

POSITION

from

Dr. Miroslava Mihailova Peicheva, Professor at UNWE
of the materials submitted for participation in the competition
for the academic position of 'Associate Professor'
University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski"

in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional field
3. 8. Economics - / Political Economy - Public Sector Economics and Social Policy / in
the Department of Economic Sciences

In the competition for 'associate professor', announced in the State Gazette, issue
94 of 12.11.2021 and in the website of University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendar-
ski" for the needs of the Department of Economic Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and
Social Sciences, as a candidate participates Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova
Madzhurova from the Department of Economic Sciences, University of Plovdiv "Paisii
Hilendarski".

1. General presentation of the procedure and the applicant

1.1. General presentation of the received materials

By order № RD-21-43 of 11.01.2022. of the Rector of Plovdiv University "Pai-si
Hilendarski" (PU) I was appointed as a member of the scientific jury of the 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 - / Political
Economy - Public Sector Economics and Social Policy /, announced for the needs of the
Department of Economic Sciences at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences.

The only candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova from
the Department of Economic Sciences, University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendar-
ski" has submitted documents for participation in the announced competition

The set of materials Presented by Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova
Madzhurova is in accordance with the Regulations for the development of the academic
staff of University of Plovdiv, and includes the following documents:

Request from Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova to the
Rector University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" for admission to participate in the

competition;

- ✓ Declaration of originality and authenticity by the candidate - Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova ;
- ✓ Certificate U-362№19.11.2021. for work experience and professional experience of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova;
- ✓ Information on the workload of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova;
- ✓ Documents certifying the participation of Ch. Assistant Professor Blaga Petrova Madzhurova, PhD in projects;
- ✓ Curriculum vitae of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova;
- ✓ - Copy of the diploma of Ch. Assistant Professor Blaga Petrova Madzhurova, PhD, for completed higher education, Master's degree;
- ✓ - Copy of the diploma of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova for the awarded educational and scientific degree "Doctor";
- ✓ - List of scientific works of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova for: obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor"; acquiring the academic position of "Chief Assistant"; participating in a competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor";
- ✓ - Separation protocols;
- ✓ - Reference to the citations of scientific publications of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova;
- ✓ Information from Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova for fulfillment of the national minimum requirements according to the law for development of the academic staff of the Republic of Bulgaria (Art. 2b) and the Regulations for its implementation (Art. 1a, para. 1), Professional field 3.1. Sociology, anthropology and cultural sciences, 3.3. Political science, 3.5. Public communications and information sciences, 3.6. Law, 3.7. Administration and management, 3.8. Economics, 3.9. Tourism;
- ✓ Annotations of the presented materials, including self-assessment of the contributions, in Bulgarian and in English.
- ✓ The scientific works of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova.

The candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova has applied a total of 17 (seventeen) scientific papers,

- ✓ 10 co-authored articles;
- ✓ 1 (one) co-authored study (published in Scopus);
- ✓ 3 (three) monographs, of which 1 (one) independent and 2 (two) co-authored,

- ✓ 1 (one) chapter of a monograph;
- ✓ 1 (one) book based on a defended dissertation;
- ✓ 1 (one) textbook co-authored.

Some of the scientific publications submitted for review are in English.

Total points 528.9 (five hundred and twenty-eight point and nine). The minimum required points for groups of indicators for the position of "Associate Professor" is 400 (four hundred) points. Regarding additional indicators for evaluation of the candidates, the candidate Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova has 353.25 (three hundred and fifty-three point and twenty five) points, with a minimum required 100 (one hundred) points.

1.2. Brief biographical data of the candidate

Blaga Petrova Madzhurova has been Chief Assistant at the University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski" since 2017. Previously (2015-2017) she was a part-time lecturer in the same department. She is a member of the Union of Scientists in the Republic of Bulgaria. She is registered as a mediator at the Ministry of Justice and the International Mediation Institute, Hague Nederland. Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova was a manager of a national project and a member of the teams of university, national and international projects. She has been a lecturer on the Erasmus program at universities in Spain (Valladolid University 2017-2018) and Italy (University of Turin 2018-2019).

1.3. Personal impressions

I do not know Ch. Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova and I have no personal impressions.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity

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Assessment of the candidate's teaching activity

Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova is a lecturer in the following disciplines: "Social Policy", "Social Policy and Social Programs", "Management of Public Services", "Macroeconomics", "Economics" and "Microeconomics". She has participated in a team to improve the curriculum and the Social Policy course.

She has developed a new syllabus „Public Service Management“. She has developed an adapted course in Social Policy and Microeconomics in English.

She has been a moderator of a scientific conference for students and PhD students "Sustainable development-economic, social and political issues.“ The documents submitted by the candidate prove her responsible and thorough teaching work.

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

Scientific publications presented by Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova fully meet the issues of this competition.

