

R E V I E W

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Concerning

Competition for Professor in the Professional Field 2.3. Philosophy (Ethics)

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IPS–BAS

The only candidate in this competition is **Emilia Vassil Marinova**. She is Master in Psychology (1976) from Lomonosov Moscow State University. She has received her educational and scientific degree Doctor of Philosophy (1983) from the Institute of Philosophy (IP)–BAS, as well as the scientific degree Doctor of Philosophical Sciences (2019) from ISSK–BAS. She is an Associate Professor (2000) at the IP-BAS, after its transformation - at the ISSK-BAS, and now at its successor - the IPS-BAS. Prior to her habilitation, she has worked at IP-BAS as an Assistant Professor (1984) and Chief Assistant Professor (1990). She is currently head of the Department of Ethical Studies at the Institute.

I am appointed as a reviewer at the first Scientific Jury meeting - 01/29/2020. In terms of volume and structure, my review complies with Art. 45. (1) (2) of the *Rules of the IPS-BAS for Acquisition of Scientific Degrees and Occupation of Academic Positions*.

I received the competition materials by e-mail. These include copies of publications and documents, namely: a list of publications; copies of thirteen publications; an application to the Director of the IPS-BAS; CV; Diploma for Candidate of Science Degree /PhD (No 13166 /21.11.1983); Document for Senior Researcher Second Degree (academic position Associate Professor); Diploma for Doctor of Philosophical Sciences (No 1197 /14.11.2019); a certificate of professional experience in the field (almost thirty-four years); a list of publications for participation in the competition; a citation list; a list of participation in scientific forums; a certificate for doctoral student; self-assessment of the contributions; annotations of the publications for participation in the competition; a research project leadership contract; a declaration of originality; four NCID reports with minimum requirements for: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Doctor of Science (D.Sc.), Associate Professor, Professor. For my review I got acquainted with all the above materials.

1. General description of the materials presented and comparative analysis

From the received *List of Scientific Works, Applying for the Competition*, it is clear that Emilia Marinova has included there thirteen in total, of which: I. Monographs - two

(2003, 2010); II. Articles and reports published in non-refereed scientific journals with scientific peer review or in edited collective volumes - six (2005-2019), three of them in Bulgarian scientific journals and the other three - in collections; III. Studies published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or in peer-reviewed collective volumes - four (2007-2018), three of them in scientific journals and one - in a collection; IV. Published chapter of collective monograph - one (2010).

The mentioned works are different from those with which E. Marinova applied for a Doctor of Philosophy, Doctor of Science, and Associate Professor. This can be seen when the above is compared with the list of all publications presented in the *Scientific CV*, namely: monographs - five (1998-2019), one of them being collective; articles in magazines and collections - sixty-five (1980-2019), one in Russian language in a Russian magazine (2017); studies - eleven (1994-2018), one in English in a collection released in the U.S. (1994).

It is also good to see to what extent the candidate fulfills *The Minimum Requirement Points Indicator Groups for Professor*, given by the NCID. The report shows that a total of 550 points is needed, coming from five groups of indicators - respectively A (50), C (100), D (200), E (100), F (100). These indicators and points for Emilia Marinova are, as follows:

Indicator A – 50 points from a Dissertation for awarding educational and scientific degree Doctor: “Sotsialno-psikhichni mekhanizmi za npravstvenoto formirane na lichnostta“ (1983), Diploma № 23266/21.11.1983;

Indicator C – 100 points from habilitation work – a monograph: Marinova, E. (2010) *Nachalno razvitie na moralnite chuvstva*. V. Tŭrnovo, Faber, 151 p.

