

REVIEWER'S OPINION

by **Ass. Prof. Dsc Tatyana Batuleva**, member of **History of Philosophical and Scientific Ideas` Department , IPS – BAS**, of the scientific papers submitted for participation in a competition for the occupation of the **PROFESSOR** academic position in the professional field **2.3. Philosophy (Ethics)**, promulgated in the **State Magaazine**, issue. **89 of 12/11/2019**

for the needs of **Ethical Research`s Department of the *Institute of Philosophy and Sociology* (IPS, formerly ISSK) of BAS**

The professorship in the Professional field **2.3. Philosophy (Ethics)** has been published in the *State Magazine*, issue **89 of 12/11/2019**. **The only applicant for the professorship is Assoc. Prof. DSc Emilia Vassil Marinova.**

Grounds for further review

This Opinion follows Order # PD -09-72/ 22.01.2020 of the Director of the *Institute for Philosophy and Sociology – BAS*.

In the competition takes part one candidate - **Assoc. Prof. Dsc Emilia Marinova**. I declare that I am not a person related to the candidate participating in the Competition for awarding the Academic Position “Professor” within the meaning of § 1 (5) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff and that I have no private interest which could affect the impartial and objective performance of my work as a member of the jury in this competition.

Assoc. Prof. Emilia Marinova graduated from the *Faculty of Psychology at Moscow State University M.S. Lomonosov* ” in 1976. She began his professional career at the *Institute of Philosophy at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences*. She holds a PhD in 1983 and was elected Assistant Professor in 2000. In 2019, he defended DSc doctorate

on *"The objective study of morality and contemporary ethics."* Since 2010 Associate Professor Marinova is a member of the *Institute of Philosophy and Sociology* at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences. She is the head of the *Ethical Research*'s Department; she was a member of the Scientific Council of the *Institute of Philosophical Research*, of the *Institute of Psychology*, and since 2010 she has been a member of the Institute of *Philosophy and Sociology*. Associate Professor Marinova is a long-time member of the editorial board of *Philosophical Alternatives* magazine; founder and editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed specialized journal *Ethical Research*. He is a member of the *Society of Psychologists in the Republic of Bulgaria*.

Evaluation - requirements

According to Art. 3, para. 3 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, "Evaluation of the dissertation work and of the candidates for the academic positions" Chief Assistant", "Assistant Professor "and" Professor" shall be carried out only for the persons who meet the minimum national requirements under Art. 2B, paragraphs 2 and 3, respectively, of the requirements of Article 2b, paragraph 5. "According to Article 4 of the same law, the assessment of compliance with the minimum national requirements shall be carried out by the scientific jury.

The requirements for occupying the academic position of "professor" are defined in Art. 29 of the Law on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

According to para. 1, item 1 - Acquired the PhD - the candidate fulfills the condition.

According to para. 1, item 2 - The candidate has held the academic position of associate professor for more than two years, thus meets the requirements of the law. According to para. 1, item 3 requires submission of a monographic work or equivalent publications in specialized scientific editions, which do not repeat the ones submitted for the acquisition of the PhD degree, for the degree of Doctor of Science and for the occupation of the academic position of Assoc. Professor. The publications presented do

not repeat the publications for the acquisition of the scientific degree “Doctor of Sciences” and for acquisition of the academic position “Associate Professor”, and meet the requirements for obtaining the academic position “Professor”.

General characteristic of the candidate’s work.

The scientific papers proposed by the only candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr.Sc. E. Marinova reflect the thematic direction of the competition: philosophy, theoretical and practical ethics, and therefore can be accepted for review. For her participation in the competition, Assoc. Prof. Marinova presented 2 monographs and 10 articles and studios.

Associate Professor Marinova is a specialist in the problems of child and age psychology and the moral development of the child. Her main research interests are in the field of applied ethics and the psychology of morality. She is the author of more than ten scientific publications on applied ethics.

