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REVIEW

of a competition, announced by the Institute for Historical Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in the State Gazette - issue 66 of July 24, 2020,

for holding the academic post "Professor"

for the needs of the "Modern History of Bulgaria" Department

Professional field: 2.2. History and archeology

Scientific field: History of Bulgaria (Modern Bulgarian history - Economic and social history of Bulgaria in the 20th century)

Participant: Associate Professor PhD Daniel Hristov Vachkov

Reviewer: Professor D.Sc. Lyubomir Georgiev Ognyanov

Associate Professor PhD Daniel Hristov Vachkov graduated from the History Department of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" in 1990. He was a teacher at the French language high school in Sofia during the 1990/1991 academic year. From 1991 to 1994 he was a PhD student at the Institute for Historical Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. D. Vachkov specialized at the Center for European Studies in Nancy, France in 1991-1992. From 1994 he became a teacher at the National Lyceum for Ancient Languages and Culture, and then a research associate at the Institute for Historical Research at BAS in 1997-2007. He got his PhD degree in 1998, and became an associate professor in 2008. Daniel Vachkov was a scientific secretary of the Institute in 2012-2017 and he has been its director since 2017. His scientific interests are in economic and social history of Bulgaria in 20th century.

In the competition for Professor of History of Bulgaria Assoc. Prof. D. Vachkov participates with an impressive scientific production – a monograph; four chapters from collective monographs; 37 studies and articles; three participations in compiler of collections of articles and scientific editing; co-author of three textbooks in primary and secondary education; and three reviews.

Daniel Vachkov's scientific production can be divided into 6 thematic groups.

First thematic group covers the publications devoted to the economic development of Bulgaria from the beginning of the World War I to the end of Communist rule in the country in 1989. The habilitation monograph "Accidents and Catastrophes. Chronicle of Socialist Industrialization" (Sofia, 2018) belongs to this group. It is devoted to the accidents and catastrophes in Bulgarian economy in the period September 9, 1944 – November 10, 1989. Along with this, a number of important aspects of social-economic politics of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the Bulgarian socialist state were elaborated. The author correctly connects the clarification of these issues with the nature and development of the political system in the country and the influence of some foreign policy factors. In this regard he reveals significant aspects of socialist industrialization of Bulgaria and the ideologization of economic processes and phenomena during the communist rule in the country.

In separate articles and in the collective monograph "History of the People's Republic of Bulgaria. Regime and Society" (Sofia, 2009) and Volume IX of the Academic "History of Bulgaria" (Sofia, 2012) Associate Professor D. Vachkov elaborates important problems of the development of the Bulgarian economy after the First and Second World War.

The second thematic group includes articles on finance and banking in Bulgaria in modern and contemporary time. They elaborate the financial issues during the Union in

1885; the declaration of independence in 1908; the wars of national unification (1912-1918); and the Soviet occupation in 1944-1947. The articles on the emergence of the Bulgarian Credit Bank in 1934 and the financing of the Bulgarian industry in 1934-1939 are dedicated to the banking business in the country.

The third thematic group includes the articles in which the financial and economic aspects of the refugee issue and the integration of the Bulgarian refugees from Macedonia, Thrace and South Dobrudja in the economic life of the country after the wars of 1912-1918 are considered.

In a separate thematic group can be separated the articles about the role of the great Bulgarian politician and statesman Ivan E. Geshov and the longtime director of the State Debt Directorate Nikola Stoyanov in the economic development and financial strengthening of Bulgaria in the late 19th and early 20th century.

As a historian with a variety of scientific interests, Associate Professor D. Vachkov also explores issues of the new and recent political history of Bulgaria. His articles on the establishment and activity of the Bulgarian Society for the League of Nations 1918-1919 and the role of the Orange Guard as a means of political violence during the rule of the Bulgarian Agrarian Union are contributious in this thematic group.

In a separate group should be separated the works of Vachkov for the development of Bulgarian historical science in modern and contemporary times.

Associate Professor D. Vachkov is an active participant in the scientific forums held at home and abroad - congresses, conferences, round tables and seminars. In the reference indicated by him, 44 such participations were noted for a short period of 10 years.

He is the head of the national scientific program "Cultural and Historical Heritage, National Memory and Social Development" and of the scientific educational project "Bulgarian History in Images and Documents". D. Vachkov is a participant in the international scientific project "The Peripheries of Empires and Nation States in Central and Southeastern Europe (17th-20th centuries)". He is a member of the research team of the project "Bulgarians in the Western Balkans (100 years before and after Neuilly)".

111 citations of his scientific publications have been found.

He has also the necessary points defined by law to hold the academic position of „Professor“.

The research and organizational activity of Assoc. Prof. Daniel Vachkov gives me the reason to state my positive attitude regarding his participation in the competition for the academic position of "Professor". I would like to invite the members of the Scientific Jury and the Scientific Council of the Institute for Historical Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences to vote without any hesitations for the election of Assoc. Prof. Daniel Hristov Vachkov for professor of history of Bulgaria (modern Bulgarian history) for the needs of the "Modern History of Bulgaria" Department.

Sofia, 02.11. 2020

Reviewer:

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