

PEER REVIEW

of the scientific works of Assoc. Prof. DrS Emilia Vasil Marinova, presented for participation in a competition for occupying the academic position of "professor" in professional management 2.3. philosophy (ethics), published in the State Gazette, issue. 89 / 12.11.2019 for the needs of the Ethical Research Section, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

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1. General description of the materials presented

Only one candidate is participating in the competition - Assoc. Prof. Emilia Vasil Marinova. The documents meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Rules for its implementation for the occupation of the academic position of "Professor".

A total of 13 publications were submitted for review, of which 2 monographs, 4 studies, 1 chapter (Chapter V) from a monograph and 6 articles published in scientific journals and collections. All are in Bulgarian.

The texts submitted for review are in accordance with the standards for scientific publications.

2. General characteristics of the scientific activity

Assoc. Prof. Drs Emilia Marinova is Associate Professor since 2010. She is the head of the Ethical Research Section. He has successfully defended his PhD. Participates in dozens of Scientific Jury as a reviewer or member. He is also the editor of many scientific collections. He is a member of the editorial board of the national scientific publication Philosophical Alternatives from 2005 to 2012. He is a member of the editorial board of the national electronic publication Ethical Studies in 2016 and editor-in-chief of the same edition from

2017 until now. He is a member of the Scientific Council of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology.

3. Comprehensive analysis of scientific achievements

The main characteristic of the research work of Assoc. Prof. Marinova is the focus on current topics in the above mentioned disciplines. Her developments are based on an interdisciplinary approach, with the ability to blend conceptual formulations with concrete factualities, which ensures persuasive reasoning. The dominant ethical optics are organically connected with various others (philosophical, sociological, socio-psychological), which provides a close outline of the essence of the phenomenon under study. In this regard, it should be noted that Associate Professor Marinova emphasizes the dangers of shifting the ethical approach from psychologically charged analysis, which changes the specificity of the "regional ontology" of morality. A particularly important feature of its overall scientific approach is its ability to draw practical implications from theoretical developments. The contextuality of its developments cannot be overlooked. the application of the studied problems in the fields of the traditions of Bulgarian humanities and social sciences.

Particularly clear are the scientific contributions to the two monographs of the candidate – "Initial Development of Moral Sentiments" from 2010 and "Objective Study of Morality and Contemporary Ethics" from 2019.

To reveal the dynamics of moral development, Assoc. Prof. E. Marinova introduces the topic of "basic emotions", through which an attempt is made to comprehend the social and complex nature of moral feelings and their dependence on needs. Of particular value in the analysis of moral feelings is the ability to reduce theoretical statements to the specifics of pedagogical activity and moral education, and thus to outline pedagogical strategies. In this regard, an original analysis of the approaches is undertaken with a view to pedagogical engagement. By comparing structural cognitivism, social cognitivism and activity tradition, Assoc. Prof. Maronova aims to outline the specifics and limitations of the cognitive, social and personal strategy for moral education. The potential of major institutes of socialization (family, school, media and new information technologies) to effectively overcome the difficulties of socialization is indicated. One of the conceptual centers of development is the premise that the study of the initial development of moral feelings must be transferred from basic emotions to basic affectiveness as a whole and to emotional and needy development, which operates with the help of certain cultural factors. Ambivalence is a basic characteristic

of moral feelings, and this is a special factor because moral feelings are the basis in decision making.

Emphasizing that the center of attention is the psychology of morality as an interdisciplinary field of research, E. Marinova focuses specifically on the socio-cognitive and activity approach. In this respect, the attempt to show the possibilities of the so-called "so-called" is very pleasant. a proactive approach that has been unduly neglected in a number of cases.

