

## **REVIEW**

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on the materials submitted for participation in the competition for the academic position of  
**“Associate Professor” at Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”**

field of higher education 3.0. Social, Economic, and Legal Sciences.....

professional field 3.8. Economics (Goeconomics and Regional Economics).....

In the competition for "Associate Professor", announced in the State Newspaper, issue 39 of 02.05.2023 and on the Internet page of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the needs of the Department of Economic Sciences at the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, as a candidate participates Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Ivanov Angelov from the Department of Economic Sciences at Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”

### **1. General presentation of the procedure and the candidate**

The competition is announced for the needs of the Department of Economic Sciences, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences of Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, according to the competition announced in State Gazette No. 39 of 02.05.2023. I participate in the scientific jury of the competition according to the Order No. RD-21-1405/30.06.2023 of the Rector of Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”.

In the competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" one candidate participates – Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Ivanov Angelov from the Department of Economic Sciences of Paisii Hilendarski University, Plovdiv. In 1997 Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Angelov graduated with a master's degree in "Regional Economic and Political Geography of Countries" at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". In the same year, he obtained a master's degree in “Management” again at Sofia University. From 2013 to 2016 he was a PhD student at the Paisii Hilendarski University, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, and in 2016 he obtained a PhD in the scientific specialty 3.8. Economics (Political Economy). Since 2001 Dr. Delyan Angelov has been a lecturer at the Department of Economic Sciences of Paisii Hilendarski University and for over 3 years he has held the position of "Chief Assistant". The candidate was also a lecturer at the European College of Economics and Management, Plovdiv. He was a lecturer at the College of Economics and Public Administration in Plovdiv and the College of Business and Public Administration in Plovdiv. The candidate is also a lecturer at Haskovo College of Public Administration and Public Administration.

The candidate for the academic position of “Associate Professor” fully meets the compulsory conditions under the Law on Academic and Professional Development and Public Administration (Article 24):

- ✓ obtained Ph.D. - in 2016 in the scientific specialty "Economics (Political Economy)" ;
- ✓ not less than two years of experience in the academic position of "Assistant", or "Chief Assistant" - a total of 22 years (from 2001 to present);
- ✓ submitted published monographic work - D. Angelov, The Unknown City, Plovdiv.

Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Ivanov Angelov has submitted documents and publications showing the fulfillment of the quantitative requirements for the “Associate Professor” position at Paisii Hilendarski University. The card for the fulfillment of the quantitative requirements presents the fulfillment of each of the assessment components, with a total score of 477.5 points, with a required minimum threshold of 400 points. The total score of the candidate's minimum and additional quantitative requirements is 1 300 points, with a minimum required score of 500 points. The points for published monographs (including co-authored ones) and participation in scientific projects are impressive. The data presented by the candidate for the fulfillment of the requirements for associate professor give grounds for the conclusion that Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Angelov fully meets the mandatory conditions and internal requirements for the university for the academic position of associate professor.

## **2. General characteristics of the candidate's activity**

### **2.1. Evaluation of the candidate's teaching activity**

The work experience of the Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Ivanov Angelov at the Paisii Hilendarski University of Education as of 01.02.2023 is 23 years, 03 months, and 26 days, of which 2 years, 11 months, and 10 days at the academic position of "Associated Professor". The candidate's teaching load amounts to 4 049 hours of classroom work (lectures and exercises). Chief Assistant Dr. Angelov teaches classes in the disciplines - "Geo-economics", "Regional Politics", "Economic Geography of Countries", and "Public Geography of Bulgaria".

The candidate's teaching activity is impressive, and we should point out in addition the lecture courses he has taught at other universities. The candidate's activity testifies to his authority, competence, and knowledge of the issues taught.

### **2.2. Brief description of the submitted scientific works/publications**

For participation in the competition, the candidate submits a total of 15 publications of which: 2 monographs (one habilitation thesis); 1 chapter in a collective monograph; 2 studies; 1 textbook and 1 teaching manual; 1 book published based on the thesis; 6 publications in specialized scientific journals (articles and reports); 1 article in a scientific journal, refereed and indexed in world-known databases; 1 report published abroad.

Dr. Angelov's research activity is complemented by his participation in a total of 5 research, educational, and applied science projects, 3 of which are university; 1 national, and 1 international.

The total number of citations is 6. At the minimum threshold of 10 points for citation in the Card for the fulfillment of the quantitative requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" at the Paisii Hilendarski University, Chief Assistant Dr. Angelov has 60 pts.

In terms of content, the candidate's research activity is focused on the following main areas: geo-economics; regional economics; urban management and urban development; regional planning, and regional development.

The scientific and applied results, achieved by Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Angelov confirm his research profile in the field of regional development. Indicative of this is the independent work of the candidate for the position of "Associate professor" - "The Unknown City", in which the focus is on the study of contemporary challenges and problems of cities, which requires a conceptual change in public management. In this monographic work, the author proposes a new and original approach to the study of urban development and urban governance. In the study "New family and reproductive models in the late modern city (demo-economic aspects), Changing Cities: challenges, predictions, perspectives" family models are presented in the context of the modern city and changing socio-economic conditions. Challenges, predictions, and perspectives for the development of the modern city are elucidated. Dr. Angelov's article "About the new understanding towards labor immigration towards EU", pp. 237-250, in "The State and the society in the 21st century", Kracowska Szkola Wyzsza im. Andrzej Frycz Modrzewski, Krakow, ISBN 83-89823-75-6; has received a high external evaluation.

### **2.3. Synthesized assessment of the main scientific and applied contributions of the candidate**

The main scientific and scientific-applied contributions in the published works of Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Angelov can be systematized as follows:

#### **Scientific contributions:**

1. Theoretical knowledge and experience in the field of geo-economics and regional economics have been systematized and enriched;
2. The specificity of demographic and urban development of Bulgarian cities has been studied.

#### **Scientific and applied contributions:**

1. Modern cities are studied in a new and original way through an interdisciplinary synthesis, considering the city through the prism of social problems in their entirety.
2. Basic terms in urban studies and urban development are systematized and presented;
3. An innovative approach to the study of cities is proposed and tested by viewing cities as spatially concentrated expressions of socio-economic progress and problems;

4. The geo-economic aspects of demographic development and inequality and the socioeconomic problems of population: structure, reproduction, migration, labor force, and urbanization are examined and assessed in detail. The relationship between the demographic transition of developed countries and its economic impact on the young population is argued.

### **3. Critical remarks and recommendations**

Taking into account the proven professional competence of the author in the issues of - regional development, regional and urban economics, geo-economics, and regional planning, I could recommend to the Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Angelov in the future to direct his attention to the publication of more scientific and applied works related to the study of the problems of territorial sustainability of cities and Bulgarian regions to achieve regional sustainable development in Bulgaria. Such research would contribute to improving the socio-economic development of the regions as well as to overcoming regional territorial imbalances in Bulgaria.

### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the overall assessment of the candidate's scientific, teaching, and research activities, it can be concluded that he fully meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the criteria of the Paisii Hilendarski University for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor". This gives me a reason to propose to the distinguished members of the Scientific Jury Chief Assistant Dr. Delyan Ivanov Angelov to be proposed for election by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences of Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" for the academic position of "Associate Professor" in the professional field 3.8. Economics, scientific specialty "Economics (Goeconomics and Regional Economics)", at Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski".

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**Drafted the opinion:** .....  
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