

# REVIEW

by

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of submitted documents and scientific papers  
for open position for associate professor in Economics  
**in Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”**

*Field code: 3. Social science, Economics and Law*

*3.8. Economics (Application of computational methods in economics and finance (financial crises and fintech))*

Open position announcement for associate professor in Economics has been published in the Bulgarian Official State Gazette (issue 30 from 15.04.2022). Academic position opening is at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. This review covers the documents and scientific papers submitted by a sole applicant for the open position – assist. prof. Deyan Vasilev Radev, PhD

## **1. Documents and general review**

I have been appointed as a member of the scientific committee reviewing applications for associate professor in the field of 3. Social sciences, Economics and Law, 3.8. Economics (Application of computational methods in economics and finance (financial crises and fintech)) by order № ПД 38-275 from 06.06.2022 of the Rector of Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”.

Documents and scientific papers have been submitted by Asst. Prof. Deyan Vasilev Radev, PhD, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”.

Dr. Radev received his PhD in Economics from Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany in 2013, where his research attracted attention and was highly rated. The applicant has extensive professional and academic experience, and has taken part as a consultant and researcher in a number of initiatives and scientific programs. Radev's research interests are in the area of risk analysis and assessment, financial markets, crises and contagion. The set of materials presented by the applicant is strictly following national legal regulations and the procedures for habilitation of Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. All necessary documents and evidence for scientific, teaching and professional activities of Deyan Radev are available.

## **2. Scientific papers review**

Dr. Deyan Vasilev Radev submitted 16 scientific papers in total, out of which 5 are to be considered for this open position – 2 monograph studies; 2 papers published in journals indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science; 1 chapter in a book/monograph study. All research items are properly described and are taken into consideration when preparing this review. For papers in print, the applicant has provided documents for acceptance. Submitted research papers are published in well-established journals and are all in English. It is worth mentioning the contents of publication #2, which further develop findings and research from the Dr. Radev's PhD thesis. Research paper #5 also deserves special attention as it aims at very important contemporary problems. I am confident that the ideas discussed in it could be further developed and used in a series of publications.

Deyan Radev provided a list and evidence for 5 citations from different researches across the world. All citing papers are indexed in Scopus and/or Web of Science. There are no common authors between the cited paper and the paper where citation is found, thus all items from the list are accepted as valid.

Deyan Radev, PhD has taken part in seven research projects in Bulgaria and Germany. Five of the projects had been successfully completed and two are still ongoing.

The applicant's teaching and research experience in Bulgaria began in 2019 and he is currently working at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration of Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". Deyan Radev's research interests and scientific publications are relevant to the opened position scientific subject. His scientific achievements and confirmed citations meet in full the minimum national requirements for occupying the academic position of "associate professor".

There is no plagiarism or improper use of scientific resources in the materials presented by the Deyan Radev.

## **3. Recommendations and questions**

My recommendations to the applicant are the following:

- to facilitate the inclusion of his scientific results in his classes by creating more electronic resources that students can access and use.
- to adapt his monograph studies so that they can use as studying materials and books.
- to steer his future research toward recent developments in fintech.

These recommendations do not highlight deficiencies or problems discovered in the research papers and aim solely at increasing the impact of results presented by both applicants.

## CONCLUSION

Documents and papers submitted by Deyan Radev, PhD comply with all legal requirements for habilitation in Bulgaria as well as with prerequisites for habilitation of University of Sofia "St. Kliment Ohridski".

Considering his scientific research and its relevance to the open position subject; his participation in research and business projects; teaching experience and proofs of completed professional commitments, I would like to recommend to the scientific committee to propose the election of Dr. Deyan Radev for the position of associate professor in 3.8. Economics (Application of computational methods in economics and finance (financial crises and fintech)) at the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski".



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