One of the main contributors to the research activity of Assoc. Prof. E. Mrinova relates to the psychology of morality - a very active interdisciplinary field developed today, but not in Bulgaria. She makes the first attempt to outline the achievements of the psychology of morality by focusing attention on objective research methods, ie. an attempt is made to reveal the effectiveness of socio-psychological, psychological, sociological and other methods in the study of moral judgments, thinking, rules, behavior, feelings, etc. The significant contribution is the ability of the analyzed problems not to be contextless, abstract and I would say harmless, but in accordance with the Bulgarian specifics, with the Bulgarian practice. This is evident not only from tracing the vicissitudes in the development of ethical research in Bulgaria, but also from the rest of the text. This is what I would call Bulgarian land. It attaches particular value to the analysis against the background of today's dominance of some of the Bulgarian humanitarians of the contextlessness, ie. "Narrate" irrespective of the Bulgarian realities in the respective field. This trend is already threatening and dangerous, because it increases the white spots and increases the amnesia of what the Bulgarian researchers have achieved.

I can not mention as a positive quality of E. Maronov's research style the numerous insertions of events from the author's life. In my opinion, this measured autobiography gives a special color and importance to the analyzes. I will just add that today the autobiographical relief of an event is becoming more and more relevant.

Of particular interest are texts dealing with the relation of social psyche and morality. The author accentuates and sets vectors on a very fertile, but still undeveloped terrain. If her thesis is formulated, it can be said that factually sociopsychological research is deeply ethical. The articulation of this statement seems obvious, but an ethical reading of inherited socio-psychological research has not yet been made.

The overlap between the socio-psychological (the psychological) and the ethical is so dense that their conceptual separation requires a very precise microscopic technique. In this respect, I see a very promising field of research that will allow a new reconstruction of a number of sociological and socio-psychological analyzes by redefining themselves in the

categories of ethics. This general orientation is due to the author's assumption that ethical research has a claim to universality and thus cannot capture the individualized moral practice of what man as a moral being does on a daily basis. These particular moral phenomena cannot be "captured" by the categorical ethical "network", and this is where objective research methods effectively intervene. They provide not only the specifics of the research, but also the practical workload of the developments, because they are embedded in real everyday moral practice. Particularly relevant in this regard are those statements concerning training, upbringing of children, etc.

The statement on the social value of ethical debate in society is protected as a means of optimizing socialization, with particular reference to the opportunities for expanding ethical debate in Bulgarian society. The parameters of the common cultural environment are examined, it is shown how it guarantees the placement of national supports in a common moral space.

A valuable point in the analyzes of Assoc. Prof. E. Marinova is the thematicization of the problem of Bulgarian national identity, and in particular focuses on the ethical aspects and responsibilities that Bulgarian ethics has in this regard. Because the Bulgarian national identity has its deep moral dimensions and therefore its preservation and development is based on specific ethical initiatives.

4. Reflection of the candidate's scientific publications in our and foreign literature (according to his data).

The total number of citations of the author's works is 72. The works of Assoc. Prof. Emilia Marinova have been cited in various publications. 18 citations and reviews are for the papers with which he applies. A total of 10 reviews of her works have been published. He is the editor and compiler of 18 collections. He is a leader and participant in 9 research projects. Since 2011 she has participated as an organizer and rapporteur in 22 scientific forums.

5. Critical notes of the reviewer on submitted papers, including on the applicant's literary awareness

The possible critical remarks do not have the power to change my overall positive assessment, but as a sociologist I hope to read in the future researches by Assoc.

I will allow myself to repeat the proposal already made, which concerns the possibility of expanding the parts of the dissertation related to the development of Bulgarian ethical research. In this respect, there is a broad field of research concerning the topics, problems, emphases specific to Bulgarian ethical research. The end result is a more comprehensive "History of Ethical Research in Bulgaria".

6. The reviewer's personal impressions of the applicant and other information not mentioned in the preceding points;

I know Assoc. Prof. E. Marinova as a serious and precise researcher with valuable ideas. She is a professional with knowledge of contemporary literature in her research. Creative and co-operative colleague, extremely well-meaning and considerate in both life and science.

7. Reasoned and clearly worded conclusion

After getting acquainted with the scientific works presented in the competition, the analysis of their importance and the scientific contributions they contain. I give my positive assessment and recommend that the Academic position of "Professor" Emil Vasil Marinov, Assoc. in the professional field 2.3. Philosophy (Ethics).

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