Indicator D – a total of 315 points from publications as follows:

4. Published monograph not presented as a major habilitation work: Marinova, E. (2003) *Povedenie i moralno razvitie*. Varna, Sitronik, 280 p. **(1x100=100)**;

5. Published book based on the dissertation for awarding the scientific degree Doctor of Science: Marinova, E. (2019) *Obektivni izsledvaniya na morala i sŭvremennata etika*. V. Tŭrnovo, Faber, 260 p. **(1x75=75)**;

7. Articles and reports published in non-referenced journals with scientific peer-review or published in edited collective volumes **(6x10=60)**;

9. Studios published in non-referenced journals with scientific peer-review or published in edited collective volumes **(4x15=60)**;

10. Published chapter from a collective monograph: Chapter 5. Marinova, E. *Natsionalna identifikatsiya i moralno vŭzpitanie*. (Marinova, E., I. Mikov, T. Nedelcheva, E. Petrova, D. Stankov) (2010) *Moral i natsionalna identichnost*. V. Tŭrnovo, Faber, 255p. **(1x20=20)**.

Indicator E - a total of 175 points from citation as follows:

13. Citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific reviewing (16x10=160);

14. Citations or reviews in non-referenced journals with scientific review (3x5=15).

Indicator F - a total of 110 points from:

1. Acquired degree Doctor of Science: Diploma №1197 /2019 (1x40=40);

2. Mentoring a successfully defended doctoral student – PhD (1x40=40);

3. Leadership of a national scientific or educational project: "Moral i natsionalna identichnost" (2006-2010), Con. 829/0711.2006; reported on time (1x30=30).

The report shows that Emilia Marinova holds a total of 750 points, i.e. she exceeds the minimum requirements of NCID for occupation of the academic position Professor.

2. Science, applied science and pedagogical activity - a common feature

Scientific and applied science activities dominate the work of the candidate from the beginning of her career so far. She has authored over eighty scientific publications - monographs, studies, articles, reports (1977-2019) in the field of Psychology, Ethics, and Philosophy. She is also the compiler and editor of fifteen collections, nine of which she co-authored (1989-2018). She has participated in twenty-eight national and international scientific forums (1986-2019), four are in Russia and two are international in Bulgaria. She has organized or co-organized many of them. Particularly noteworthy is her involvement in fifteen annual national ethics conferences, the first of which - in 2004. She has participated in all of them and has organized most of them. Some of these traditional conferences have been held together with other colleagues and institutions, which has a positive impact on the uniting of the ethical community in the country. E. Marinova contributes a lot as a unifier of the ethical association and should be given due credit for these efforts and achievements.

She has participated in three and has led seven research projects, two of which are still active. All of them were successfully completed and led to the publication of a scientific work - monographs, collections. The project "Razshiryavane na eticheskiya debat v bŭlgarskoto obshtestvo" was extended three times for three years each. E. Marinova is an attractive center for creative discussions and performances.

In addition, she is a member of the editorial board of the electronic scientific journal *Ethical Research*, and since 2017 she is its editor-in-chief. She was also a member of the editorial board (2005-2012) of the authoritative indexed /referenced national scientific journal *Philosophical Alternatives*. The efforts she makes here to select, edit and stimulate ideas in the scientific community are also undeniable.

Emilia Marinova is the author of seven opinions in competitions for the educational and scientific degree Doctor, two opinions and one review for the academic position Professor, one opinion for Associate Professor, as well as three reviews for monographs of other authors.

3. Educational activity of the candidate on stage

This activity is the least represented in the applicant's creative biography. E. Marinova has not stated that she had prepared and delivered any lecture courses. However she has organized numerous discussions and presentations of colleagues from her department, as well as colleagues and doctoral students from SU, TU, UNWE, NBU, NSA, BFU, VFU, VTU and other universities. At these forums they have shared and developed ideas, theses, publications.

Scientific-teaching activity of Assoc. Prof., D.Sc. Marinova points to one successfully defended doctoral student - already a Ph.D. Along with this, she has organized educational activities of many doctoral students of the department who have been trained in this unit.

I must also point out the great efforts that E. Marinova is making to build and strengthen the Department of Ethical Studies, which she currently directs at the IPS-BAS. This is the only independent research unit on Ethics in the country, which is no accident. Highly praised is the care of completing the department with young colleagues and ensuring continuity in scientific research.