The focus in the research work of Associate Professor Marinova is the development of moral feelings (the emphasis is on her monograph *"Initial Development of Moral Senses"* (V. Turnovo, 2010), considered as a support for early moral education; the "natural character" of their ambivalence (*Moral Feelings and their Ambivalence*); the thesis "moral education through moral affectiveness"; it justifies the conclusion that this ambivalence provides in opportunities for managing moral conflict through emotional means and offsetting negative experiences.

The second scientific field that focuses Marinova's research interest is related to the psychology of morality as an interdisciplinary field of research. (See: *The Behavioral and Moral Development* (2003). Marinova outlines the basic criteria for systematizing the research field and proposes an original analysis of the approaches in view of the pedagogical goals, tasks and means of achieving them. It substantiates the pedagogical adequacy of cognitive, social, and personality strategies in the psychology

of morality.

Marinova is adept of combining academic goals and expertise with their particular perspective as necessary elements of any responsible practical decision. An example in this regard is the studies on the role of ethical debate in the successful implementation of national health policies (See: *Ethical standards and moral supports in the medical profession. // European Ethical Standards and Bulgarian Medicine*).

Evaluation of the contributions of the annexed publications made after the appointment of the academic post of Associate Professor

Analyzing the texts submitted for the competition, we find the following theoretical contributions of the candidate:

Assoc. Prof. Emilia Marinova researches an extremely topical issue for our present, both philosophically and socially. It implements systematic analysis and reflection on the psychology of morality as an interdisciplinary field of research. It, on the one hand, touches on the historical aspects of the sources and logic of the development of social and personal strategy in understanding of moral education; on the other, the systematization of the neglected theories in scientific controversy. Marinova gives her justification for pedagogical strategies and goals in the psychology of morality.

Associate Professor Marinova contributes to the theoretical interpretation of the role of socialization institutes (family, school, media and new information technologies) and offers options for positive counteraction to the risks of socialization. Comparing the pedagogical aspects of the cognitive, social, and personal strategies for moral education, it defines their strengths, risks, and disadvantages. She offers her interpretation of the ambivalence as a basic characteristic of moral feelings; it substantiates the role of emotional means in managing moral conflict. Demonstrates the close relationship

between moral sentiment and rational strategies for overcoming moral hazard and in making rational decisions.

Emilia Marinova offers a meaningful analysis of the moral foundations of the Bulgarian national spirit and formulates ethical levers for influencing national identity and their role in society. Not only in theory but also in practice, by bringing to the fore the applied characteristics of ethical research, Assoc. Prof. Marinova, through her entire work, contributes to enhancing the real role of ethical debate in society and consolidating the ethics board.

Compliance with formal criteria and scientometric indicators

The application of Emilia Marinova *meets all the formal requirements* for obtaining the academic position of “Professor”. She has enough publications after acquiring the academic position of Associate Professor, as well as after the Grand Doctorate, which are evidence of a real presence in Bulgarian science; her works have been quoted many times. She has participated as a leader in a significant number of practical projects.

Personal impressions of the applicant

I have known Emilia Marinova for over 20 years. We have worked together on several projects. She is a respected and sought-after, tolerant and responsive colleague, with particular care for younger scholars. Of great importance, along with scientific, is its organizational activity: the annual organization and holding of national (with wide international participation) conferences on ethics that maintain a vibrant community of ethics, create a space of solidarity, make the real debate on ethical aspects possible.

Conclusion

After analyzing the materials and scientific works presented in the competition by Assistant Professor Emilia Marinova, their importance in the field of theoretical and applied ethics, I find convincing reasons **to state my categorical positive assessment and to recommend to the members of the distinguished jury and the Scientific Council of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology – BAS – to vote unanimously in support of the election of Associate Professor Marinova in the academic position of Professor** in the Ethical Studies' Department of the *Institute of Philosophy and Sociology*.

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