

REVIEW

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Of the submitted works for participation in the competition for the academic position ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, announced in the State Gazette, issue 65, from 28.07.2023 by University prof. dr. Asen Zlatarov in 2. Human sciences, 2.2 History and Archeology, in the scientific field "Early-Modern and Modern History of Bulgaria", including history of the Balkan people for the needs of University prof. dr. Asen Zlatarov

I. General characteristics of the candidate's research and scientifically applied activities

The candidate participating the competition for "associate professor" is chief assistant. dr. Petar Stoyanov Parushev. Since 2011, he's been teaching in University prof. dr. Asen Zlatarov, stepping into the position of assistant and chief assistant in 2013. The works submitted for the competition for "associate professor" are categorized in accordance with the act on development of the academic staff in the republic, the act of regulations on the implementation of the development of academic staff in the republic of Bulgaria and the specific requirements in the regulations of the University of Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov. The only candidate in the competition takes part in it with 2 monographs, 30 articles and 2 studies. They are distributed by groups of indicators as follows:

Indicator group A: (50 points) for the award of the educational scientific degree "Doctor". The participant in the competition defended a dissertation on the topic "The Cyprus Dispute 1960-1974 and Bulgaria" and obtained the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in 2008.

Indicator group B: (100 points) The following monograph is listed as habilitation thesis: "Bosnian Crisis 1908-1909, Great Powers and Bulgaria" University Publishing House "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", ISBN 978-619-7559-51-4, Burgas, 2023, 293 p.

The monograph consists of a preface, two sections with three chapters each, and a conclusion. The first section covers the Young Turk coup, the crisis in the Balkans, the reforms in the Ottoman Empire from 1908, the coup and its aftermath, as well as the annexation itself. The second section is dedicated to the relationship between the Bosnian crisis and Bulgaria, the Bulgarian independence and the annexation. The chronological framework is logical. The main objectives of the study, the development of the Bosnian crisis, its causes and stages, as well as its influence on Bulgaria, are well outlined.

In the first section, the central issues are the constitutional reform up to 1908, the birth of the Young Turk movement, the Young Turk coup, the attempt to reform Turkey, the attitude of the powers towards the Young Turks when the great powers switched roles, tentatively ending German influence and opening a new page of British closeness and support to the new regime, as well as the stand of the Balkan capitals. The expansion of Austria-Hungary to the south after the Congress of Berlin is shown separately, followed by the policy and treaties with Serbia (1881) and the overall policy of the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The second section focuses on the Bulgarian action, the complexity of the relations between Belgrade and Sofia and Russia's reaction.

The conclusions that for Tsarigrad the "loss" of Eastern Rumelia and the untying of the hands of the Sofia government towards Macedonia are more serious than the annexation itself; that Germany had the key role in humbling Russia at the height of the crisis; and about the Italo-Turkish War of 1911 as a prelude to the catastrophic events surrounding First World War, are to the point and sound.

There is more to be desired in terms of the richness and variety of the used bibliography, as well as refinement of style, use of terms, geographical names, etc.

Indicator Group G: (405 points) In this indicator, according to the university regulations, a much higher number of publications are presented compared to the requirements of the law. These are one monograph, thirty articles and two studies.

Indicator group D: (105 points) concerns the citations of the candidate's works, requiring a total of 100 points in different criteria as follows: citations in scientific journals, refereed and indexed in world-known databases of scientific information, the candidate shows 15 points. The remaining citations are in non-refereed journals.

Indicator group E: (60 points) Indicator group E: relates to participation in scientific research projects, publication of textbooks and teaching aids, thus it exceeds the points required by the criterion.

His texts are written with a good knowledge of the existing historiography, making correct use of the writings, and drawing on sufficient new and already known and published source material. The reference to sources is entirely correct, with care and credit given to what has been done by scholars to date and with due regard for scholarly correctness.

II. Evaluation of the candidate's pedagogical training and activity. The candidate has the necessary teaching qualifications.

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III. Main scholarly and scholarly-applied contributions

The analysis of the works submitted for review by the participant in the competition shows that he is a built scholar. He has his own signature, clearly defined spheres of scholarly research and growth, with a correct attitude towards the source material and historiography. The candidate's conclusions, analyses, and new source material put into circulation are his personal creativity and contribution to the historiographical process. The matrix used on the researched period and the topics studied by him have their place in the scholarly space, and I believe that they are not strictly regional, but help to shape Balkan history.

The production presented by assist. prof. Petar Stoyanov Parushev, Ph.D. meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulations for the Implementation of the LDASRB and the Regulations of the university. The candidate in the competition has submitted a sufficient number of scholarly works published after the materials that were used in the Ph.D. defence. The candidate's works contain original scholarly and applied contributions that have received scholarly recognition. There is absolutely no suspicion of plagiarism.

After getting acquainted with the materials and scholarly works presented in the competition, analysing their significance and the scholarly, scholarly-applied and applied contributions contained in them, I find it reasonable to give my POSITIVE evaluation and to RECOMMEND to the Scholarly Jury to prepare a report-proposal for the SELECTION of assist. prof. Petar Parushev, Ph.D. in the position of

"ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR" in direction 2. Humanities; professional direction 2.2. History and Archaeology; scholarly specialty "New and Recent History (incl. History of the Balkan Peoples)".



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