

## Review

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2.1 Philology (Theory and History of Literature),

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Candidate: Senior Assist. Dr. Maria Kalinova

1. Competition data. It has been announced in accordance with the Law and the Rules for its implementation at the University. The candidate – Senior Assist. Dr. Maria Kalinova – has fulfilled all the conditions of the Minimum National Criteria for the position of Associate Professor.
2. Candidate details. Maria Kalinova graduated from Sofia University, then became a regular PhD student. Defended her doctoral thesis in 2011. Since 2012 she has been teaching at the same university. For the competition she has deposited 1 monograph and 5 articles – they have been published since 2012.
3. Data on habilitation work – Exotopy: on the Outside Context of Discourse  
The present text treats the concept of exotopy in Bakhtin and Lacan, explicating the direction and the possible indices for comparison between post-Marxism and Psychoanalysis. The general idea is not to seek a new causative element – the unconscious in place of economics, although this

problem cannot be overlooked in view of contemporary debates - but rather to trace the logic of outsideness of truth and knowledge: the concept of desire in Eastern and Western theory constitutes an immanent (real) outside, which cannot be subsumed into *Aufhebung* or any higher level of unity. Both Bakhtin and Lacan, without having met each other, belonging in one and the same generation (Bakhtin lives between 1895 and 1975, Lacan – between 1901 and 1981) and facing different conceptual challenges and problems, work in a condition of unique philosophical ‘likelihood’ on the subject of the human being’s ex-centricity – the secret of the human being, its innermost intimacy, is located outside itself.

4. Remarks - A) in certain places the text is confused and loses sight of its main object (exotopy); B) there are a lot of spelling mistakes in the presented manuscript
5. Conclusion. The habilitating work and the added further research are evidence of the candidate's qualities. I give my positive vote for Maria Kalinova to be awarded the academic position of "Associate Professor".

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