

Opinion

For the candidacy of Dr. Ch. Assistant Iskren Plamenov Ivanov,

For the competition for associate professor under 3.3. political science (political science - international

political relations and conflict management),

announced by Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski ", announced in SG, issue 21 from

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From Prof. Tatiana Dronzina

I am pleased to prepare this statement for the habilitation of Dr. Iskren Ivanov, whom I have known him since his student years. His initial stages of formation as a scientist and lecturer passed into the department Political Science at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski.

After the excellent defense of his dissertation, Iskren worked for some time as part-time assistant, and subsequently as an assistant on a temporary employment contract. This it was enough time for him to establish himself as a respected and beloved teacher, who immediately established effective communication with students and who quickly became a coveted mentor and supervisor of theses of many of them.

After successfully passing the test of the temporary employment contract and proving that he was in able to fully meet the high requirements of the Department of Political Science, Sincere he also got his permanent job.

I had the pleasure to work with him for 5 years. As an assistant to the course of which I am a holder, Sincere showed an unquenchable desire to improve in teaching work. He devoted a lot of time to improving teaching methods, and also to introduce new forms in the conduct of the exercises on the subject Conflict Management.

I can't help but emphasize that he was one of the first to understand the significance of the new ones information and communication technology in teaching and learning, and its courses were among the first uploaded to the e - learning page at university. Meanwhile, Dr. Ivanov offered a number of courses - I will not list them because they appear in the official report of his hours. What I will not keep quiet about is that they all respond to the growing interest of students in the problems of national security, conflict and international relations. Attractive and innovative, even as electives, they attracted many willing to them visit.

I would like to emphasize two special merits of Iskren. The first concerns the opening of a National, Regional and Global profile security for 4th year students who specialize in the old tradition of the department in a certain area. Honest quickly proved to be the team leader for the program, and subsequently works for its consolidation and improvement. He also developed the procedure for interview with the candidates and the criteria for admission. For the quality of work It is indicative of the fact that to this day, four years after its discovery, this specialization continues to be with the most numerous candidates.

The second concerns his work on the establishment, accreditation and operation of the first and so far fully distance master's degree in English at the university - "Political Pathologies of the Global World". Due to the change in the law, Dr. Ivanov had to write the self-assessment report twice, which eventually led to positive assessment. Now, three years after its discovery, it stands well and

stable, and despite its high price, enjoys the interest of our students and the students from other countries.

Some time ago, the Accreditation Commission described Iskren as one of the most dynamic developing young scientists in the department. I hasten to support this assessment. For the latter years he managed to make 30 publications, publish a monograph and, of course, one a book on his dissertation research. It has been quoted 10 times, which is more than good a result for a young scientist like him. The efforts of Dr. Ivanov as a researcher were recognized in the scholarships, which he received.

Due to his scientific achievements and excellent command of the French language Iskren received a scholarship from the French government and later visited twice USA as a fellow of the Homestead program and the Fulbright program. The high ones results in both cases were documented by the satisfaction of the grantors scholarships institutions that praised the teaching and his research work there. Honest teaching is not limited to the university. Under his editorship appeared a manual for training teachers in anti-terrorism measures, and he himself, as part of my team, took part in the training of school principals in all.

No less important is his participation in the innovative initiative for the introduction of school mediation as a way to deal with conflicts in the school community, which started 5 years ago in Sliven - one of the most difficult regions of the country, where the Bulgarian language is born for every thirteenth child of school age.

From the presented report it is evident that Dr. Ivanov has enough hours in the department Political Science in order to receive the scientific title of associate professor in 3.3. political Sciences (political science - international political relations and conflict management). Both his teaching and research work are focused on this direction, therefore, they fully comply with the announced competition.

His habilitation will be a step not only in his personal professional career, but also will contribute to the development of the Department of Political Science at Sofia University. Due to the above, I recommend the distinguished jury to choose Dr. Iskren Ivanov for associate professor.

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