
UNIVERSITY OF LIBRARY STUDIES AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

REVIEW

by Prof. Dr. Eng. Evgeni Petrov Manev, part-time teacher at "University of Library Science and Information Technologies", Sofia, blvd. Tsarigradsko shosse 119, e.manev@unibit.bg, habilitated in PF 9.1 National Security and PF 3.5 Public Communications and Information Sciences, of the scientific works submitted in the competition for the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 9. Security and defense, professional direction 9.1. National Security, Faculty of the MF, Department "National and International Security", announced in SG no. 95/08.11.2024, by the only candidate associate professor Dr. Yordan Stoyanov Doikov.

General provisions

The review was prepared on the basis of Order 3-PK-89/02.01.2025 of the Rector of NBU, Sofia, on determining the staff of the scientific jury, for conducting the announced competition for the academic position of "professor", in the field of higher education 9. "Security and Defense", professional field 9.1. "National Security", Faculty of the MF, Department of "National and International Security", announced in the State Gazette No. 95/08.11.2024, and in accordance with the decision taken at the first meeting of the appointed scientific jury - protocol of 17.01.2025.

As a member of the Scientific Jury, I have received Order 3-PK-89/02.01.2025 of the Rector of NBU and all documents of the participant in the competition in electronic format. The review was deposited in the registry of NBU on paper and electronically, before the expiration of the three-month period specified in Art. 32 (1) of the "Regulations for the Implementation of the Act on the

Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria". When writing the review, the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, (Art. 60 and Art. 61) and "Regulations for the Development of the Academic Staff at NBU" were met to the maximum extent.

I. Assessment of compliance with the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the New Bulgarian University

The list of works that the candidate has submitted for review contains a total of 14 publications with a total volume of 2325 pages (see the table below). Of these, 13 publications with a total volume of 2094 pages have been submitted for review, including 1 (one) monograph - habilitation thesis, 2 (two) books, 5 (five) textbooks, 5 (five) reports and articles - two of which are in English. The author of all publications is the candidate. These works (with the exception of the dissertation) have not been used by the candidate in the procedure for awarding the educational and scientific degree of doctor and for occupying the academic position of associate professor.

I accept all works proposed for review. The same have been published in Bulgarian scientific publications. The assessment of the accessibility of the presented scientific production shows that it is sufficiently well presented to specialists working in this field and all conditions are provided for familiarization with its content and giving a critical assessment.

The subject matter of the presented scientific production is in the scientific field of the announced competition. It includes analyses, models, results of scientific research conducted in the field of global, regional and national security and military aspects of security.

The monograph (habilitation thesis) and other submitted publications fully meet the requirements for academic works. They do not repeat the author's achievements presented in the publications for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" and in the competition for the academic position "associate professor", in accordance with the requirements of Art. 60, para. 1,

item 3 of the Act on Development of Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The quantity of works submitted for review and their citations meet the minimum state requirements for holding the academic position of "professor" under Art. 2b para. 2, item 4 and Art. 29 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria and Art. 1a, para. 1 and Art. 60, para. 1, item 5 "Minimum quantitative indicators for holding the academic position of "professor" from the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria in the field of higher education 9. Security and Defense, professional field 9.1. National Security and the requirements set out in Appendix 2 of the Regulation on the Development of the Academic Staff of NBU. The candidate's scientific metric indicators were assessed at 795 points with a requirement of 760 points for holding the academic position of "professor", which they were exceeded by the candidate, which is evident from the table below.

