

OPINION

**for the scientific production of Petar Stoyanov Parushev,
the only participant in the competition for the academic position "associate
professor"**

**in the field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional direction
2.2. History and archaeology, scientific specialty "New and recent history
(incl. History of the Balkan peoples)",
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included in the composition of the Scientific Jury for the competition by
order of the Rector of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas
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I. Contest details.

Ch. Assistant Professor Petar Parushev, Ph.D., is the only candidate in the announced competition. The competition procedure has been duly observed and corresponds to the Law on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its application at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov" - Burgas. The candidate meets the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of Law on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the additional university requirements under Art. 5 of the Rules for collecting, updating and using scientometric data at the University that announced the competition. No evidence of plagiarism was found upon examination of the applicant's publications.

II. Applicant data.

Petar Parushev was born in Aytos. He connects his life and scientific path with Burgas. In 1996, he graduated with a master's degree in Balkan studies at VTU "St. St. Cyril and Methodius" and a second major "Library Science and Bibliography" at the same university. In 2008, he obtained the educational and scientific degree "doctor" after defending a dissertation on the topic "The Cyprus issue 1960-1974 and Bulgaria" at the Institute of Balkan Studies at the BAS.

After a period of teaching, in 2008 he held the position of "Head of the Culture Department" in the Municipality of Burgas. In 2010, he was appointed as a part-time teacher at the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of History and Philosophy, since 2011 he has held the academic position of Assistant in the same department, and since 2013 he has been the main assistant.

III. Description of the scientific works of Ch. Assistant Professor Petar Parushev, Ph.D.

All scientific publications of Chief Assistant Dr. Petar Parushev are related to his main scientific interests in the field of new and recent history, with the history of the Balkan peoples; with the problems of foreign policy and diplomacy, the national issues of the Balkans, the Balkan crises, conflicts and wars, with the Cyprus issue.

A/ Habilitation work.

The habilitation thesis of Ch. Petar Parushev, Ph.D. "The Bosnian Crisis 1908-1909, Great Powers and Bulgaria" (2023), ISBN 978-619-7559-51-4 is a publication of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov"-Burgas and his reviewers are the authoritative Bulgarian scientists-historians Prof. Radoslav Mishev and Associate Professor Dr. Mariana Jovevska. The author has focused his attention on an extremely short historical moment - the year-long political crisis in Bosnia from 1908 to 1909, which, however, regardless of its brevity, affected the fate of all the Balkan states and caused political agitation in them and throughout Europe. The deepening crisis in the Balkans is examined in the context of the Young Turk coup, as well as the reflections of the other Balkan countries and especially its reflection in the Bulgarian political life.

The monograph "Bosnian Crisis 1908 - 1909, Great Powers and Bulgaria" with its extremely precise focus and comprehensive examination of the historical moment has a contributing character with the clarification of details and insufficiently clarified historical circumstances.

B/Studies of Ch. Assistant Professor Petar Parushev, Ph.D.

Petar Parushev is the author of the studies "Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece in the politics of European military-political alliances" (127-182 pp.) in "European Unions, Bulgaria and the Balkans (1870-1918)", 2015. Burgas, ed. "Prof. Dr. A. Zlatarov" - Burgas. ISBN 978-619-7123-26-5 and "The Bosnian Crisis of 1908-

1909, Bulgaria and the Great Powers" (62-91 p.) in Sb. "Crises and conflicts in Europe, Bulgaria and the Balkans from the end of the 19th to the end of the 20th century", ed. Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov University, Burgas, ISBN 978-619-7123-57-9, 2017.

In them, Parushev remains true to his scientific interests: the mutual influences between the Balkan states and the interaction of the political processes taking place in this troubled historical-geographical zone and in Europe. The contributing moments in them are present, both through the extraction of data from unpublished historical documents from the CDA, and through the already mentioned specific knack for detailing and in-depth interpretation of short, but eventful and highly significant historical moments.

C/ Articles of Ch. Assistant Professor Petar Parushev, Ph.D.

Ch. assistant professor Dr. Petar Parushev entered the competition with 30 scientific articles published in Bulgarian and English, most of them in authoritative scientific journals, anthologies and yearbooks. Conditionally, they can be divided into two main groups.

