

OPINION

By a member of the scientific jury in a competition for the academic position of "professor", announced by ShU Konstantin Preslavsky - **Prof. Zhivka Encheva Voenkinova Ph.D.**, Konstantin Preslavski – University of Shumen, Faculty of Education, in the field of higher education 1. Pedagogical sciences, professional direction 1.2. Pedagogy, specialty "Theory of Education and Didactics (Social Pedagogy)

Regarding: the scientific, scientific-applied and professional-academic activity and production presented by the participants in the competition: Candidate: Associate Professor **Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva**, Ph.D., candidate for the academic position of "Professor" for participation in the announced by Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen in State Gazette, no. 41/03.06.2022 competition for the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences 3.4. Social activities (Sociological aspects of social work)

1. Brief biographical data - Assoc. Prof. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva, Ph.D. was born on February 25, 1985. In 2011 graduated with a degree in "Social Activities", Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, Faculty of Education, Shumen. She graduated from the master's program "Regulation and control in the system of social activities", Konstantin Preslavski in 2014. In 2018 acquired the scientific and educational degree "doctor" in Theory of Education and Didactics (Social Pedagogy). From 2020 holds the academic position of "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 at the Faculty of Education of the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen, Shumen. From July 2008 until December 2011 works as a technical assistant in "Megaboard Bulgaria" Ltd., Sofia. From April 2013 until October 2013 works as a senior inspector in the Metropolitan Inspectorate of the Metropolitan Municipality, Sofia. From May 2015 until April 2016 works as a social worker in the association Information and consultations - Day center for people with mental disabilities "Sveta Marina", Sofia. From May 2016 until now he works as a teacher in the Faculty of Education of Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. From September 2014 until now, she is the manager of the international scientific refereed online journal "SocioBrains". She is currently the head of the "Social Work" department.

2. Data on the candidate for the academic position "professor" - Associate Professor Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva Ph.D. fulfills her professional duties on time and achieves excellent success in teaching bachelor's and master's students. During the implementation of the procedure, there were no violations of the regulatory requirements. The scientific production proposed for review meets the requirements for the implementation of the minimum national requirements under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of ZRASRB.

Veselina Ilieva's activity is related to teaching, research and practical activities. Works on projects, participates in conferences, symposiums, round tables. Areas of research and interest are social work, social research, sociology and social work with refugees and migrants.

Candidate Assoc. Prof. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva Ph.D. participated in the competition with the following scientific production: - monographs - 1 issue, Published monograph that is not presented as the main habilitation thesis - 1 issue, publications in refereed publications - 1 article, articles and reports, published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes - 13 issues, textbooks - 2 issues. All submitted publications are in the field of the announced competition.

3. Evaluation of the scientific and practical results and contributions of the creative production submitted for participation in the competition: The monographic work "Socialization of the postmodern situation" carefully examines the problem of the sociology of postmodern socialization.

The monograph presented to the reader's attention is a successful attempt to give a basic idea of why these processes occur and what is the characteristic of postmodernity that gives rise to them. In Chapter One, the first group of questions the monograph deals with is that which sheds light on the traditional understanding of socialization. Approaches and interpretation of the term "socialization", the characteristic features, stages and factors of socialization are presented, its stages, main tasks and functions are explained. Its main factors/agents are defined. "Derivative" phenomena of socialization such as: desocialization, resocialization, social integration, disintegration and asociality are considered. In the second chapter, the author skilfully examines the main concepts on which the monograph "steps" - modernism, postmodernism and the postmodern situation. Their illumination is of great importance for the development of theses in the monograph. The fundamental differences between modernism and postmodernism are precisely and clearly defined. A distinction is made between postmodern and postindustrial society. Associate Professor V. Ilieva in the monograph "Toward the theory and practice of social work" skilfully draws attention to the fact that social resources are often used to optimize social welfare, which can be divided into four groups: - socio-economic, legal, socio-political, socio-cultural. She convincingly emphasizes that social work is a regulator of social regulators, which are a set of measures to optimize processes aimed at forming and maintaining favorable social conditions in which a person can be effective in the production and distribution of social assistance. In the textbook "Sociological Aspects of Social Work" presented for review, Associate Professor V. Ilieva states that it builds on the acquired knowledge of students in the "Sociology" discipline and is intended for students from the "Social Activities" and "Social Pedagogy" majors. In the textbook "Futurology" is valuable because it is the first textbook on Futurology in Bulgaria. The topic is aimed at integrating the acquired knowledge with the other academic disciplines in the curriculum. In the articles and reports offered to us for review, Associate Professor V. Ilieva convincingly and correctly examines problems related to the postmodern school, functional communities in society, the understanding of human communities, social justice, social adaptation and socialization, concepts of human rights and identity, refugee crisis in Europe, the social identification of refugee children in Bulgaria and policies for refugee children.

The style and language in the scientific production of Assoc. Dr. Veselina Ilieva presented to us for review is at the required scientific level, the literature used is credible, the authors are cited precisely and accurately.

The contributing moments can be systematized in the following form:

1. Illumination of socialization in the context of the postmodern situation.
2. Argumentation of the factors/agents of socialization in postmodern society
3. Justification of classification of the postmodern family.
4. Accumulation and synthesis of scientific knowledge and, based on it, writing the first Bulgarian textbook on Futurology.
5. Identification of different areas of social work in the contemporary discourse of its practical application.
6. Highlighting the social aspects of modern educational institutions.
7. Implementation of an in-depth analysis of functional and organic communities in society.
8. Author's and sociological interpretation of human communities in society.
9. Development of theoretical perspectives towards the understanding of social justice.

10. Expanding the scientific justification of social adaptation and socialization.
11. Scientific clarification of the concepts of "social identity" and "social identification".
12. Delineation of basic personal identity orientations.
13. Scientific argumentation of the protection of individual and group identity as human rights.
14. Implementation of a standardized interview in connection with the social identification of refugee children in Bulgaria.
15. Development of sociological aspects of social work.

4. Assessment of the candidate's personal contribution I accept the personal contribution of Assoc. Prof. Veselina Ilieva Ph.D. and give an excellent assessment of the candidate's research activity for the acquisition of the academic position "professor".

5. Critical remarks I have no critical remarks about the scientific production of Assoc. Prof. Veselina Ilieva Ph.D. presented to me for review.

6. Personal impressions

I have known Assoc. Prof. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva for many years as an excellent professional. As a colleague and teacher, she is correct, responsive and attentive. In her many years of practice, with a lot of experience and professional skills, she has trained a large number of students. He is the course leader of successfully graduated and currently studying bachelors and masters. He is the leader and successfully participates in scientific research projects, scientific forums, seminars. He successfully fulfills his duties as head of the Social Activities Department. All this is an indicator that she is responsible and successfully accomplishes the goals she has set for herself.

7. Conclusion: Bearing in mind the above, I believe that the candidate for the announced competition for the academic position of "professor" - Associate Professor Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva, Ph.D., fully complies with the ZRASRB, the Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff of the Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen. Due to all this, my evaluation for the occupation of the academic position "professor" announced by the competition by Assoc. Prof. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva Ph.D. is POSITIVE. The achieved scientific results give me reason to confidently recommend to the respected Scientific Jury that we give a positive assessment to the candidacy and propose to the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Pedagogy of the Episcopal Konstantin Preslavski University School to elect Assoc. prof. Veselina Nikolaeva Ilieva Ph.D. as a professor in the position announced by Konstantin Preslavsky – University of Shumen in the Official Gazette, no. 41/03.06.2022 competition for the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 3. Social, economic and legal sciences, 3.4. Social activities (Sociological aspects of social work).

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