Group of indicators	Index and publications/activities	Number of publications	Minimum number of points required	Number of points from the candidate's activities	For review yes/no number of pages
A	1 - Dissertation for the award of the ONS "Doctor". - 50	1	50	50	no-231
B	3 - Habilitation work– published monograph in the relevant scientific field - 100	1	100	100	YES 335
Г	5 - Published book based on a defended dissertation for the award of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" or for the award of the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences". - 75	2	150	2x75 = 150	YES 176
Г	7 - Articles and reports published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective books. - 10	5	50	5x10 = 50	YES 69
Д	12 - Citations in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes. - 10	10	100	10x10 = 100	no

E	21 - Published university textbook or textbook used in the school network. - 20	5	100	5x20 = 100	YES 1514
Ж	23 - Existence of a research or creative program. - 10 24 - Membership in national and/or international organizations and associations in the relevant professional field. - 10 29 - Translation of a scientific/journalistic work or a major work of art into Bulgarian. - 10 30 -Conducted public lectures on behalf of NBU upon invitation at the university. - 10 33 - Organizing and conducting a scientific school, a university-wide scientific seminar, a scientific conference. - 20 35 - Proven professional applied skills in the relevant scientific field and professional field. - 20		70	10+10+10+10+20+20 = 80	no
З	36 - Average score from student satisfaction surveys with course and instructor above. - 10 37 - Authored teaching materials for at least one course in book form and/or Moodle NBU. - 20 38 - Collaborating with students on research and/or creative projects. - 20 39 - Guidance/reviews of successfully defended diplomas or participation in state examination committees. - 20		70	10+20+20+20 = 70	no
И	43 - Participation as a trainee in the training program for the teaching and administrative staff of NBU. - 50 45 - Fulfillment of academic obligations: regular participation in meetings of the departmental/program board, compliance with reception hours, regular carrying out of classes. - 10 49 - Participation in the academic administration of NBU. - 25 50 -No penalties under the Code of Laborer. - 10		70	50+10+25+10 = 95	no
Общо			760	795	YES 2094

II. Research (creative) activity and results

The monograph (habilitation work) and other submitted publications fully satisfy the requirements for academic works. They do not repeat the author's achievements presented in the publications for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "doctor" and in the competition for the academic position "associate professor", in accordance with the requirements of Art. 60, para. 1, item 3 of the Act on Academic and Scientific Staff Development of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The topic of the monograph work “War, Military Affairs and the Army”, presented by the author Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov, is a timely study for conceptualizing the basic concepts related to war, through a skillful and separate application of sociological and political science approaches. In addition, the organization of the study, the content of the presentation and the scientific style of the author are visible. The study is built in a successful methodological sequence, and the introduction shows the author's plan for conducting the study, the object, the subject and the structure of the content.

The first chapter specifies the main concepts used, in which the author appropriately relies on the achievements in the works of famous authoritative scientists, successfully developing some of them. The methodological foundations of the study are clearly laid out, their different understanding is analyzed in depth. The author seeks an unambiguous understanding of their essence, content and meaning. .

The second chapter is dedicated to the sociological approach to the conceptualization of war, military affairs and the army. The author defends his thesis through the toolkit of basic sociological categories, while also offering his own conceptualizations. He outlines their social dimensions, approaches, forms and content by which they are formed and influence society (e.g. pp. 85-88, analyzes the structure of social action, by understanding its non-spatiality and temporality, as well as the spatio-temporal and temporal nature of military action, etc.). He appropriately analyzes the specific social roles determined by

the social nature of war, as a concomitant phenomenon. In this regard, he examines the institutionalization of social actions through social roles. He successfully analyzes military affairs as a system and as a specific type of social activity (p. (137), which creates conditions for analyzing the armed forces as a system from this point of view. The cultural element of military affairs is not omitted, through the symbolic systemic approach. (p. 151).

The third chapter is devoted to the political scientific approach to the conceptualization of war, military affairs and the army. Based on known scientific achievements, the author develops his thesis through the essence, content and connections of the categories “power - politics - war”. On this basis, he presents his view of the political conceptualization of war, military affairs and the army.

The monograph work ends with a conclusion in the form of a summary, by presenting the author’s achievements and problematic issues, as well as views on overcoming them.