One part of them is in the historical sphere preferred by Parushev - the new history of Bulgaria and the Balkans and the complex historical processes taking place in them in the last decades of the 19th and the first decades of the 20th century. Such are his publications "The Cyprus Issue and Bulgarian-Turkish Relation in the period 1965 - 1968" (2008), "The Bosnian crisis 1908 - 1909 through the eyes of the Bulgarian diplomatic representation in Vienna" (2016), "The military actions of the Greek army during the Balkan war in the reports of Bulgarian diplomats" (2017), "The way to the establishment of the Albanian state and the Bulgarian diplomacy (1912 - 1913)" (2017), "The Bosnian crisis of 1908-1909 in the reports of the Bulgarian diplomatic representative in Belgrade Andrey Toshev" (2017), "The Bulgarian diplomacy and the problem for the Serbian access of the Adriatic sea during the Balkan war" (2017), "The initial response from the declaration of Bulgarian independence and the annexation crisis of 1908 - reflected in the official statement of the Democratic Party in "Priaporets" (2022), "Bulgarian independence and the annexation crisis of 1908 - a breakthrough in the status quo established by the Berlin Treaty of 1878" (2022), "The Austro-Serbian conflict in the course of the Bosnian (Annexation) crisis 1908-1909" (2023), "The development of the Bosnian crisis in 1909, reflected in the printed organ of the Democratic Party, the newspaper "Priaporec"" (2023).

The second part of his scientific articles are devoted to the history of the Burgas region in the already mentioned time period and, above all, to the refugee movements caused by the political crises. Such are the articles "The Role of Burgas in the Preparation of the Ilinden-Preobrazhen Uprising (1903)" (2013), "Burgas and Burgas County during the Ilinden-Preobrazhen Uprising 1903 (2013), "The Fate of Burgas Jews 1942-1943" (2013), "Accommodation and settlement of refugees in Burgas - the end of the 1920s and the beginning of in the 1930s" (2017).

All of them bear the characteristic "scientific handwriting" of Parushev - deepening and clarifying facts and extracting scientific conclusions by "increasing the scale" of short-term but fateful historical events and have their scientific contribution to shaping the wide-ranging historical picture of the Bulgarian and Balkan transition between the two centuries - XIX and XX.

IV. Participation of the Chief Assistant Dr. Petar Parushev in scientific forums and projects.

The candidate for the competition has registered participation in one national and five intra-university scientific projects. His participation in these projects has been finalized with relevant scientific publications on the subject of the projects. On another national project, Parushev appeared as a trainee.

V. Scientific references and citations of the works of Ch. Petar Parushev, Ph.D.

The candidate in the competition has submitted a reference for 15 citations of his scientific works in various peer-reviewed scientific collections and journals.

VI. Scientific and other contributions of Ch. Assistant Professor Petar Parushev, Ph.D.

The contributions of Ch. assistant Dr. Petar Parushev are not limited to the already mentioned detailing of the Balkan and Bulgarian new history and the release into scientific circulation of unpublished historical documents and their analysis. Parushev actively works with his students, initiating interest in historical science in general, having led two graduates to defense, three more are in the process of defense, and he has prepared even more for participation in student scientific conferences.

VII. Teaching work of the assistant professor Dr. Petar Parushev.

The candidate in the competition is provided with a horary at the University, which announced the competition, leading lectures and seminars in the disciplines "History of the Balkan Peoples", "Economic History", "Historiography", "History of Bulgaria 1878-1944" and "Practice in Museums and libraries" in the specialties "History and Philosophy" and "Bulgarian Language and History".

VIII. Conclusion.

The quality and characteristics of the scientific production and the teaching activity of the assistant professor. Dr. Petar Parushev comply with all the regulatory requirements of the Law on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the relevant Regulations of the University "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov"-Burgas. The candidate meets and exceeds the required scientometric indicators of Law on the development of the academic staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the University "Prof. Dr. A. Zlatarov"-Burgas for awarding the academic position of "associate professor" through his serious scientific contributions to the general paradigm of the new Bulgarian history and the impressive number and quality of the lecture courses at the University. This gives me reason to confidently recommend to the highly respected Scientific Jury to award Ch. assistant professor Petar Parushev, PhD, the academic position "associate professor".

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