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REVIEW

From: Prof. Petko Stefanov Petkov, Ph.D.,
Veliko Turnovo University "St. Cyril and St. Methodius",
member of the scientific jury, appointed by order № 19 / 01.03.2021 of the
Director of the Institute for Historical Studies at the Bulgarian Academy of
Sciences to hold the academic position of "Associate Professor" at IHS-BAS in
the professional field 2.2. History and Archeology, scientific specialty "History
of Bulgaria" (The Macedonian Question in Bulgarian-Albanian Relations 1878-
1944) for the needs of the section "History of the Bulgarian National Question",
published in the State Gazette, issue 110 / 29.12.2020

1. Data for the participants in the competition.

According to the decision of the commission, appointed by the Director of IHS-BAS with order №19 / 01.03.2021, with the powers granted to it under Art. 23, para. 5 of the Regulations on the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for holding academic positions at the Institute for Historical Studies at BAS, until participation in the competition for the academic position "Associate Professor" at IHS-BAS in professional field 2.2. History and Archeology, scientific specialty "History of Bulgaria" (The Macedonian Question in Bulgarian-Albanian Relations (1878-1944) for the needs of the section "History of the Bulgarian National Question", published in the State Gazette (issue 110 of 29.12.2020 d), the following candidates are admitted:

- 1. Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Konstantinov Bozhinov** from IHS-BAS;
- 2. Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Nikolov Georgiev** from IHS-BAS.

In this review, the assessment of the two candidates will follow the alphabetical order of the candidates' names.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Konstantinov Bozhinov since 2001 has a master's degree in history, graduated from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". He has been a doctor of history since 2005. In the same year he started working as a research associate II degree, and since 2006 he has been a researcher. And the degree, i.e. Chief Assistant, at the Institute for Historical Research at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Nikolov Georgiev since 1994 has a master's degree in history, graduated from the University of Veliko Tarnovo "St. Cyril and St. Methodius". He has been a doctor of history since 2008. He worked as a teacher in Dupnitsa (1996 - 1999), curator at the Municipal Art Gallery and the Historical Museum in Dupnitsa, and since 2009 he has been a research associate II degree, since 2011 - chief assistant at the Institute of Historical studies at BAS.

2. Fulfillment of the requirements for holding the academic position "Associate Professor".

The submitted documentation for the competition shows that both candidates have acquired ESD "Doctor", have held the academic position of assistant professor for more than two years, have presented monographs and other publications with which they participate in the competition, have no proven plagiarism. Both candidates have submitted a report with scientometric indicators for compliance with the minimum requirements under Art. 26 of Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB). Thus, they meet the conditions of Art. 53 of the Regulations for implementation of LDASRB.

According to the submitted reports, the candidates have the following scientometric indicators:

A. Dissertation for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor" - 50 points:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov: "Andrey Lyapchev - politician, statesman, public figure";

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev: "The Macedonian-Edirne Movement in Kyustendil District (1895-1903)".

B. Habilitation thesis - published monograph - 100 points:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov: The Management of the Nineteenth of May 19, 1934 - January 22, 1935. PH "Arka". S., 2017, 247 pages ISBN 978-954-8356-62-6.

Based on various historical sources, the monograph traces the nine-month rule of the so-called nineteenth (1934-1935). The most significant features of the policy pursued by K. Georgiev's cabinet are shown - the banning of parties, administrative transformations, the reorganization of local government. The analysis of the May 19 ideology gives the author grounds to claim that it was used even after their fall from power by Tsar Boris III to establish his authoritarian rule.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev: Bulgarian-Albanian Political Relations (1908–1915), Sofia, 2019, 468 pp. ISBN 978-619-7377-06-4.

The work proposed for habilitation is a fruitful scientific study of the Bulgarian-Albanian political relations in a long enough period - from the significant political changes in the Ottoman Empire in the summer of 1908 to the inclusion of the Kingdom of Bulgaria in the First World War. The geopolitical dimensions of the Macedonian and Albanian issues are considered, and the

processes are analyzed in connection with the development of international relations and the changing regional order as a result of the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913 and the treaties in London, Bucharest and Constantinople in 1913.

G. 4. Published monograph, which is not presented as a main habilitation work - 200 points:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov: 1. The Republic of Macedonia in Contemporary Geopolitics. Gutenberg Publishing House. S., 2017, 314 pages ISBN 978-619-176-106-7; 2. Socialist Yugoslavia in agony 1980-1989. S., Arka Publishing House, 2019, 240 pp. ISBN 978-954-8356-67-1.

The first monograph is devoted to the place and role of the Republic of Macedonia in the modern geopolitical conditions after 1991. As can be seen from the title of the book, in "Socialist Yugoslavia in Agony 1980-1989" the author's attention is focused on the development of Yugoslavia after the death of Josip Broz Tito until the great political changes of 1989.

G. 5. Published book on the basis of a defended dissertation for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor":

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov: 150 points. 1. The globe does not stop spinning, even if we sleep. A story about the life of Andrey Lyapchev. S., 2005, 242 pp. ISBN 954-607-679-1; 2. Andrey Lyapchev. PH "Kama". S., 2006, 126 pp. ISBN 978-954-989-085-3.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev: 75 points. The Macedonian-Edirne movement in Kyustendil district (1895 – 1903), Sofia, 2008, 288 pp., ISBN: 978-954-8187-75-6.

G. 6. Articles and reports published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov: 30 points.

The article "Fascism - National Socialism" in the magazine "History" examines the reasons for the emergence of Italian fascism and German National Socialism, emphasizing the common and different between the two ideologies.

G. 7. Articles and reports published in non-peer-reviewed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov: 370 points.