The habilitation work of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova is entitled "Social evils - links with macroeconomic determinants and policies to overcome them". In its essence and content, the presented monographic work meets all the requirements for monographic research. It is dedicated to present issues, contains clearly defined goals, objectives, object and subject. The limitations of the scientific research are set correctly. The indicators used are also precisely presented. The research uses general scientific methods such as descriptive analysis, correlation analysis, trend and regression analysis, time series analysis, econometric analysis.

An analysis of the theoretical and methodological issues is presented, which present the relationship between activity, growth, poverty and macroeconomic determinants in the first is done. An empirical analysis of Bulgaria-EU is performed in Chapter Two. The dynamics in the change of economic growth in Bulgaria and the European Union, as well as the disparities between them in the context of this indicator are presented. In this chapter the analysis on the labor market and social dimensions performed in this chapter, show that the author has in-depth knowledge of the research, applies appropriate methods of analysis, draws adequate conclusions, in accordance with the obtained results. Chapter three analyzes the EU's policies to reduce social evils. Here the author logically raises the question of sustainability as a crossroads between the environment, the economy and society.

The monographic work contains logical conclusions that correspond to the results obtained from the study.

The empirical research further develops the theoretical aspects and provides a new perspective on the complex and multifaceted relationships of: activity, growth, inequality and macroeconomic determinants; activity, growth, poverty and macroeconomic determinants; activity, growth, poverty, inequality.

In the peer-reviewed articles, the author analyzes societal issues such as "working poor" and their relationship to key macroeconomic indicators.

In the research conducted by the candidate, it was found that the problem for the working poor is not only the low minimum wage, but also the generally low amount of total income distributed among household members.

Scientific researches of the candidate related to lifelong learning, the importance of social entrepreneurship for vulnerable groups, the effects of innovation and the technological process on the labor market Also deserve high praise.

A significant part of the publications of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova are in English.

Contributions (scientific, scientific-applied, applied) and citations

I believe that among the main scientific and scientifically applied contributions of the candidate are:

- ✓ The results obtained in the study can serve as a basis for the formation of sustainable, modern and effective public policies. (Social evils - links with macroeconomic determinants and policies to overcome them);
- ✓ It has been proven (based on empirical research) that there are several factors that clearly and categorically have a positive and negative impact on reducing disparities with the EU and improving the social dimension of the economic system in the so-called social evils in Bulgaria. Economic growth, investment, and the efficient functioning of the labor market are proving to be strong factors in improving public welfare. On the other hand, inflation has a visibly negative effect. (Social evils - links with macroeconomic determinants and policies to overcome them);
- ✓ The factors that influence poverty among the working people are analyzed - low wages; insufficient hours; low income; household size and type; lack of work qualification and low educational level; low labor intensity, etc. (Macroeconomic measures on the phenomenon of working poverty. Cause-effect analysis);
- ✓ It has been proven that new jobs, which are emerging under the influence of three interrelated dimensions - globalization, technological progress and demographic change, will require not only different skills and competencies, but also a new form of public policy management. (Policies and innovations to promote economic growth and employment in the age of globalization);
- ✓ The need for effective institutional interventions related to social inclusion and social capital has been proven. The conclusion that social inclusion is a result of good policy, which includes protection of social rights, quality education and as a result - active inclusion in the labor market is argued. Another conclusion in this regard is that social capital is a consequence of the social interaction of individuals, but in order to be qualitative, it is carried out in accordance with certain institutional norms and rules that promote the formation of a socially cohesive society. (Social cohesion (National, regional and structural dimensions in the context of Bulgaria-EU-Western Balkans);

The researches of Ch. Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova are cited in prestigious scientific journals and indexed world-famous databases (Scopus, Web of Science). The total number of citation points is 75 (seventy-five) points.

2.2. Assessment of the personal contribution of the candidate

According to the documents presented by Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova for participation in the competition, the results of research and contributions are her personal merit.

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

My recommendations to Ch. Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova are to further develop in the future the topics related to the assessment of the social impact of social enterprises, as well as the possibilities for adapting the university system in accordance with the changes in the labor market.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials presented by Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova meet all the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for the implementation of ZRASRB and the relevant Regulations of University of Plovdiv "Paisii Hilendarski".

The candidate in the competition has presented a significant number of scientific papers published after the materials used in the defense of Educational and Scientific Degree "Doctor". There are original scientific and applied contributions, In the works of the candidate

which have received international recognition as a representative part of them are published in journals and scientific journals published by international academic publishers. Theoretical developments also have practical applicability. The scientific and teaching qualification of Ch. Assistant Professor Dr. Blaga Petrova Madzhurova is undoubted.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific papers presented in the competition, analysing their importance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and recommend the Scientific Jury to prepare a report - proposal to the Faculty. Council of the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences for election of Ch. Assistant Professor Blaga Petrova Madzhurova, PhD, for the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the University of Plovdiv Hilendarski " professional field 3.8.Economics- / Political Economy-Economics of the Public Sector and Social Policy / in the Department of Economic Sciences.

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Prepared the position
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