

## **STATEMENT**

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on the documents submitted for participation in a selection procedure for the academic position of “Professor” at the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” in the field of higher education 2. Humanities and professional field 2.1. Philology (Modern Bulgarian Language)

The call for applications for the selection procedure for the academic position of “Professor” was published in the State Gazette, issue 98 of 19 November 2024 and on the website of the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”. **Assoc. Prof. Dr Krasimira Angelova Chakarova** participated as a candidate in the selection procedure for a professorship at the Department of Bulgarian Language at the Faculty of Philology of the same university.

### **1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE AND THE CANDIDATE**

The documents submitted by Assoc. Prof. Dr Krasimira Angelova Chakarova comply with the Regulations for the Development of Academic Staff of Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” and include the required documents: an application, a curriculum vitae, diplomas, a list of scientific papers and their copies, a reference to the national minimum requirements, a statement on the originality and authenticity of the attached documents, etc.

Assoc. Prof. Krasimira Chakarova graduated from the Plovdiv University "Paisii Hilendarski" in the in 1989 with a Master’s degree in Bulgarian Philology. In 2000 she received the educational and scientific title Doctor at the same university. Since 1993 Assoc. Prof. Chakarova has permanently associated her professional career with the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski”, successively as part-time lecturer of Bulgarian, assistant, senior assistant and chief assistant of Bulgarian and associate professor of Bulgarian. Since 2011, she has been a lecturer at the Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts “Prof Asen Diamandiev” in Plovdiv. From 2006 to 2016 she was Director of the Department of Language Training, Physical Education and Sport at the University of Food Technology in Plovdiv. Assoc. Prof. Krasimira Chakarova is the Deputy Dean of the Faculty of

Philology of the Plovdiv University “Paisiy Hilendarski” from 2011 to 2015 and from 2023 to the present.

The candidate applied to take part in the competition with a total of **16 independent academic works**, including a monograph, a textbook and 14 articles. A review of the data on Assoc. Prof. Dr Krasimira Chakarova's professional career leads to the conclusion that she has the necessary professional experience and scientific expertise in the field for which the competition is being held. The submitted publications and citations show that the **national minimum requirements** according to Article 2b of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria for the scientific field 2. Humanities, professional field 2.1. Philology **have been met**.

## **2. GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE APPLICANT'S SCIENTIFIC AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITY**

Assoc. Prof. Krasimira Chakarova takes part in the competition with the monograph “The category of verb form in the modern Bulgarian language”, published in 2025. The author consistently supports and substantiates the thesis that the verb aspect in Bulgarian is a tripartite lexical-grammatical category that includes verbs of the imperfect aspect (*nuua*), the perfect aspect (*npenuua*) and the so-called grammatical iterative (secondary imperfect aspect – *npenucvaм*). With this understanding, Assoc. Prof. Chakarova joins the ranks of other Bulgarian linguists (Sv. Ivanchev, Iv. Kutsarov, V. Marovska) who emphasise (albeit in a different way) the heterogeneity of the category verb aspect in Bulgarian. The formal-semantic and functional features of imperfectives, perfectives and grammatical iteratives are analysed in detail (we adhere to the terminology used by the author), as well as the rich literature on the subject by Bulgarian and foreign authors.

Assoc. Prof. Krasimira Chakarova raises the question of the biaspectival character of iterativity, which, according to the author, is grammatical and not lexical, i.e. it manifests itself in the realisation in context (we fully support the observation about the realisation of meanings in context). We also support Assoc. Prof. Chakarova’s opinion that aspectual defectiveness is not observed in prefixless imperfectives, which some scholars define as biaspectual, while others consider their different use as cases of aspectual neutralisation.

Some meanings of the perfect aspect (which are qualified as additional meanings) are analysed: one-time action, effectiveness (achieved goal of the action) and concreteness, as well as the relationship between effectiveness and resultativity (whose carriers belong to the temporal categories of the Bulgarian language). Overall, the work is characterised by the multidirectionality of

the analysis, which is also reflected in the complexity of the conclusions, which build on and enrich not only the author's earlier work but also numerous studies in the field of Bulgarian aspectology. In this respect, Assoc. Prof. Chakarova's latest monograph is in line with the rest of her scholarly production, which shows a continuing interest in the study and description of inherently difficult grammatical topics.

Assoc. Prof. Chakarova's teaching activities also deserve great attention, as does her work with young colleagues: undergraduate and postgraduate students. Over the years, Assoc. Prof. Krasimira Chakarova has developed a number of courses: Morphology of the Modern Bulgarian Language, Bulgarian Aspectology, Comparative Aspectology (aspect and aspect meanings in Bulgarian and English), Functional Grammar, Introduction to Editing, The Language of the Media, Editing a Translated Text, Language and Style of Business Documentation, Business Communication. In 2024 she published "A Handbook on Bulgarian Morphology. Second, revised and supplemented edition". The textbook consists of three parts: Assignments and texts for seminar exercises on the morphology of the modern Bulgarian language, a theoretical part with developments by Assoc. Prof. Chakarova on discussion questions on the morphology of the modern Bulgarian language and a part with selected bibliographical sources.

In addition to all the above, the following facts testify to Assoc. Prof. Chakarova's multifaceted work with students: she is a long-time organiser of the National Scientific Conference for Undergraduate and Postgraduate Students held annually in the city of Plovdiv (more than 25 years) and Director of the Department of Language and Professional Preparation of Foreign Students at the Plovdiv University "Paisiy Hilendarski".

### **3. CRITICAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

In our opinion, the term *iteratives*, which is used by a number of scholars instead of the term *secondary imperfective verbs*, does not cover the grammatical (and even less the semantic) meaning of all members of the defined class and their usage and can serve as a conventional term, as can the term *secondary imperfectives*.

In summary, the candidate is consistent in her observations and conclusions and her work is characterised by the precision and completeness of the analysis and the generalisations made (even if these differ from the opinions of other authors), and that the theoretical conclusions she draws are based on empirical data.

## CONCLUSION

After reviewing the materials and scientific works submitted in the competition, analysing their significance and the scientific and applied scientific contributions contained therein, I consider it appropriate to give my **positive** evaluation and recommend that the scientific jury submit a report with a proposal to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Philology for the election of Assoc. Prof. Dr. **Krasimira Angelova Chakarova** to the academic position of “Professor” at the Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” in the field of higher education 2. Humanities; professional field 2.1. Philology (Modern Bulgarian Language).

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