The list of publications includes 37 articles. They deal with various historical issues from the beginning of the twentieth century to the modern era and are dedicated to persons and events in which the author has a lasting interest - Andrei Lyapchev, Bulgarian-Yugoslav relations, the breakup of Yugoslavia and other topics: the social movement of Al. Tsankov, the Union "Bulgarian Native Defense", the Political Circle "Unit", the Balkan Wars in Bulgarian art, etc., incl. and the Georgian-Ossetian conflict of 2008.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev: 220 points.

This candidate's articles are also in several thematic groups. Some of them are related to the topics in which the author has a lasting interest: the Bulgarian national liberation movement in Macedonia at the end of the XIX and in the XX century, the Bulgarian-Albanian relations, incl. and on the Macedonian question, Bulgaria and the Albanian national question. Others are on issues related to Bulgarian and Balkan history in the late nineteenth and first half of the twentieth century, incl. publication of new documents, historiographical analyzes, etc.

G. 8. Studies published in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev: 45 points.

The author's publication in the Bulgarian Historical Review examines demographic aspects of the Bulgarian-Albanian uprising of 1913 and Serbia's policy in the region.

G. 9. Studies published in non-peer-reviewed journals / scientific peer-reviewed series or published in edited collective volumes:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov: 15 points.

The author's study is related to his research on the management of the 19th May, but examines the relations between them and the IMRO on the occasion of the Bulgarian-Yugoslav rapprochement.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev: 60 points.

The studies mentioned by the author in this part confirm his lasting interest in the Bulgarian-Albanian relations in the field of the national liberation struggles and the Albanian refugee issue. One of them examines the attitude of the Union of Macedonian-Edirne Volunteers to the national unification in the period 1940-1944.

G. 10. Published chapter of a collective monograph or section in a documentary edition:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov - 40 points.

The two publications mentioned by the candidate in this part, in co-authorship with other researchers, confirm his interest in the right-wing formations in Bulgaria and the national question, as well as in the place of the Republic of Macedonia in contemporary geopolitics. The latest study also has the current purpose to serve as a guide for Bulgarian diplomatic officials with an emphasis on the current development of the Macedonian issue.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev - 126 points.

In this field the candidate has presented his contributions as a compiler of documentary collections, editions of memoirs, historical sources about the Balkan

Wars, the Ohrid-Debar Uprising and others. He is the author of the independent paragraph "National Liberation Movement" in a book on the history of Razlog, as well as a co-author in the history of Dupnitsa and Dupnitsa region.

D. 12. Citations or reviews in scientific journals, referenced and indexed in world-famous databases of scientific information or in monographs and collective volumes:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov - 45 points.

The candidate indicated 45 points in his reference with scientometric indicators, but his publications, which are cited, as well as the publications in which they are cited, are not described.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev - 30 points.

The candidate has indicated in his report with scientometric indicators which of his publications are cited and has described the publications in which they are cited.

D. 13. Citation in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov - 400 points.

The candidate has again indicated the number of points in his reference with scientometric indicators, but his publications, which are cited, as well as the publications in which they are cited, are not described.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev - 1000 points.

The citations of the candidate's publications with precise reference and bibliographic data are presented in detail - both of the publications that are cited and of the publications in which they are cited.

D. 14. Citation or review in non-peer-reviewed journals with scientific review:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov - 125 points.

In his reference with scientometric indicators the candidate has indicated the number of points on this indicator, but his publications, which are cited, as well as the publications in which they are cited, are not described.

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev - 160 points.

The candidate has indicated in his report with scientometric indicators which of his publications are cited and has described the publications in which they are cited.

E. 17. Participation in a national scientific or educational project:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov - 45 points.

The candidate has indicated participation in three national projects: the Institute for Historical Studies, the Faculty of History at Sofia University and the Diplomatic Institute at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

E. 18. Participation in an international scientific or educational project:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov - 20 points.

In this column the candidate has indicated participation in an international project of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia.

The analysis of the scientometric indicators shows that both candidates and Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov, and Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev significantly exceed the minimum requirements for holding the academic position of "Associate Professor" under Art. 26 of LDASRB. The total number of points of the two candidates is as follows:

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov - 1590 points;

Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev - 1866 points.

3. Evaluation of the main scientific contributions of the candidates.

The presented materials and scientific production from **Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Voyn Bozhinov** presents him as a very good scientist and researcher. His main scientific interests and achievements are in several areas where he has established himself as a specialist: the rule of the nineteenth (1934-1935), the development of Yugoslavia in the late twentieth century and the process of disintegration of the federal state, Bulgarian-Yugoslav relations , the place and role of the Republic of Macedonia in the modern geopolitical conditions after 1991.

The materials and scientific production of **Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Georgiev** also presents him as a very good researcher and scientist with specific scientific contributions in several main areas: Bulgarian-Albanian political relations, incl. and on the Macedonian question, from the beginning of the twentieth century to the end of the First World War, the Bulgarian national liberation movement in Macedonia at the end of the nineteenth and in the twentieth century, Bulgaria and the Albanian national question.

4. Conclusion.

The presented scientific researches and other publications of the participants in the competition give me grounds to consider that both of them meet the minimum requirements for holding the academic position of “associate professor”, determined by ZRASRB. However, the competition was announced with a specific and clearly defined scientific specialty: "History of Bulgaria" (The Macedonian Question in Bulgarian-Albanian Relations 1878-1944), for the needs of the section "History of the Bulgarian National Question" at the Institute for

Historical Research. BAS. Given this essential circumstance, I propose to the academic position "Associate Professor" according to the announced in the State Gazette, issue 110 / 29.12.2020 competition to be elected **Ch. Assistant Professor Ph.D. Georgi Nikolov Georgiev**

06.04.2021

Jury member:

(Prof. Petko St. Petkov, Ph.D.)