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REVIEW

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for the materials submitted for participation in a competition for the academic position of "Professor" at the Institute of Historical Research at BAS in a professional field 2.2. History and archeology, scientific specialty "History of Bulgaria", (New Bulgarian history – social policy, institutions, public organizations), for the needs of a section "New Bulgarian History", published in the State Gazette (issue 21 of March 13, 2020)

Documents for participation in the competition were submitted only by Assoc. Prof. Rositsa Stoyanova, PhD.

Rositsa Stoyanova is an established name in Bulgarian historical science. Her professional biography is associated with the Institute of History/Institute for Historical Research of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences where she masters all the stages of professional growth - from researcher, to research associate to associate professor. She possesses the necessary scientific and educational degrees required by law in the current competition. Assoc. Prof. Stoyanova is a member of the Scientific Council of the Institute for Historical Research and of the editorial board of the Historical Review journal. Since 2014 she is a head of the New Bulgarian History section at the Institute for Historical Research.

The main habilitation work for participation in the competition is the monograph "Civil society organizations, the state and public care institutions in Bulgaria" (1878-1939), published in 2009 in co-authorship with Prof. Veska Nikolova. Ass. Prof. Stoyanova is a co-author of the preface and conclusion and the author of two of the chapters dealing with the period after 1918. The study is

built on a broad documentary base, thorough knowledge and accurate use of the existing historiography. It presents, for the first time, a comprehensive picture of public care in Bulgaria in the interwar period, thus enriching and influencing the perceptions of the Bulgarian society and the Bulgarian state in a very complex stage of their development.

As the second published monograph, but not presented as a main habilitation work, is submitted "Politics as a responsibility and a test. Teodor Ivanov Teodorov 1859-1924. Correspondence, speeches, memories of contemporaries", published in 2014 again in co-authorship with Prof. Veska Nikolova. The research work of the authors is at the highest professional level. However, it should be noted that in this case their specific contribution cannot be distinguished.

For the competition the candidate presents four studies and nine articles and reports. They are dedicated to topics related to charity and philanthropy, to famous historical figures or to the development of the country from 1931 to 1934.

The scientific research and publications of Assoc. Prof. R. Stoyanova in the period after her habilitation far exceed those required by the scientometric data list.

The scientific work of the candidate, significant in volume, content and variety, attracts interest and is highly valued by the historical guild. This is proved by the citations that exceed the required 100 points.

The professional and organizational skills of Rositsa Stoyanova are demonstrated by the fact that she is a research supervisor of two successful doctoral students and participant in several national research projects.

Rositsa Stoyanova has made a serious contribution to the search for and popularization of a huge array of documents related to the political, social and

cultural development of our country in the post-liberation period. She is one of the pioneers of the research on the topic of charity and public care in all its aspects. Her work in this field represents a foundation on which any subsequent study of the Bulgarian statehood and society in the period after the First World War can and should stand. The revival of a number of historical figures, unknown or little known to the general public is also her merit. Her efforts to create a new generation of researchers, to popularize historical knowledge both at home and abroad are also worth mentioning. Last but not least, the results of her scientific activity not only cover, but exceed all legal requirements for the award of the academic position of "professor".

The above-mentioned gives grounds for my positive vote.

Sofia, September 3rd, 2020

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