

OPINION

by professor Dora Levterova – Gadjalova, DSc
from the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”
of the materials submitted for participation in the competition
for the academic position of “associated professor” at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski”
in the field of higher education 1. education 1. Pedagogical sciences
professional field 1.2. Education
(Theory of education and didactics)

By order № P33-3120 of 12.07.2021 of the Rector of the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" (PU) I was appointed a member of the scientific jury of the competition for the academic position "professor" in PU in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy (Theory of Education and Didactics), announced for the needs of the Branch in Smolyan.

1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate

In the competition for "professor", announced in the State Gazette, issue 40 of 14.05.2021 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the branch of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" in Smolyan, as the only candidate is Nina Dimitrova Gerdzhikova from the branch of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" in Smolyan, Department of Philological and Pedagogical Sciences.

Presented by assoc. prof. Nina Gerdzhikova set of paper materials includes all the necessary documents for participation in the competition. They comply with the requirements of Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulations for its application and the internal Rules of Plovdiv University.

Assoc. prof. Gerdzhikova, DSc applied for the announced competition with 72 publications, of which three monographs, 3 chapters in a collective monograph, 2 textbooks and teaching aids, 5 studies, 59 articles in scientific journals and scientific collections.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

Assoc. prof. N. Gerdzhikova gives lectures in the following disciplines: Introduction to Pedagogy, Pedagogy, Theory of Education, Didactics, Inclusive Education, Pedagogical Anthropology and Emotional Attachment. For almost all lecture courses there are textbooks created especially for them. The taught disciplines fully correspond to the profile of the competition.

The candidate assoc. prof. Gerdzhikova is active with students, graduates and PhD students. She has supervised graduates from the specialty "Primary Pedagogy and English" for the Bachelor's degree and students for participation in student sessions for scientific and artistic creativity. She has trained and mentored a foreign student in the Erasmus program (2012). She was the research supervisor of a successfully defended PhD student (2020).

The participation in scientific conferences is a total of 23 for the period from 2002 to 2020, of which 19 are in Bulgaria and 4 abroad. The research interests of the candidate are in multi-spatial scientific models (evident from the scientific publications) - didactics, theory of education, management of education, history of Bulgarian education, health and psychological problems. This presentation can be interpreted as in the context of its search for scientific multidisciplinary.

The monograph "School as a pedagogical space of anxiety. Emotional experience and the effectiveness of management and organization "(2014). Problems related to: the tasks and functions of the school institution are discussed on 309 pages; the dominant emotional experience of students at different ages as a prerequisite for organizing the school environment; Conceptual models related to improving the practice of organization and management of the school are one of the most important in terms of the process of effective functioning of modern educational organizations.

The topic of the monograph is also interpreted in 13 articles, which describe the emotional experience of students in adolescence, and in two of the articles a theoretical analysis of "socio-emotional competence" and "interest as a regulatory mechanism of emotional behavior ", and the others present empirical research with results and analyzes on the emotional behavior and experience of students. Two more independent monographs are presented (Conducting and diagnosing students in the classroom (2007) and Theory of Multicultural Education (2015)) and one participation in a collective monograph "The reform of the network of schools in modern society." In the last one, assoc. prof. Gerdzhikova is the author of three chapters related to the differentiation and individualization of the intra-school organization of compulsory secondary education in England, Germany and Bulgaria. For the competition, the candidate presents a textbook on Pedagogy (2019) and a textbook on Multicultural Education (2015).

Published articles on methodological issues arising from pedagogical anthropology are presented for the competition; planning, conducting and measuring teaching in the classroom; the change in the work of teachers in the electronic environment and the stages for validation of competencies in vocational education; current issues of multicultural education; the multicultural pedagogical competence of teachers; models for reforming the school network and on the problems of health education; school inspection, curriculum design, theories for measuring teaching, multicultural pedagogical competence, theories of health education. Of the articles presented, 11 are in journals included in the authoritative scientific database Web of Science. The presented articles

for participation in the competition have the character of proving with new means of significant new aspects of already existing scientific problems and theories.

Assoc. prof. Gerdzhikova has the recognition of the scientific community visible from:

- membership in an international scientific network (Strengthening Europeans 'Capabilities by Establishing the European Literacy Network. COST Action IS1401ELN www.is1401eln.eu/en/ (2014 - 2019)

- international scientific organizations: Deutsche Gesellschaft für Erziehungswissenschaft (from 2016 to the present); British Education Research Association (2015-2020); Gesellschaft für Historische Anthropologie (from 2016 to the present); European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (2013-2014); British Association for International & Comparative Education (2020 to present); Society for Educational Studies (since 2021);

- membership in editorial boards of scientific journals: Strategies of educational and scientific policy (2013-2020); Teacher Education and Curriculum Studies (2018 - 2020);

- lectures given at foreign universities - at the Thracian University in Edirne and at the University of Salzburg;

- translation of a monograph: Wolf, Kr. (2016) Anthropology of Education, Sofia: East-West, 238 pp. (From German to Bulgarian).

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I have a recommendation to the candidate assoc. prof. Gerdzhikova, DSc to expand her publishing activity in magazines and publications with impact factor, as in her scientific production are visible original and innovative concepts and achieved results, which can be popularized among the foreign scientific community.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials submitted by assoc. prof. Nina Dimitrova Gerdzhikova meet all the requirements of Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulations for its application and the internal rules of Plovdiv University.

The candidate in the competition has submitted a sufficient number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of scientific degree "Doctor of Science" and "associate professor". In the works of the candidate there are original scientific and applied contributions, which have received international recognition as a representative part of them are published in journals and scientific journals published by international academic publishers. Its 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 Gerdzhikova is undoubted.

The achievements of assoc. prof. Nina Gerdzhikova results in teaching and research activities fully comply with the specific requirements of the Faculty of Pedagogy, adopted in connection with the Regulations of the University of Plovdiv for the application of LDASRB.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works 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 more positive assessment and recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal. to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Pedagogy for election of assoc. prof. Nina Dimitrova Gerdzhikova, DSc to the academic position of "Professor" in the Smolyan branch of the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" in the professional field 1.2. Pedagogy (Theory of education and didactics).

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