I accept the original scientific contributions presented by the author in the monograph work, in the three directions, which can be summarized as follows: application of private scientific approaches to the conceptualization of war, military affairs and the army; generation of a methodological social scientific approach to the study of the connections “war - military affairs - army”; application of the sociological and political scientific approaches.

The publications proposed for review present an author's construction of knowledge, theory and practice, in which important aspects of military and national security are investigated with an emphasis on the sociological and political aspects. In addition, part of the candidate's scientific achievements are in the broader field of national security. The publications have been made in scientifically edited publications and have been presented at scientific conferences.

A total of 10 citations have been noted, which are in collective volumes with scientific review in our country.

I positively and highly evaluate the participation of Assoc. Prof. Yordan Doykov in scientific research projects and their application in university practice.

In the works of the participant in the competition, I have not found any presentation as his own, of works that are wholly or partially borrowed from other authors or the use of scientific results published by other authors, without reference or correct citation. I am not aware of any claims made against him by other authors for incorrect use of their works, or of any reports of plagiarism of an anonymous or non-anonymous nature regarding the candidate's publications. I do not have any joint publications with the candidate.

III. Educational and teaching activities

The classroom and extracurricular employment of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov is shown in detail in the table “Fall semester 2023-2024” in the “Self-assessment report”, from which it is evident that it is 270 hours of classroom and 435 hours of extracurricular employment, which meets the accepted standards.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov has developed and placed in “Moodle NBU” seven courses that he uses in his teaching activities.

From indicator 3.38 in the table above and from the “Self-assessment report” it is evident that the candidate has participated in two research projects, in which he has worked together with students. He has scientific supervisor of 12 graduates, of whom 10 are masters and 2 are bachelors.

He is the Director of the "Laboratory for Specialized Risk and Security Research" at the Department of National and International Security.

The average score of the surveyed students for Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Yordan Doykov is 4.24 (maximum is 5) for the academic year 2022-2023.

The candidate actively participates in the administrative activity of NBU in his capacity as Director of the "Laboratory for Specialized Risk and Security Research" at the Department of "National and International Security".

He demonstrates high public activity and is engaged in the problems of security, education, politics of the Republic of Bulgaria, etc. He works actively to increase the standards of higher education and to attract students.

V. Personal impressions of the candidate

I personally know Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov from our joint work at ULSIS as an ethical, hardworking, responsible, correct and active colleague and a person who can always be relied on. He is focused on his teaching and scientific research work, which is evident from the presented materials and his achievements. He is concerned and works with conviction to improve the educational work in the Republic of Bulgaria in the interest of national security and the prosperity of the state.

VI. Opinions, recommendations and notes on the activities and achievements of the candidate

Some recommendations, opinions and minor critical remarks may be made to the works submitted by the candidate for review in the competition, such as the formulation of some problems, the completeness of some of the analyses, the precision in the vocabulary when formulating individual results. These recommendations and notes do not affect the essence, significance, relevance and importance of the scientific contributions received by the candidate and in no way hinder their applicability in practice. Due to the insignificant, routine and technical nature of the recommendations and notes made, they are not relevant to the achievements of the author and therefore they are not presented in this review.

I recommend that he continue his scientific and publishing activities on his three scientific projects that he has already started.

Conclusion

The candidate fully meets and exceeds the minimum requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, for occupying the competitive academic position of "professor", specified in the

Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria (Art. 60 and Art. 61) and in the NBU (table above).

In accordance with Art. 61 of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff of the Republic of Bulgaria, taking into account the overall teaching, organizational, expert and research activities of the candidate, I confidently give a high overall positive assessment and vote positively for the proposal for election by the Academic Council of the NBU, for occupying the academic position of "professor" in the field of higher education 9. Security and Defense, professional field 9.1. National Security, in the Faculty of the Ministry of Finance, Department of "National and International Security", announced in the State Gazette No. 95/08.11.2024, by the candidate **Associate Professor Dr. Yordan Stoyanov Doykov.**

Review: (signature)

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