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A Synopsis of the Bulgarian Language Review of the Research Qualities of Dr Vanja Stoyanova Shown in her Academic Career

Dr Stoyanova is a candidate for habilitation as a docent. The main treatise that she is presenting to the Academic jury is the monograph "The Bulgarians in Turkey, 1913-1945".

I would like to summarize just some – and by all means not all – contributions of Dr Stoyanova:

1. An important topic not just for the regional but for all European history.
2. A mastery of documentary sources – published and unpublished.
3. An excellent knowledge of the existing literature.
4. Calm and objective analysis.
5. A convincing story of the decline of the Bulgarian community in Eastern Thrace.
6. Bringing to light of previously little known facts of the Bulgarian ecclesiastical history of the region.
7. Lively portraits of actors in the history of these years.
8. And last but not least – incursions in other fields of knowledge not directly connected with her topic.

In conclusion, I will vote positively for her election as a docent and hope that the other members of the jury will do the same.

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