

ATTITUDE OF REVIEWER

by Prof. Dr. Vassil Mishov Tzanov, member of Scientific Jury in the competition for academic position “PROFESSOR”, approved by a decision of the Scientific Council minutes No 3 on 20.03.2019, and by an order of the Director No 80 on 25.03.2019, announced by Economic Research Institute at Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, SG, issue 8 on 25/01/2019

Candidate: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alla Valentinovna Kirova

I. General evaluation of the candidate regarding her research activity

The research activity of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alla Kirova consists of the following:

1. Publication activity

48 publications with a total volume of 1676.2 standard pages are presented for review. They are structured as follows: 1) 2 habilitation works, one of which is an individual monograph on the problems of political economy, and the other is a chapter in a monograph on the problems of gender equality; 2) participation in the monographs – 4 item; 3) articles and reports published in non-referenced publications – 24 items; 4) studies published in referenced scientific publications – 3 items; 5) studies published in non-referenced publications – 14 items; 6) published chapter in a collective monograph – 1 item.

2. Participation in research projects

The candidate has participated in 16 research projects, 3 of which with international participation.

3. Participation in scientific forums and expert discussions

The candidate has presented information on participations with reports in 26 forums with international and national participation in Bulgaria; 2 scientific forums abroad and participation in 26 expert discussions in the country.

4. Participation in education activities

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alla Kirova has been a lecturer at UNWE, UARD and ERI-BAS in 2000-2012. She has participated in many examination commissions and expert councils. She has consulted Ph.D. students and has carried out training activities for the administration.

6. Citations

Presented is information about 148 citations in international and national publications, included in: List of NACID of contemporary Bulgarian scientific publications, referenced and indexed in SCOPUS and Web of Science; National Reference List of NACID – NRL; National Register of Published Books in Bulgaria – NRPBB or Electronic Catalog of the National Library “St. St. Kiril and Methodii” – COBISS.BG.

General evaluation of the research activity of the candidate:

1. The presented publication and expert activity of the candidate **covers the period after the acquisition of the academic position “Associate Professor”.**

2. The research activity of the candidate **fully complies** with the requirements of the LDAS and the Regulations for the acquisition of academic degrees and occupation of academic positions at Economic Research Institute at BAS (Art. 89 and Art. 93).
3. The candidate demonstrates very good research and expert skills in developing theses and projects in the field of the economic theories, gender equality and human capital.

II. Quantitative assessment of meeting the minimum science-metric national requirements and the requirements of the Regulations of ERI-BAS

According to the presented information about the meeting of the minimum science-metric requirements for acquisition of the academic position “Professor” in ERI-BAS, the candidate fully meets the requirements. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alla Kirova has 2750 points with minimum required 650 points. The check of the presented quantitative evaluations by indexes showed that they comply with the national criteria for quantitative evaluation of the production.

III. Evaluation of the results and scientific contribution of the candidate

The scientific results and contributions of the candidate are generalized in the following main groups:

1. Contributions of theoretical and applied character in the field of economic theory, human capital theory and gender equality. This group includes the following:

- Carried out is a systematization and evaluation of the development of the economic theory and political economy of the representatives of the German history school;
- Systematization of the methodological positions, objects of study and stages of development of New Keynesian theory;
- Systematization of the contemporary dimensions of the human capital theory in terms of education and science;
- Developed is a system of indicators and definitions to study gender equality.

2. Enriching the existing knowledge with evaluations in the fields of the economic theory, the human capital and gender inequalities. The following contributions may be attributed to this group:

- Developed is a system of indicators to evaluate the welfare of children;
- Developed is a system of mechanisms and measures for the implementation of state policies for equality of women;
- Made are evaluations of the segregation in Bulgaria by gender in the employment, qualification and position;
- Evaluated is the division of labor in the family;
- Identified are the gender inequalities in the education system in Bulgaria and its positioning in the European Union;
- Identified are the main gender issues in higher education and science;
- Evaluated are the possibilities for using the ideas and recommendations of the New Keynesian theory for the formation of the macroeconomic policy in Bulgaria;

- Evaluations of the Bulgarian legislation regulating different areas of the public life, such as gender equality, child protection.

3. *Suggestions for state policies in the field of the family policy and gender equality.* The following contributions may be attributed to this group:

- Developed are concrete suggestions to supplement the legislation and policies for improving the family environment;
- Presented are many suggestions for changes in the policy and labor legislation related to the equality of women and the interests of children;
- Made are concrete recommendations on possible solutions and measures to achieve a balance in the relation “work – family”, as well as to improve the regulatory, labor and social infrastructure for reconciling the paid and unpaid work of working women and men with family responsibilities;
- Made are recommendations to the national statistics for improving the system of gender indicators in the academic area.

The presented contributions above all are theoretical, applied and evaluating in nature. They enrich the scientific perspectives on the development of different directions of the economic theory and political economy. The research studies of the candidate add to the knowledge in the field of family relations, child protection, gender equality, and human capital development in Bulgaria.

IV. Evaluation of the originality of the presented works and the reliability of the presented scientific data

In my opinion, the presented works are a personal work of the candidate. I have not found plagiarism.

V. Critical notes and recommendations

I have no critical notes to the research and publication activity of the candidate.

VI. Conclusion

The candidate has presented significant scientific production, which quantitatively and qualitatively meets the requirements for acquiring the academic position “Professor”. The achieved results and contributions enrich the existing knowledge with new analyses, evaluations and comparisons in the field of economic theories, gender equality and human capital. The candidate carries out active professional-academic activity. Based on these facts, **I give a positive evaluation and propose** to the scientific jury to elect Assoc. Prof. Dr. Alla Valentinovna Kirova to occupy the academic position “Professor” at Economic Research Institute at BAS.

Date: 20.05.2019

Member of jury:

(Prof. Dr. Vassil Tzanov)