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REVIEW

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of the scientific works of the nominees in the advertised in an Official Gazette No. 62, 27.07.2021 for the Department of Modern Bulgarian History a COMPETITION FOR ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR in the professional field 2.2. History and Archaeology, scientific subject **HISTORY OF BULGARIA (BULGARIAN EXARCHATE IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AT THE END OF 19TH AND THE BEGINNING OF 20TH C.)**

1. NOMINEES IN THE COMPETITION

In the competition, there are two contestants, which I do comment on an alphabetical order of their names: Voin Bozhinov and Rositsa Lelyova. The two candidates possess a scientific and educational degree *Doctor* and occupy the post *Chief Assistant Professor* in the Institute for Historical Studies.

2. GENERAL CHARACTERIZATION OF THE WORKS

2.1. Monographic works

VOIN BOZHINOV has enclosed 5 books which are divided in the following way: two of them are in co-authorship and are excluded from the competition because of the lack of Partition record. The monographs about contemporary Republic of Macedonia, a dissolution of Yugoslavia are elaborations on the basis of selected documentation and current literature in which there is an interweaving of the scientific and journalese approach. For **research work qualifying for academic degree**, the candidate has noted the monograph *The Rule of 19 May authorities 19 May 1934 – 22 January 1935*. (Sofia, 2017. 247 p.). None of the enclosed books could be accepted on the field

of the competition because by neither subject, nor the chronology it corresponds to its framework.

ROSITSA LELYOVA has lodged as a **research work qualifying for academic degree** her monograph *On the Spiritual front from St. Elija's Day to the Balkan War. The Bulgarian Exarchate and exarchate institutions in Macedonia (1903-1912)*. This is a thorough study, based on a large documentation, journals, published sources and literature closed to the subject. The historiographic analysis is correct, and the critical notes are in a well-sustained academic note.

The materials are structured in three chapters, written in an exceptionally comprehensive language on the ground of statistical data, authentic sources and skilful research analysis. The controversial points are presented through the critical glance of the author, who gives her own interpretation of their reflection in the social reality. All tender subjects about the demographic infrastructure of Macedonia are treated in an impartial and unbiased note. The attainment of academic rank is a new stage of the personal development of Rositsa Lelyova and is a fundamental study in today's historiography.

2.2. Studies and articles in periodicals and reports on scientific forums

For his participation in the competition, VOIN BOZHINOV has enclosed 39 articles and studies in Bulgarian, Russian and English. They encompass the events of the Balkan wars, First and Second World wars, Fascism, up to the present. Because they are not conform to the framework of the completion, we exclude them from the comparative analysis.

ROSITSA LELYOVA has structured extremely precisely the enclosed articles and studies, as well as a **monographic work** *Bulgarian town communes in Macedonia* where her contributions are undeniable. She has presented a serious documental editions, as well as publications outside of competition list.

It is a rich panoply of source research, monographs, reports of conferences, studies and articles out of the research work qualifying for academic degree convince us that the interests of R. Lelyova to the problems of the Bulgarian Exarchate and communes in Macedonia are not at all haphazardly in her scientific quests. On the contrary – there is an incessant upgrading of details, which congests the complicated, problematic of the Exarchate's spiritual, ethnical and organizational stratigraphy. By this, R. Lelyova gains acceptance as the most prestigious researcher of this multifaceted problematic.

4. GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTION

From the general review of the presented scientific production of the two nominees, the most strong impression gives the purposive long standing interest and considerable contributions of Rositsa Lelyova who undoubtedly has enlarged the problematic in the framework of the competition and in many aspects revealed to be its first researcher. Extremely precious are her scientific elaborations, which are matchless and peerless to the production of the other contestant.

5. CONCLUSION

On the ground of the analysis above **THE ONLY AND SOLE CANDIDATE** corresponding to the terms of the competition, advertised in an Official Gazette No. 62, 27.07.2021 **HISTORY OF BULGARIA (BULGARIAN EXARCHATE IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AT THE END OF 19TH AND THE BEGINNING OF 20TH c.)** remains **ROSITSA LELYOVA**. By scientometrical indices of the presented works for participation, she accomplishes all necessary for the goal criteria.

Her research work qualifying for academic degree does not repeat the subject matter of her thesis; the numerous studies and articles are a sign of

scientific maturity and continuous upgrading which shapes Rositsa Lelyova as an exceptional professional with established name in the scientific field.

On the ground of the indicators above as a member of the scientific committee, I do approve emphatically and vote **FOR** the ballot of Chief Assistant Professor Dr. Rositsa Lelyova as an Associate Professor in the Department of Modern Bulgarian History at the Institute for Historical Studies in the professional field 2.2. History and Archaeology, scientific subject **HISTORY OF BULGARIA (BULGARIAN EXARCHATE IN THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE AT THE END OF 19TH AND THE BEGINNING OF 20TH C.)**

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