4. Content analysis of the applicant's scientific achievements

The scientific interests of Emilia Marinova are deeply rooted in Ethics, but she is particularly interested in the psychology of morality and in the development of morality, related both to individuals and to society. It is precisely because of her interest in exploring the personal and historical aspects of moral development that she often has to make references to Philosophical Axiology and to Psychology - personal and social. In the works that E. Marinova has applied for a professor I highlight **three areas of concern**.

First, in the context of the study of morality, particular attention is paid to moral feelings - a particularly significant moral phenomenon, which is considered as one of the unique mechanisms by which morality functions. The source and specificity of moral feelings are searched for, and through their prism, behavior and moral choice are examined. The psychology of morality here turns out to be both - a field of inquiry and a field of arguments for the peculiarities of morality. The topic integrates most of the author's research and develops into the monographs: (2003) *Povedenie i moralno razvitie*. Varna, Sitronik; (2010) *Nachalno razvitie na moralnite chuvstva*. V. Tŭrnovo, Faber; as well as in the following studies and articles: (2005) "All we need is love" (Razmisli za edin psikhoanalitichen proekt).

Filosofski alternativni, № 3/4, 78–89; (2007) Vŭznikvane i nachalno razvitie na moralnite chuvstva. (Videva, N. - red.) Traektorii na etikata. Sofia, UI „Sv. Kl. Okhridski”, 92–112; (2007) Moralnite chuvstva i tyakhnata ambivalentnost. Filosofski alternativni, № 5, 49–62; (2008) „Bazovite emotsii” i nachalno razvitie na moralnite chuvstva. Bŭlgarsko spisanie po psikhologiya, № 1–4, 274–283; (2011) Kakvo e myastoto na moralnite chuvstva v eticheskiya izbor? Bŭlgarsko spisanie po psikhologiya, № 1–4, 117–124.

Second, important highlights of the works are connected to: the search for a common cultural framework of morality in the public space and its interaction with factors such as national spirit and national identity; showing the crisis of spirituality and its negative impact; the search for levers to stimulate morality and to transform identity in the desired direction; mastering social risks. The issue involves a broader study of social life and the identification of the significant factors that determine it today. Ways to avoid risks and to overcome the risks that have already arisen are being sought. In this direction, the role of Ethics and ethicists and the expectations to them are presented, as well. The applicability of Ethics is seen as an opportunity to work out ethical prescriptions for overcoming the moral dangers in contemporary Bulgarian society, i.e. - as a kind of ethical mechanism for counteracting moral risks. Such issues are discussed in: (2019) Koŭ vladee „bŭga“? Eticheski izsledvaniya, №4, 2, 158–163; (2011) Otnovo za etichnite ramki na natsionalnata samoidentifikatsiya. Bŭlgarskiyat eticheski model – politicheska mitologema ili problemna realnost? S., Avangard Prima, 198–206; (2010) Natsionalna identifikatsiya i moralno vŭzpitanie. (Marinova, E., I. Mikov, T. Nedelcheva, E. Petrova, D. Stankov) Moral i natsionalna identichnost. V. Tŭrnovo, Faber; (2008) Moralŭt v kapana na sotsializatsiyata. (Marinova, E. - red.) Etika i sotsialen risk. Eticheski studii. V. Tŭrnovo, Faber, 150–177.

Third, an important line of the researches is to highlight the special role of ethical debate in achieving certain goals in society and in protecting against the risks outlined above. This plan reflects on the already held and traditional fifteen national conferences on Ethics, which each year discuss various hot issues in Bulgarian society, and the ethical debate there actually seeks solutions. This creates a united national scientific and ethical space that consolidates ethicists, ensure the interaction of scientific and academic communities, and provokes interdisciplinary. These attitudes are outlined in: (2018) Razshiryavane na eticheskiya debat v bŭlgarskoto obshtestvo. Filosofski alternativni, № 2, 124–150. And in the article (2014) Eticheski standarti i moralni opori v lekarskata profesiya. (E. Marinova, S. Popova – red.) Evropeŭskite etichni standarti i bŭlgarskata meditsina. S., Bŭlgarski lekarski

sūyuz, it is pointed out that social institutions and ethical debate are important for the successful implementation of national health policies.

