Review of the Dr Valdimir’s Stanev academic production and qualities

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The professional path of Dr Vladimir Stanev is closely connected to the Faculty of History, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. He graduated it with excellent results, then did his PhD thesis there and continue as teaching stuff through all the levels - assistant, strashi assistant and senior assistant. His academics interest lay in the field of Modern Bulgarian History and he has published an impressive number of academic production about this period – 2 monographs, 2 books (with other authors), 9 articles in academic magazines, 11 articles in volumes, 11 large articles in different academic journals, 4 textbooks. His activities as a member of the Faculty of History include also supervising Master thesis, participation in projects, participation at compiling academic volumes, member of editorial board, organization of conferences and seminars. During the years Dr Stanev has proved himself as a professional and expert in Modern Bulgarian History.

The latest monography of Dr Stanev („Шумът от дебри и балкани. Партизаните в България 1941-1944“, София, Университетско издателство „Св. Климент Охридски“, 2022) is a very impressive achievement, result of many years of serious work and research. The massive amount of materials used in that book – archival documents, published documents, memoirs and the huge bibliography, make text the most completed research on the partisans in Bulgaria in our historiography.

The other publications of Dr Stanev are dedicated to relations of the partisans with the state authorities and institutions – police, army, the foreign factors (Moscow), etc.; the international control in Bulgaria after the First World, War; the uprising of 1908 and 1923; the activities of VMRO; the Tarnovo Constitution, etc. His articles are well written in academic style, the analysis are deep, the argumentation solid, the conclusions well drown.

Dr Stanev is very responsible at his teaching and work with students. He enjoys among students and colleagues the reputation of being always very strict and reliable, devoted to his work, loyal to the Faculty and the University.

In conclusion I would like to add that Dr Vladimir Stanev fully covers the national scientrometric indicators, there is no indications of plagiarism in his publications and he has all the qualities and covers all the criteria to become to advance in his carrier. I give my positive and highest opinion of him and his work and strongly support Dr Vladimir Stanev to become and Associate Profesor.

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