**Statement**

**Regarding dissertation on the topic: "The woman from the small town – from the middle of the 20th century until 1989 (social status and roles)"**

¬ for awarding the educational and scientific degree: "Doctor"

¬ of Kristiana Marianova Boyadzhieva - full-time doctoral student in professional field 3.1: "Sociology, anthropology and cultural sciences" / Doctoral program: Ethnology - Ethnology of the city / at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" - Faculty of History

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**General presentation of the procedure and the dissertation**

Christiana Boyadzhieva has submitted the necessary documents related to the procedure for the defense of her dissertation work. She has attached: a dissertation, expanded to a volume of 218 pages organized in the following way: introduction, three chapters, conclusion and bibliography. An integral part of it is appendix No. 1 - list of respondents and abstract. The dissertation package meets the requirements of the law and the regulations for its application, as well as the regulations for the terms and conditions for acquiring scientific degrees and for occupying academic positions at SU "St. Kliment Ohridski". Kristiana Boyadjieva is a full-time doctoral student at the Department of Ethnology, Faculty of History. She holds a Master's degree in "Theatrical Arts", with a professional qualification of Master's in Directing. / NBU/ He is currently a full-time director at the Drama Theater - city of Lovech.

**Relevance of the topic**

In terms of content, the dissertation submitted for defense is in the field of ethnology and social anthropology. The topic chosen by the dissertation student and her supervisor is important, given the socio-educational markers of the environment in the small town and the typology of women's social roles in the specified period from the point of view of differential social psychology and ethnology. A diagnostic section has been made of the social factors that influence this stage of society's development, which is a contribution from a socio-psychological point of view to role stereotypes and semi-role behavior. An analysis of the legal framework of the role position of women in this period was done. The relevance of the research work is also justified by the applied family-oriented approach for situational analysis.

**Knowledge of the problem**

Doctoral student Kristiana Boyadzhieva has the necessary experience of organizational and creative activities in the field of theater art. /collaborator - coordinator at the Youth Center for Theater Studies, teacher of acting in theater schools for children and youth., part-time teacher at NBU and others/. This allows a creative and innovative look at the research problem under consideration. The essence of the role lies in its contradiction and conflict based on the fixed attitude. Her professional expertise allows her to look beyond the positional role from an ethnological perspective.

The theoretical analysis is carried out in depth with a transition to discussion in each theoretical chapter of the dissertation work. The significance of parameterizing the ethnological aspects of the socio-psychological functions of the role of the woman from the small town is substantiated.

**Research methodology**

The methodology presented in the dissertation is based on an ethnographic approach in the field of social anthropology, political anthropology and ethnology. Scientific research is syncretic in nature, which in turn is determined by its object and subject matter. The emphasis in the dissertation work is on the ethnological markers of the personality and professional profile of the woman in the small town in a transitional historical period of political changes. The ethnopsychological conditions for the typology of roles in status semantic nests for the new societal role of women in professional terms have been defined. A typology of roles and types of behavior of women in the small town was carried out, on the example of the town of Panagyurishte.

**Characterization and evaluation of dissertation work and contributions**

The dissertation includes:

* Ethnographic research on the social status and roles of women from the city of Panagyurishte in the middle of the 20th century until 1989, carried out on the basis of the structural-functional approach.
* Analysis of the demographic and ethno-geographic characteristics of the city of Panagyurishte.
* Functional analysis of roles, relative to the status of women in the small town.

The purpose and tasks of the dissertation research are correctly formulated from a scientific point of view. The methods used are typical of an ethnological study: methods of ethnological analysis, semi-structured interview, analysis of case study, work with archival materials / State archive - city of Pazardzhik/, participant observation, biographical method, comparative analysis of scientific, literature and web sources; content - analysis of directive documents and others.

Kristiana Boyadjieva possesses scientific and research competence, which is sufficient reason for acquiring the educational and scientific degree "doctor". The dissertation work in a paradigmatic and semantic sense meets the requirements for awarding the educational and scientific degree "doctor". It has the characteristics of scientific and applied research.

**The main contributions are presented as follows:**

**Theoretical plan:**

* A situational analysis of the political markers and legal framework of the social status and role of women in the small town was carried out, on the example of the town of Panagyurishte /after 09.09.1944/. New ethnological information has been brought into circulation through the study of the Sredna Gora region.
* A functional analysis of the role of women in public life and in the family was carried out on the basis of the new socio-educational paradigms in the specified period. /given the availability and publicity of the collected empirical material./
* The ethnological aspects of the socio-educational functions of roles and types of behavior of the woman in the family and their typology are determined.
* The ethnological aspects of the socio-educational functions of women's roles and types of behavior in public life at the stage of socialist society have been defined.
* The ethno-psychological conditions for the continuity and preservation of Christian values, "despite the conditions of the socialist way of life" are defined

**Research-empirical plan**:

- Semi-structured autobiographical and biographical interviews were conducted with 38 respondents. The status positions of the respondents are multi-layered. Some of them are carriers of a professionally oriented political marker. They have different educational status and characteristics of their profession. This gives depth to the performed diagnostic section.

- A partial PEST analysis was performed. The analysis was carried out in terms of: social factors, economic factors, political factors and technological factors in the period from the middle of the 20th century until 1989 on the example of the woman from the city of Panagyurishte.

- An in-depth ethnometric section was carried out, regarding and in relation to social factors, of the woman in the small town, such as: demographic., standard of living. , lifestyle., level of education., change in income and others.

- The existence of an inverse and essential relationship between the status of women in professional and personal terms and their roles, expressed in behavioral stereotypes characteristic of the studied time period, has been proven.

**Assessment of publications and personal contribution of the dissertation student**

Kristiana Marianova Boyadzhieva is the author of six publications in a wide range on the topic of the dissertation work. The publications are in editions of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski".

The personal contribution of the author is indisputable. Kristiana Boyadzhieva is one of the few researchers in the field of theater activity, stage art and art education, who has developed her pragmatically oriented activities into scientific research. The dissertation is the author's own research, which presents Kristiana Boyadzhieva as a researcher with socially oriented behavior identical to the research carried out.

**Abstract**

The abstract presents the main scientific paradigms, theses and conceptual conclusions of the dissertation research. It reflects, from a formal and substantive point of view, the full text of the doctoral dissertation.

**Recommendations for future use of dissertation contributions and results**

I allow myself to recommend to doctoral student Boyadzhieva a deepening of the PEST analysis in plan: role and types of behavior of the woman from the city of Panagyurishte in the indicated time period, in relation to the activities and relationships that characterize the members of a family. I recommend publishing the work and promoting it.

**CONCLUSION**

The dissertation work of Kristiana Marianova Boyadzhieva, its scientific contributions, presented through the publications on the doctoral dissertation, correspond to the field and professional direction for awarding the educational and scientific degree: "Doctor".

The scientific and educational activity of Kristiana Marianova Boyadjieva, as well as the research results achieved by her, give me reason to recommend to the esteemed scientific jury to vote for awarding her the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in professional direction: 3.1. "Sociology, anthropology and cultural sciences" / Ethnology - Ethnology of the city / with conviction.

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