

STATEMENT

by Prof. Sonya Karabeliova, PhD, D.Sc.

on the procedure for election and appointment of associate professor in the professional field
3.2 Psychology (Developmental psychology during childhood and adolescence),
at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski, Higher Education Area 3. Social, Economic and
Legal Sciences and National Security, announced in State Gazette N 24 of 17/03/2023 for the
needs of the Department of General, Experimental, Developmental and Health Psychology at
Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"

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Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ".

1. GENERAL

There is one application for the abovementioned position: Chief Assistant Svetlina Georgieva Koleva, PhD, from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Svetlina Koleva graduated with excellent marks from the bachelor degree in "Psychology" at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". In 2006, she also graduated with distinction from the master's program in Child and Adolescent Psychology (diagnostics and counseling) at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". In the period 2015-2018, S. Koleva was a full-time doctoral student at the Department of General, Genetic and Experimental Psychology, Faculty of Philosophy of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". In 2018, she successfully defended her dissertation on the topic: "Triarchic model of psychopathic personality traits in adolescence" and obtained the educational and scientific degree "doctor" in professional field 3.2 Psychology.

Additionally, from 2005 to 2014, S. Koleva studied psychodrama at the "Psychotherapy 2000 Foundation" and gradually acquired the qualifications of psychodrama assistant and psychodrama therapist.

Since 2014, S. Koleva has been a part-time assistant at the Department of General Psychology at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski". After successfully applying and completing a competition in 2016, she became a full-time assistant, and since 2018 she has been a senior assistant in child and adolescent developmental psychology. It is clear from the submitted reference about the candidate's work experience that S. Koleva has a total of 9 years of work experience in the specialty at the Department of General, Experimental, Developmental and Health Psychology at the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski".

Chief Assistant Dr. Svetlina Koleva conducts seminars on the following topics: "Psychology of child-adolescent development" part of the Bachelor's degree program in "Psychology"; "Psychology of child-adolescent development" part of the Master's degree program in "Child-adolescent and school psychology (diagnosis and counseling)"; "Child Psychology and Pedagogy" part of the Bachelor's degree program "Nursing" at the Faculty of Medicine at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". She is the course leader (lectures and seminar classes) for the discipline "Intimate Relationships" part of the Master's degree program "General Psychology in English". It is clear from the presented report on the workload of Dr. Koleva that the disciplines she leads are entirely on the topic of the competition. In addition, Dr. Koleva has very positive ratings based on student assessments.

Since 2019 Chief Assistant Dr. Svetlina Koleva has been a member of the Council at the Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". She also actively participates in the professional structures of the psychological guild in Bulgaria. Svetlina Koleva is a member of the Society of Psychologists, as well as the Society's Ethics Committee. She is also a member of the Bulgarian Psychotherapy Association, and part of its Management Board. Since 2016, she has also been a member of the Society for Child Neurology, Psychiatry and Developmental Psychology.

2. HABILITATION PUBLICATION

For her participation in the competition Chief Assistant Dr. Svetlina Koleva presents her habilitation work – a monograph on the topic "Sadistic tendencies in adolescence. Part 1. Rating Scales'. The work meets all the requirements for a monograph and fully matches the theme of the announced competition. This gives me reason to conclude that Chief Assistant Dr. S. Koleva fulfills the requirements of the Regulations for the terms and conditions to acquiring scientific degrees and holding academic positions at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" and more

specifically on Art. 105, item 3, according to which candidates must "have submitted a published monographic work or equivalent publications in specialized scientific publications in the field of the competition or evidence of their corresponding artistic achievements in the field of arts, which do not repeat those presented for the acquisition of the educational and the scientific degree "PhD".

3. FULFILLMENT OF THE MINIMUM NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OCCUPATION OF THE ACADEMIC POSITION OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Chief Assistant Dr. Svetlina Koleva presents a report with relevant evidentiary material. It is clear from the reference that Dr. S. Koleva fulfills the minimum national requirements in accordance with the Regulations for the implementation of the RASRB (amendment and supplement SG No. 15 of 19.02.2019, table 1, Region 3. Social, economic, and legal sciences, 3.2. Psychology). Specifically: for group A, B and C, indicator 1, indicator 2 and indicator 3, respectively, she has the required 150 points, as she holds the degree of "doctor", which carries 50 points, and also presents a habilitation work, which carries 100 pt. (the monograph is jointly written with Prof. Plamen Kalchev, but a separation protocol has been presented, which confirms the fulfillment of the requirements of the RSARB and the Regulations for its implementation).