The main idea of the major works for participation in the professor competition is well described by the author. In concise form (seven pages) are presented annotations, which intelligently systematize the searches and the results of the works, as well as the link between these works, the established continuity, and the development of the ideas.

Emilia Marinova has also enclosed an *Author's Reference for the Candidate's Contribution Points in the Publications for Participation in the Competition*, where she has argued nine contributions, and referred for each statement - by source number in the list. I agree and accept the self-assessment of the contributions in her scientific work.

5. Collective publications - determine the contribution of the candidate

The candidate actually points to a collective monograph: Marinova, E., I. Mikov, T. Nedelcheva, E. Petrova, D. Stankov. (2010) *Moral i natsionalna identichnost*. V. Tŭrnovo, Faber, 255 p., but she participates in the competition only with Chapter 5 of which she is the author (Marinova, E. National Identification and Moral Education.) and for which she receives twenty points according to the NCID criteria. The contribution to the collective publication is clear.

6. Reflection of scientific publications in the literature (citation)

In her *Scientific Autobiography (CV)*, E. Marinova cited a list of sixty-six citations of her works, as well as a list of four citations of compilation. There are ten published reviews of her work (1999–2019).

Apart from the extensive list of citations is attached another one - *List of Citations in Monographs and Collective Volumes of Scientific Peer-review by which to Apply* where sixteen such citations are pointed, as well as three reviews of the candidate's works, and that all makes one hundred and seventy-five points according to the criteria used. The above fully meets the formal requirements for citation, since the minimum NCID requirements for a professor are one hundred points.

This indicates that the minimum requirements are met and also that the author's scientific publications are well reflected in the literature. Assoc. professor, D.Sc. (Phil.) Emilia Marinova is a recognizable author in the philosophical circles in our country.

7. Critical notes of the reviewer on submitted papers

I have no reason to doubt the *Declaration of Originality*, signed by E. Marinova, that the publications submitted have been prepared on her own and they do not repeat those which were used to obtain a Ph.D. degree, a D.Sc. (Phil.) degree, and the academic position

Associate Professor. I also trust that the studies presented here contain theoretical summaries and solutions to scientific and applied scientific problems, which are in line with contemporary achievements and represent an original contribution to science.

Also worthy of note are both - the theoretical and the applied research contributions of Emilia Marinova. I think she has objectively evaluated her own work and achievements.

I have no principal objections against the submitted papers for this competition.

8. The reviewer's personal impressions of the applicant and other data

I have excellent impressions of the work of Emilia Marinova. I know her publications and her basic scientific ideas. She has a well-built affinity for the behavioral sciences and a well-established interdisciplinary approach to her scientific, editorial and organizational activities. I think that she also contributes to the tendency for morality to be explored from different perspectives - philosophical, psychological, and sociological. Her vigor and perseverance are a testament to her overall activity. Over the years, she has a clear merit in promoting the ethical debate in our country, as well as in uniting the ethical association. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that she is one of the connoisseurs of the work of Ethics theorists in Bulgaria, as well as the stages that this science marks here.

I am convinced that, with the experience gained, she is long ready to be a professor, and this academic position will add to her work even more responsibilities.

9. Motivated and explicit conclusion

I believe that the publications and the overall activity of the candidate have scientific merit. Emilia Marinova demonstrates deep philosophical and psychological knowledge and an interdisciplinary approach, as well as efforts and skills for research, editorial, publishing and organizing activities in the field of Ethics. At the same time there are minimum required points in groups of indicators, formulated by NCID, for academic position Professor. The candidate also meets all other formal requirements.

Since all formal and substantive requirements have been met, I confidently vote to be awarded the academic position Professor in the professional field 2.3. Philosophy (Ethics) to Emilia Vassil Marinova.

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Signature:

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