

OPINION

From a Member of the Scientific Jury in the competition for the academic position ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, announced by Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen in the State Gazette, No. 53/12.06.2020, prof. Zhivka Encheva Voenkinova, PhD, by Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, Faculty of Education in the area of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, scientific field 1.2. Pedagogy, specialty Theory of education and didactics (Social pedagogy)

Subject: scientific, scientific-applied and professional-academic activity and production, presented by the participant in the competition: Candidate: Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova, candidate for the academic position "Associate Professor" in the area of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Studies, scientific field 3.4 Social activities (Demographic and socio-ecological aspects) at the Faculty of Education by Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, Shumen.

I. Summary data on the candidat's scientific production and activities:

Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova was born on 24.11.1979 in the town of Ispirih. In 1997 she graduated High School "Vasil Levski" in Ispirih. Since 1999 to 2003 she graduated from the Bachelor's Degree in Geography and Biology (teacher of geography and biology). In the period 2007-2008 she graduated with a master's degree in Public Administration. In 2016 she was enrolled in a full-time doctoral program at the Department of Social and Special Pedagogy by Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. In 2019 she obtained the scientific and educational degree "Doctor". From March 26, 2006 to September 5, 2006 she worked at the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, Faculty of Natural Sciences, Dean's Office as a chief specialist in student affairs. During the period 05.09.2006 to 01.07.2017 she worked as a senior specialist "Human Resources", Department "Human Resources" at the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. Since 01.07.2017 until now she has been working as a lecturer in the Department of Social and Special Pedagogy. The candidate Dr. Veselina Ivanova participates in the competition with the following scientific production: - monographs - 1 issue /1st and 2nd part/, 1 published books on the basis of a defended dissertation for awarding the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", 2 articles publications in refereed editions and 8 articles in non-refereed editions.

All submitted publications are in the field of the announced competition.

II. Evaluation of the scientific and practical results and contributions of the creative production submitted for participation in the competition:

In the monographic work "Socio-demographic aspects" the current problems of the population are carefully pointed out. It is stated that they are very closely related to human resources, and each of the issues personally affects each inhabitant of the country as a participant in the processes of demographic reproduction, construction and development of human resources.

Dr. Veselina Ivanova very well outlines that the aim is to acquaint readers with the most important demographic issues/processes: births, deaths, marriages, divorce, migration, migration and demographic policy, population structures, issues allowing discussion. The monograph is organized in two parts and a total of seven chapters.

After a complete and accurate analysis of the problem, the author concludes that the demographic problem is and should be a priority of the nation and it should be at the center of development. It is necessary for the state and the society to outgrow their contradictions and

differences, to unite efforts in the name of the common good and for the better demographic future of Bulgaria.

Dr. Veselina Ivanova in the book "Globalization and environmental problems" focuses on globalization and environmental issues. It examines in particular the current problems in the globalizing world. It is emphasized that humanity of the XXI century is faced with environmental problems, which are one of the main ones. It is concluded that all people contribute to them, which is why only they can solve them through joint action. To the extent that anthropogenic pollution is currently the cause of a number of socio-environmental risks, the identification of risks in the society-nature relationship is necessary in order to build a reasoned government policy guaranteeing environmental security.

In the articles submitted for review, the author accurately examines the interesting issues related to migration policy and migration, which is a source of labor needed for our economy, on the one hand, and on the other hand, can be charged as a threat to state security; migration, which is a demographic process, a social phenomenon in globalization is a world that constantly accompanies the development of humanity and has a real impact on the lives of people, communities, countries and the world; migration policy and migration, which is a source of labor needed for our economy, on the one hand, and on the other hand, can be charged as a threat to state security; environmental risk as a result of human activity, types of environmental risk, environmental risk management activities and stages of environmental risk assessment; birth rate as a building block of the demographic situation in Bulgaria, a component of the natural movement of the population, through which natural reproduction takes place, etc.

The contributing moments can be summarized as follows:

1. Defining the science Demography as a set of theories and models for the development of the population as a whole, the process of continuous renewal of its number and structures by changing some generations with others. Identification of demographic analysis as a concept that includes the processing of demographic data provided by national statistics, which makes it possible to interpret the available data in order to explain demographic processes.

2. Consideration of demographic policy as an integral and as a synthesis of elements of the regional, economic and social impact, part of the general regional policy. Argumentation of the demographic crisis as a deteriorating state of the ongoing processes that are related to the population, representing disruption of population reproduction, declining population, depopulation, declining birth rate, rising mortality and imbalance in population structures.

3. Focusing on the negative consequences in the economic and social life of the country as a result of the aging population. Indication of the policy for balanced demographic and social development as a national priority of each country, where the demographic development, the structure and the balance of the population are of decisive importance for the development of the other policies.

4. Scientific substantiation of migration as a demographic process that constantly accompanies the development of humanity, which in time and space manifests itself with different scope and in different forms. Analysis of migration policy as a structure of elements, organization, forecast, analysis, provision of information, development of programs and all of them aimed at one center - national policy.

5. Identifying migration as a global phenomenon which, through the application of its well-functioning mechanisms for managing migration processes, has a positive effect on security risks. Identifying the environmental problems facing humanity in the XXI century as one of the main problems in the research field of social ecology - one of the main factors of security.

6. Clarification of the problems related to the global ecological crisis, analysis of the good world practices and the ways for overcoming the social and ecological problems. Justification of the birth rate as a component of the natural movement of the population, through which its natural reproduction is carried out and a factor for the prosperity of a society.

7. Analysis of the ecological risk as a probability of change and/or destruction of the ecological site as a result of the changes in the environment; showing the probability of adverse effects on environmental resources from all changes in natural factors and sites as a result of human activity.

8. Defining the anthropogenic pollution of the atmosphere, which is associated with the combustion of different types of fuels, focusing in particular on the fine dust particles that cause the greatest harm to human health. Consideration of ecological security as a system of conditions reflecting the occurrence of ecologically dangerous events and phenomena and the resulting effects in the environment. It is argued that it directly affects the security of the population, the economy, culture, health and other areas of public life.

9. Consideration of ecological security in the globalizing world and the case "social ecology-globalization-security", which are especially important for the normal development and existence of each country. Putting a scientific analysis of the problem of aggression and violence, which is posed when looking for the factors and causes of destruction and disruption of social communication, violation of moral and legal norms.

III. Critical notes and recommendations: I recommend, based on the already accumulated theoretical and practical experience, Rev. Dr. Veselina Ivanová to prepare and publish a textbook on social ecology for working with students during the seminars.

IV. Conclusion: Considering the above, I consider that the candidate in the competition for academic position Associate Professor - Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova fully meet LDASRB, the Implementing Regulations of LDASRB, the Regulations for the development of the Academic staff of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. Because of all this, my assessment of the academic position of Associate Professor in the competition announced by Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova is POSITIVE.

The achieved scientific results give me reason to persuade the Honorable Scientific Jury to give a positive assessment of the application and to propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Education of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen to elect Dr. Veselina Radeva Ivanova for Associate professor in the area of higher education 3. Social, Economic and Legal Studies, scientific field 3.4 Social activities (Demographic and socio-ecological aspects).

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