

Review

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Subject: the scientific and teaching achievements of Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Trifonova Tomova, participant in a competition for a professor in: professional field 3.3 Political Science (Public and Social Policies), announced in SG, issue 54 dated 29.06.2021 for the needs of the Faculty of Philosophy, Department of Public Administration

The only participant in the competition for professor of public and social policies is Associate Professor Doctor of Political Sciences Tatiana Trifonova Tomova, a lecturer in the Department of Public Administration at the Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski "is a respected scientist and university lecturer in the academic circles of political science in our country and not only in our country. Currently, Assoc. Prof. Tomov, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ". Participation in the competition is legal and the required documentation is impeccable.

Tatiana Tomova graduated from the French Language High School in Sofia and Sociology at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ". She was an excellent student, and as her teacher I foresaw her very successful development as an academic sociologist. She worked as a sociologist researcher, was engaged in developing a methodology of empirical sociological and social research. In times of change and formation of a scientific vocation, Tatiana focused on a very important problem area of social policy, specialized in France and became a doctor of political science and lecturer in social policy at the Department of Political Science at the Faculty of Science at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ". In the Department of Public Administration, Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova has established herself as a very promising researcher and highly valued by her colleagues and students lecturer, distinguished by the highest, I think, academic virtue, such as intellectual honesty. Tatiana Tomova's career development is presented elegantly in the attached documents, it is impressive and accessible to everyone. From careful observation forms the conclusion for timely pleading for the responsible university position of professor at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ". I would say that, given that she has been an 'associate professor' for almost 17 years, given her achievements, which I will focus on, there has been a delay in the position of 'professor'.

Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova is the author of 6 monographs and 29 scientific studies and articles in Bulgarian, English and French, all on the topic of the "Professor" Competition. In the Competition, Assoc. Prof. Tomova participated with her habilitation thesis in the monograph: *The Policy Process: Management Based on Narrowing*. 2021. UI "St. Kl. Ohridski", 2021, p. 208 and the monographs: 2008, *Development of policies, programs, projects*, Bulgarian School of Politics, p.167; published a book based on a dissertation for the award of the scientific degree "Doctor of Political Science", 2021, *The Bulgarian Way in Social Policy. History of the transition that does not end*, IM "St. Kl. Ohridski", p.320. Included are the study *The Contemporary Context of Public Policies: Challenges to Instrumental Rationality*, 26 pages and 8 articles and reports, which are also on the topic of the Competition.

Unlike the formal (mathematics, computer science, etc.) and natural sciences in the social sciences such as political science, incl. public administration has a particularly important life experience and professional practical experience in the relevant subject area. In *Dialogic Sociology*, I have paid special attention to the complex of everyday knowledge that I call "folk sociology" by analogy with "folk medicine," for example. The experience in question is accumulated in a way that resembles the qualitative method in sociology and other social sciences, known as "included observation". Prereflexive and everyday knowledge is a valuable prerequisite, but it can be a trap for weak or insufficient scientific critical reflection. Comparing the accumulated professional experience of Tatiana Tomova and her works on public and social policies, incl. emphatically theoretical developments find a life-giving connection between scientific discourse and the living world. Assoc. Prof. Tomova's works contain a vital impulse and are fascinating, although strict science is not abandoned and no tribute is paid to journalistic and essayistic seduction. This maintains the argumentative thinking and conclusions.

The participant in the competition for professor has a solid workload, presented in the relevant official document with quantitative measurement by number of hours. The volume of workload is an institutional recognition of the competence and quality of individual teaching. The data is eloquent evidence of teaching experience, which is a sure base as a start to the high university position of professor. This is another strong argument for a well-

science, original contributions in the given science, he is the author of competition theory, etc. How things are in our country and not only in our country is another topic that is unfortunately not discussed. I will ask the question again when evaluating the scientific contributions of the contestant.

The report in the form of a table with data on achievements and number of points by indicators is correct and is a positive argument.

Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova presents the Summaries of her scientific publications (monographs, studies and articles) with which she participates in the competition for professor of public and social policies. The abstracts are prepared exquisitely, meet the best standards and present in the right light the relevant works. Abstracts are a requirement of the scientific legislator, but in my understanding (interpretation) they do not eliminate the need for the official reviewer to spare the effort to properly understand the works themselves in order to make a reasonable assessment of the scientific work. These keywords are a matter of selection by the author of the works, which is incomplete and probably there is compliance with some formal criteria, which are working in formal sciences such as computer science, but not in sciences such as public administration. I emphasize this not for anything else, but as an emphasis on the accuracy of the participant in the competition for professor. I would recommend to the candidate for professor in the future to pay special attention to public policies in the field of education and if there is such a motivation to start from the modern model of science, from which derive universal criteria and standards for science.

Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova is the head of the Master's program "Public Management and Policies" (specialty Public Administration) has two successful terms head of the Department of Public Administration, third term - a member of the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Philosophy. She is a deputy. Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy. To her organizational activity is added the commitment of a member of the Editorial Board of the magazine "Political Studies" and the magazine "Public Policies.bg". Tomova is a member of the Bulgarian Association of Political Science. The listed positions characterize the participant in the competition for a professor as a valued university person who contributes to the good functioning of the university institutions and to the specialized scientific community.

The defined scientific contributions in the Self-Assessment of Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova are actually contained in the peer-reviewed papers. For each individual contribution, its exact location is indicated, which makes its identification quick and easy. This fact is one of the moments that certify the impeccable scientific ethos of T. Tomova. For each individual contribution, its exact location is indicated, which makes its identification quick and easy. This fact is one of the moments that certify the impeccable scientific ethos of T. Tomova. Like the term history, public administration is an ambiguous term. The term means both the subject area, part of the social reality, and the science of real public administration. This interdisciplinary science, which in my theory of disciplinary scientific knowledge is rather multidisciplinary, has a genealogy that is not yet sufficiently developed. Public administration is institutionalized cognitively and socially relatively late. The cognitive institutionalization is a process of developing conceptual tools and establishing a legitimate conceptual arsenal. In such a context, Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova has a significant scientific contribution to the development of basic concepts related to the field of public policy. Such concepts are: policies, stakeholders, communities and policy networks, policy process, policy outcomes and evaluations. As far as stakeholders are concerned, I think this is more of a conceptual character and I recommend Tomova to rethink this cognitive tool in this sense in the future. The highlighted basic concepts need to be specified in the development, which is really carried out in the relevant works, but is not specified in the Self-assessment of scientific contributions. Probably the reason was the fear of unacceptable unfolding of the Self-Assessment, but this could be done with a typical model solution and the addition of "etc.", which is found in Alfred Schutz.

A significant scientific contribution is the substantiated thesis in one of the main works (The Policy Process относно "on the functional relationship between policies and decentralization in decision-making and qualitative changes in democracy. There are changes in the democratic state and the roles of stakeholders that I prefer to It is necessary to further clarify the expression that policies as a social fact and a research tool outline the transition from "state" to "governance." There are moments that are not self-evident, as is likely to be the case in theory. consciousness of the author of the work.

Another main thesis, formulated and substantiated in the cited work, concerns the importance of changing functioning policies, ie. changes in the subject, characteristic of the social sciences in general) for the development of the science of administration. Unfortunately, it is not possible and appropriate here to dwell in more detail on this topic, which I have developed in a studio under print. A reference to Weber can be a challenge to a fruitful debate. And here is the place to emphasize the value of a scientific thesis as a challenge to scientific debate.

Of great value is the scientific contribution of Assoc. Prof. Tomova is the substantiated conceptual scheme or coordinate system for the procedural perspective of the study of public and social policies, respectively. it is a kind of paradigm shift. An emblematic example in philosophy is Whitehead, and in sociology Norbert Elias. I strongly recommend Tomova to continue her research in the future research activity in the procedural perspective. I consider the internal connection between structure and process to be an inexhaustible problem. There are other significant scientific contributions in the works of Assoc. Prof. Tatiana Tomova. But those on which I dwell are quite sufficient to formulate my unequivocal conclusion. But before that I would not forget to mention that the works of the participant in the competition for a professor are influential in the scientific and teaching community, which is confirmed by the citations.

In summary, Assoc. Prof. Doctor of Political Sciences Tatiana Tomova is a bright figure of a university lecturer in the College of Political Science and especially of public administration. All the presented arguments give me sufficient grounds to recommend to the respected members of the Scientific Jury to vote unanimously with Yes for the award of the academic position of Professor of Public and Social Policies to Associate Professor Doctor of Political Sciences Tatiana Trifonova Tomova, Lecturer in Public Administration at the Faculty of Philosophy of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ". This well-deserved recognition will be welcomed by students and teachers of public administration not only at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski ", but from the whole community of political sciences in our country and all those interested in the field of public administration.

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