Group D (P4 to P10) of the Regulations for the Implementation of ZARASRB sets a requirement for the publications for associate professor, according to which the candidate must have at least 200 points. Based on the report presented by Dr. S. Koleva, her publications amount to 222,14 points. Also, according to the same Regulations, the candidate for associate professor must also have 50 points from the cited ones. The report on citations presented by Chief Assistant. Dr. Svetlina Koleva shows citations that amount to 70 items. A check carried by me confirms the report on the citations presented by Dr. S. Koleva.

4. PUBLICATIONS

Ch. assistant professor Dr. S. Koleva presents supporting documents to the scientific works on the subject of the competition, which shows the following: one monograph on the subject of the competition in co-authorship with a submitted separation protocol; a published book based on a protected dissertation work for the award of an educational and scientific

degree "doctor"; 3 papers, 1 article and 1 chapter in a collective monograph in English published by Routledge International Publishing House.

The scientific works presented by the candidate do not replicate those from previous procedures for acquiring a scientific title and academic position. No plagiarism was found in the scientific works submitted for the competition.

5. RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AND SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Those presented scientific publications by Chief Assistant Dr. Svetlina Koleva are entirely within the scope of the announced competition. The main monograph "Sadistic tendencies in adolescence. Part 1. Rating Scales" focuses on rating methods. Theoretical approaches to subclinical or "everyday sadism" considered as a personality characteristic are presented in depth and critically in a historical-chronological order. The main focus of the monograph is related to the adaptation of five self-report instruments for the assessment of adolescent sadism. These refer to Sadistic Personality Disorder, Sadistic Tendencies, Sadistic Tendencies Comprehensive Assessment, Sadistic Personality Assessment, and Sadism Scale. Other scales and questionnaires have also been adapted to contribute to a more comprehensive understanding of the characteristics and manifestations of sadistic tendencies. In general, the presented publications deal with basic issues related to the adaptation and standardization of questionnaires and scales for the diagnosis of problematic personality traits in childhood and adolescence for the Bulgarian sociocultural context. The monograph is a useful source of knowledge for students, researchers, and practicing consultants. I believe that the publications presented by Dr. S. Koleva are entirely related to the issues of the announced competition and more specifically reflect ideas related to issues in the field of child and adolescent psychology. The publications show that S. Koleva has followed a path of successful academic and general cultural development, she has shaped as a specialist in a delicate field of psychological knowledge. She is developed as a highly interpersonal intelligent person. She has the ability to cooperate well with people, she is responsible and critical of the world and herself.

I fully accept the contributions of Chief Assistant Dr. S. Koleva, which can be supplemented and summarized as follows.

1. The presented scientific works characterize Dr. S. Koleva as a researcher with a marked interest not only in theoretical analyses, empirical studies, but also in the practical-applied aspects of psychological work. The main contribution in these

publications is related to enriching the theoretical-applied and methodological aspects of the approaches to the assessment of problematic personality traits in childhood and adolescence.

2. A common feature of her scientific publications is the interpretation of ideas and concepts in the three meta-levels of psychological knowledge: theory, method, and experiment in the sense of practical action.
3. Each of the publications is related to a well-established, significant object or principle in psychological science. The incorporation into the research of the theory-method-action relationship is an important feature of her methodological competences.
4. The publications correspond to both the development of contemporary scientific knowledge in psychology and the human practices of implicit theories and common sense.
5. The accumulated data and research in many studies reflect on and connect various fields of developmental psychology in childhood and adolescence.

6. TEACHING

Chief Assistant Dr. Svetlina Koleva, leads three mandatory courses in the Bachelor and Master programs withing the specialty of 'Psychology' at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". All of these disciplines are in the field of the announced competition. As a lecturer, Dr. S. Koleva is highly valued not only by her colleagues, but also by the students, for whom the practical tasks included in the respective programs are particularly important.

CONCLUSION

Chief Assistant Dr Svetlina Georgieva Koleva - meets all the requirements of the RSASR and the regulations for its application both on a national level and organizational one withing Sofia University. She has the necessary experience and employment history at Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski". She is the author and module leader of some of the lecture courses that are the subject of this competition. The entire work of Dr. S. Koleva offers a comprehensive, systematic and in-depth analysis of achievements in the field of child and adolescent psychology, refracted through the author's original interpretation.

As a result of the high evaluation of the scientific and teaching activities of Chief Assistant Dr. Svetlina Koleva, **I strongly support her election as an "associate professor" in professional direction 3.2. Psychology (Psychology of Development in Childhood and Adolescence) at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"**.

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