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REVIEW

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of the submitted works for participation in the competition for the academic position PROFESSOR for the needs of the section "New Bulgarian History" - Institute for Historical Research - BAS in the professional field 2.2 "History and Archeology", scientific specialty "History of Bulgaria" ("New Bulgarian History - Social policy, institutions, public organizations"), announced in SG, issue March 21, 13, 2020

The only candidate in the competition is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rositsa Stoyanova. She has a degree in History at Sofia University "Kliment Ohridski" and since 1983 has been a researcher, chief assistant and associate professor / 2004 /

The candidate for the position of "professor" has the educational and scientific degree "doctor" required by law. She participated in the competition with a published monograph, which is presented as her main habilitation work - Shared Responsibility. Civil society organizations, the state and public care institutions in Bulgaria (1878-1939). S., 2009, 375 pages, ISBN-978-954-509-426-2. Author of Chapters 3 and 4, pp. 149-305, co-author with V. Nikolova, pp. 5-7, 306-374

Her work dedicated to the processes that took place in the public charity area in the 20-50s of the twentieth century. It presents the forms of helping those in need of social support and the different forms of charity. All of the above is based on an extensive research. The Bulgarian charity is based on the National Revival traditions and the direct foreign influence. Charity comes from the elite who took upon themselves the task to modernize the country. An undoubted contribution is also given for the important role of the public organizations in the face of a lagging government policy and the naturally imposed idea of mutual cooperation. The process is a matter of citizenship as a mentality and a place of residence, and it shows the profound change along the lines of "state - local government - civil initiative", which will later move to the "most state" after 1934 only for it to end with the liquidation of any civic element in this area.

The second monograph "Politics as a responsibility and challenge. Teodor Ivanov Teodorov 1859-1924. Correspondence, speeches, memories of contemporaries "S., 2014" ISBN: 978-954-9870-68-8. 418 pages is dedicated to one of the most interesting Bulgarian politicians from the end of the XIX and the beginning of the XX century. Certain aspects of the personality of the Bulgarian politician, his oratory, his interests and his broad general training and culture, his judgments about events and figures in Bulgarian history are presented.

The articles and studies cover topics from the main research area of Assoc. Prof. R. Stoyanova - the involvement of the Bulgarian society in the fate of refugees, the impact of civil society organizations through the network of social institutions, the analysis of political, cultural and economic elite involved in charity, the role of the church, scientific organizations, normative base and donation practices and the process of liquidation of the civil tradition. She is the co-author of a huge three-volume encyclopedic series dedicated to donations, research and a documentary collection on this topic, the donors of BAS and women in science.

The contestant is well known in the scientific community. The presented citations cover the whole vector of the possibilities allowed by law. They are in referenced scientific journals, indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rositsa Stoyanova is the research supervisor of two doctoral students who have successfully defended their dissertations for obtaining the educational and scientific degree of doctor.

The candidate is an active participant and leader of national scientific and educational projects dedicated mainly to donations, education, cultural and historical heritage, national memory, institutional development, diplomacy and the equality of the citizens.

The peer-reviewed works show that Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rositsa Stoyanova is a well-respected scientist who has her own place in the historiographical process, with a very clear and well-defined field of research, with good methodological training and exceptional attitude to the source material and the achievements of the academy. As for the presented new theses, they already have their deserved and guaranteed place in the scientific space.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that the presented research and work gave me a reason to say that after her habilitation, the contestant has continued her research, skillfully working between two areas, which in turn gives me full confidence to vote positively for the award of the title "Professor" of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rositsa Stoyanova.

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