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**KONSTANTIN PRESAVSKY –  
UNIVERSITY OF SHUMEN**

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**OPINION**

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**REGARDING:** the scientific works of **Assoc. prof. Ph.D. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva**, submitted for participation in the announced in the Official Gazette, no. 41/03.06.2022 competition for the academic position "professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.4. Social activities, (Sociological aspects of social work)

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The opinion was assigned by decision of the Scientific Jury, determined by Order No. RD-16-158 of August 30, 2022, to the Rector of Konstantin Preslavski – University of Shumen.

The only candidate in the competition is Ph.D. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva, Associate Professor at Konstantin Preslavski- University of Shumen. The submitted documents meet the basic requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its Implementation for occupying the academic position "professor". A report on the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements is also attached, from which it is clear that the candidate has collected 650 points.

### **I. Biographical reference and details of the candidate**

Veselina Ilieva was born on 25.02.1985. In 2011, she graduated from the "Bachelor's College", majoring in "Social Activities" at the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, Shumen, and in 2014 she graduated from the "Master's College" at the same university in the specialty "Regulation and control in the system of social activities". In 2018, after a successful defense of a dissertation, a scientific jury awarded the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional direction 1.2 Pedagogy. In 2020, by decision of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Education, she was appointed as an associate professor in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.4. Social activities (Sociological aspects of socio-pedagogical activity).

Veselina Ilieva began her working career as a teacher in 2016 at Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen as a teacher, since May 2020 she has been an associate professor in the Department of Social Work, and since September 2021 she has been the head of the same department.

The candidate's scientific interests are in the field of social work, social research, sociology and futurology, as well as in social work with refugees and migrants, in which she lectures and conducts exercises.

Since the beginning of her teaching activity at Shumen University, she has accumulated enough methodological experience, which makes her a desirable and accepted authoritative teacher in the classrooms.

## **II. Presented materials for the competition**

The candidate participated in the competition with one habilitation thesis, one monograph, 13 articles and reports and two textbooks.

Of the research papers listed on the peer review list, all are self-published. The presented textbooks and monographs are a good certificate for a permanent and noticeable presence in the educational process conducted at Shumen University.

## **III. Analysis of the candidate's works submitted for habilitation**

I focus on the habilitation thesis of the candidate in the competition entitled "Socialization in the postmodern situation", which is dedicated to a current problem and which reasonably answers many questions arising from the postmodern situation. A situation in which we have to live, adapting to hitherto unknown conditions and, more importantly, actively participating in the socialization of the future generation. In her work, Associate Professor Ilieva has found theories and methodological approaches relevant to her scientific task, which have led her to successfully realize her goal.

In more than 250 pages, the author has presented, albeit briefly, her understanding of the process of socialization and its role in the construction of personality. She summarized the opinions of many scholars about postmodernism and the postmodern situation, and in the last chapter she made an in-depth analysis of the socialization process in

the postmodern situation. All this with a clear and easy-to-understand style and author's reasoning, supported by a wealth of evidentiary material.

#### **IV. Contributions to the works of the candidate's research activity**

In the documents of the candidate for the competition, a reference is found for the scientific and scientific-applied contributions that can be found in the publications. I fully accept them both in terms of volume and wording.

#### **V. Teaching activity and personal impressions**

I do not know the candidate in the competition personally. In the opinion of colleagues, the courses conducted by Associate Professor Ph.D. Veselina Ilieva are at a high methodological level. She excels in both the assigned pedagogical activity and the administrative one as the head of the department.

I note that within the framework of my expertise, I have not found in the candidate's publications texts that can be defined as plagiarized. For the time during which I worked on the documents for the competition, I did not receive any signals accusing her of plagiarism.

#### **VI. Notes on the publications**


I accept as normal the volume of the published production accumulated during the relatively short teaching experience. I recommend that the candidate in her future activity pay more attention to publications of a didactic nature, which are aimed at serving the learning process - textbooks, manuals, scrolls with lectures, interactive materials, methods, etc., creating an opportunity to distribute via the Internet and the University's intranet network.

## VII. Conclusion

Based on the above, I propose to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to accept the materials for the competition, evaluate them positively and propose Assoc. prof. Ph.D. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva to occupy the academic position of "Professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, professional direction 3.4 Social activities (Sociological aspects of social work).

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