

R E V I E W

Of Ivo Georgiev Yanev, Assoc. Prof., PhD,
Faculty of Theology, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
of the materials submitted for participation in the competition
to occupy the academic position of "associate professor"
of Plovdiv University "Paisiy Hilendarski"

By higher education field 2. Humanities

professional direction 2.4 Religion and theology

(Moral Theology - Religion and Moral Education)

In the competition for "associate professor", announced in the DV, no. 39/02.05.2023 and on the website of Plovdiv University "Paisiy Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of Theology at the *Faculty of Philosophy and History*, as a candidate, assistant professor Ivelina Nikolova Nikolova PhD from the *Department of Theology* of the *Faculty of Philosophy and History* participated.

1. Information on the Competition and the Candidate

By order No. RD 21-1419 dated 30.06.2023 of the Rector of the Plovdiv University "Paisiy Hilendarski" (PU), I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury of a competition for the academic position of 'associate professor' in the PU in the field of higher education 2 Humanities, professional direction 2.4 Religion and theology (Moral theology - religion and moral education), announced for the needs of the Department of Theology of the Faculty of Philosophy and History.

To participate in the announced competition, only one candidate, Assistant Professor Ivelina Nikolova Nikolova PhD from the Department of Theology of the Faculty of Philosophy and History. The set of materials presented by Nikolova is in accordance with the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the PU, and includes all the necessary documents.

Ivelina Ivanova PhD, is a long-time Assistant professor in the Department of Theology of the Faculty of Philosophy and History of the PU "Paisii Hilendarski". Graduated from the Faculty of

Theology of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" - 2004 with a bachelor's degree in Theology, in 2005 a master's degree in Systematic and Practical Theology, and in 2007 - a master's degree in Medieval Philosophy and Culture (Faculty of Philosophy). From 2006 to 2009, he was a doctoral student at the Theological Faculty of the SU and in 2010 he defended his doctoral dissertation and obtained the educational and scientific degree Doctor of Theology.

The candidate has submitted a total of fifteen scientific papers, one monograph, nine textbooks and study aids and five articles. The distribution of scientific works in the country and abroad is as follows: eleven in the country and four abroad.

2. General characteristics of the applicant's activity

The candidate teaches in the field of *Moral Theology (Part 1 and 2)*, *Christian Apologetics*, *Pre-Diploma Seminar*, *Religion and Moral Education*, *Interactive Methods in Teaching Religion and Applied Ethics*, has the necessary classroom employment for an associate professor. On the basis of the taught discipline, monographs and study aids, as well as scientific articles, are issued, as they are directly related to the field in which the candidate works, and are also tested in a real learning environment in the educational system in Bulgaria.

I accept as real and achieved the contributions formulated by Dr. Nikolova to the procedure. They were made as a result of high educational training, broad scientific awareness, good skills for analysis, synthesis and interpretation of theories, concepts and practices from various scientific fields, as well as skills for practical implementation of methods, approaches and techniques in the field of Moral Theology and religious education in our country. The presented scientific production, as well as other scientific works, as well as participation in conferences, testifies that the candidate maintains a sustained research interest in the discussion and insufficiently researched topics in the field of Moral Theology. Забелязаните цитирания са важна част от научната дейност на д-р Николова и са конкретно свързани с нейната научна област. Цитиранията са релеванти за професионалното направление Нравствено богословие и са напълно достатъчни за доцентски конкурс

3. Critical remarks and recommendations

I recommend to Dr. Nikolova more participation in conferences and publications, because of the need for better development and popularization of the theological scientific field, in which she

works, also in connection with contemporary topics and pressing questions, on which moral theology must present its opinion before our society.

CONCLUSION

The documents and materials presented by Assistant Professor Ivelina Nikolova, PhD, meets all the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of the ZRASRB and the relevant Regulations of the PU "Paisiy Hilendarski".

The candidate in the competition has submitted a sufficient number of scientific works published after the materials used in the defense of the ONS "doctor". His theoretical developments have practical applicability, and some of them are directly oriented to academic work. The scientific and teaching qualifications of Assistant Professor Ivelina Nikolova PhD is unquestionable.

The achievements of assistant professor Ivelina Nikolova, PhD, results in the educational and research activities fully correspond to the minimum national requirements, adopted in connection with the Regulations of the PU for the application of ZRASRB.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scientific works presented in the competition, analyzing their significance and the scientific, scientific-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my positive assessment and confidently recommend to the Scientific Jury to prepare a report-proposal to The faculty council of the Faculty of Philosophy and History for the election of the Assistant Professor Ivelina Nikolova PhD in the academic position of "associate professor" at PU "Paisiy Hilendarski" in the field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional direction 2.4 Religion and theology (Moral theology - religion and moral education).

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