

## ASSESSMENT

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of Safete Statovci Shala's thesis  
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### THE ARTISTIC TEXTS IN LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS FOR THE KOSOVO SCHOOLS

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Safete Statovci Shala's dissertation thesis sets the noble and ambitious task of representing all literary texts in all current textbooks of Albanian language and literature used by the educational system in Kosovo at present - from first to twelfth grade of general schools.

In my opinion the choice of this topic is very appropriate for the research profile enrichment at the Department of General, Indo-European and Balkan Linguistics, where Albanian Language and Literature are thought.

The author specifies that:

*"... not a single comprehensive analysis of literary texts in Albanian Language and Literature textbooks has been done as yet, focusing on the literary value of representative literary works and excerpts according to children age categories in school education."*

The thesis has the necessary volume of scientific literature: 64 titles in total (33 titles are bibliography, 14 textbooks, 5 Internet sources, 6 titles by Bulgarian authors translated into Albanian and 6 titles of respective literary translations into Bulgarian).

The dissertation consists of 290 standard pages, 523,000 characters, set up in the structure of introduction, four main chapters, conclusion and recommendations and bibliography. In addition, three monographs and over ten articles by the author are attached.

The present review does not aim to go into the details, so rather than dwell on the four main chapters I will emphasize the methodology and structure of the dissertation, which combines multiple scientific methods as induction, deduction, analysis, synthesis, concretization, literary analysis, generalization etc.

At the beginning of the work, Mrs. Shala describes the object, purpose and research tasks she sets for herself and, in my opinion, she does it very successfully. Namely:

1. *Object of the research are all literary texts in all current textbooks of Albanian language and literature in Kosovar school education - from the first to the twelfth grade.*
2. *Tasks:*
  - 2.1. *A complete description of the literary works and excerpts included in each of the textbooks for the respective grade, separating and clarifying the ratio between prose and poetry and at the same time between Albanian and foreign authors.*
  - 2.2. *Statistical surveys of the abovementioned ratio in general and also in particular in poetry and prose.*
  - 2.3. *Plausible explanation of the results through investigating the reasoning and the selection criteria applied by the authors of the textbooks for the specific works as well as the literary value of the works themselves.*

I fully support the contributions made by the author. I believe they will find their application.

*The full text of the dissertation allows for easy comparison between the literature curricula and programs in Bulgaria and in other countries. It fosters joint projects based on known christomatic content of selected works in several countries, and also for projects in the field of children's and puppet theater, educational cinema and other projects.*

In conclusion, I can say that Safete Shala's doctoral thesis "THE ARTISTIC TEXTS IN LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS ABOUT SCHOOLS IN KOSOVO" has both scientific and practical values.

I find this information very useful for professionals in other fields, besides philology.

I allow myself to recommend a future complete translation of the dissertation into Bulgarian and an online edition, which can serve specialists in the field of Puppet Theater - "Direction in Puppet Theater Practices", "Educational and Therapeutic Puppet Theater", directors, teachers of acting for Puppet Theatre, as the dissertation is a comprehensive reference manual to the basic educational knowledge and information of the Kosovar audience.

I confirm my positive evaluation and suggest the award of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" to Mrs Safete Statovci Shala.

I vote YES.

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