - that of the specifics and nature of the learning process. "According to her, the problem becomes even more complicated when the need for permanent improvement of the teacher is recognized. He works in an uncertain environment, such as the education of adolescents and the challenges that accompany him throughout his career”(p. 2).

The applied studies and articles are multifaceted and concern many current pedagogical problems. All of them have been published in referenced editions and have reached many pedagogical figures.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

My recommendations to Assoc. Prof. Nina Gerdjikova, PhD, after the review of her works, are in the field of collegial wishes. I expect new monographs, studies and articles from her, which will enrich the contemporary Bulgarian pedagogical literature.

4. Personal impressions

I know very well the scientific work of Assoc. Prof. Nina Gerdjikova. I reviewed her dissertation for the degree of Doctor of Science, which was excellently defended by her before a scientific jury.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials presented by Assoc. Prof. Nina Gerdjikova, Ph.D. meet all the requirements of the Law for the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LASRB), the Regulations for application of the LAS-RB and the respective Rules of the University of Plovdiv

The candidate in the competition has submitted a significant number of scientific papers, published after the materials used in the defense of ONS "Doctor", "Associate Professor" and "Doctor of Science". In her works there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received recognition, as a representative part of them have been published in journals and scientific collections from leading publishers.

Her theoretical developments have practical applicability, as some of them are directly oriented to the educational work.

The scientific and teaching qualification of Assoc. Prof. Nina Gerdjikova is undoubted. That is why they show the excellent results in her scientific work.

The achieved results in the teaching and research activity fully comply with the specific requirements of the PU, adopted in connection with the Regulations of the PU for application of ZRASRB

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analysis of their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and recommend to the Distinguished Scientific Jury. to award and prepare a report-proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Science of Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, for election of Assoc. Prof. Nina Dimitrova Gerdjikova to the academic position of Professor at Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv, for the needs of the Smolyan branch, in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, Professional field 1. 2. Pedagogy (Theory of education and didactics).

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