

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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