

REVIEW

by

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of submitted documents and scientific papers
for open position for associate professor in Economics
in Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”

Field code: 3. Social science, Economics and Law

3.8. Economics (Geo-economics and Regional economics)

Open position announcement for associate professor in Economics has been published in the Bulgarian Official State Gazette (issue 39 from 02.05.2023). Academic position opening is at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences. This review covers the documents and scientific papers submitted by a sole applicant for the open position – assist. prof. Delyan Angelov, PhD

1. Documents and general review

I have been appointed as a member of the scientific committee reviewing applications for associate professor in the field of 3. Social sciences, Economics and Law, 3.8. Economics (Geo-Economics and Regional Economics) by order № ПД -21-1405 from 30.06.2023 of the Rector of Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

Documents and scientific papers have been submitted by Asst. Prof. Delyan Ivanov Angelov, PhD, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

Dr. Angelov received his PhD in Economics from Plovdiv University, Bulgaria in 2013, and it should be noted that the focus of his research thesis is relevant to the open position requirements. The candidate has extensive professional and academic experience. Dr. Angelov actively participates as a consultant and researcher in various initiatives and projects. Candidate’s stated research interests are in the field of urbanization and modern urban development, spatial aspects of economic inequality. The set of materials presented by the applicant is strictly following national legal regulations and the procedures for habilitation of Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

All needed documents and evidence for scientific and teaching activities of Delyan Angelov are available.

2. Scientific papers review

Dr. Delyan Angelov has submitted a list of a total of 14 scientific papers for participation in the competition - 1 monograph; 2 books; 1 publication in journals indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science; 1 electronic textbook; 9 other scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals. One of the developments presented for participation in the competition is under seal. Of particular interest are the scientific results in publication No. 3 and 7, which emphasize the geographical and spatial effects of economic inequalities.

Dr. Angelov has indicated a list of 6 citations of publications, and all citing studies are by Bulgarian authors. A recommendation could be made to include more cited authors in the sample. The applicant has provided information on participation in five research projects, one of which is under the European Urban Innovative Actions programme. At the time of preparation of this opinion, all projects have been successfully completed.

The candidate's teaching and research experience in Bulgaria began in 1999 at the College of Business and Public Administration - Haskovo and continued from 2001 to 2011 at the European College of Economics and Management, and from 2011 at the Faculty in Economic and Social Sciences of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski". Dr. Angelov's research interests and scientific publications are in the area of the available position.

The scientific results, noted citations and participation in scientific forums and projects, for which Dr. Angelov has provided evidence, meet the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position "docent". There is no established plagiarism or incorrect use of literary sources in the materials presented by the candidate Dr. Delyan Angelov.

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3. Recommendations and questions

My recommendations to the applicant are the following:

- to adapt his monographic studies so that they are actively used in the learning process;
- to activate its publication activity in publications that are indexed in Web Of Science and/or Scopus;

- to look for opportunities for additional popularization of the achieved scientific results, including with the participation of international scientific forums.

These recommendations do not signal problem discovered in the research papers and aim solely at increasing the impact of results presented by both applicants.

CONCLUSION

Documents and papers submitted by Delyan Ivanov Angelov, PhD comply with all legal requirements for habilitation in Bulgaria as well as with prerequisites for habilitation of Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

Considering his scientific research and its relevance to the open position subject; candidate’s participation in research projects; teaching experience and professional commitments, I have a positive assessment and would recommend to the scientific committee to support the election of Dr. Delyan Ivanov Angelov for the position of associate professor in 3.8. Economics (Geo-economics and Regional economics) at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

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