

## STANDPOINT

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on

the scientific papers for participation in a competition for the occupation of the academic position "professor" by Professional field 9.1. "National Security", announced in State Gazette No. 95/08.11.2024,

with a candidate

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Stoyanov Doykov

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

The documents submitted for the competition by the candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov show that he meets both the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB) and the additional requirements according to Appendix 2 of the Ordinance on the Development of the Academic Staff of the New Bulgarian University (NBU).

The table below presents the compliance of the candidate's activity with the minimum national requirements according to the Regulations for the Implementation of the LDASRB and with the requirements of the NBU for occupying the academic position "professor" in Professional field 9.1. "National Security".

<b>Group of indicators</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Minimum number of points required</b>	<b>Number of points from the applicant's activities</b>
A	1	50	50
B	3	100	100
Г	5, 7	200	200
Д	12	100	100
Е	21	100	100
Ж	23, 24, 29, 30, 33 и 35	70	80
З	36-39	70	70
И	43, 45, 49 и 50	70	95
<b>Total</b>		<b>760</b>	<b>795</b>

I am not aware of any proven plagiarism in the scientific works submitted for the competition in relation to the candidate.

## **II. Research (creative) activity and results**

### **1. Monographic work**

The candidate submitted for the competition the monographic work "War, Military Affairs and the Army (Social science approaches to their conceptualization)", volume I. Sociological and political approaches, ed. "Paradigma", Sofia, 2023, ISBN 978-954-326-519-0, 336 p. The structure of the work includes a preface, an introduction, three chapters, a conclusion and references. The bibliographic reference consists of 104 sources, of which 80 are in Cyrillic and 24 are in Latin. Checking the monograph with the anti-plagiarism software StrikePlagiarism shows 7.51% similarity in CS1 and 5.01% similarity in CS2.

The title of the monograph directs us to the problems of Professional field 9.2. "Military Affairs". However, the topic is generally interdisciplinary, but the formulated goal and the results of the research allow the work to be placed within the framework of Professional field 9.1. "National Security". And the purpose of the study is *to present possible sociological and political approaches to the conceptualization of war, military affairs and the army*, i.e. to military theory and practice in guaranteeing the basic good of modern society - national security.

For the explanation of these three phenomena (the war, the military affairs and the army), those are proposed through which a sociological approach with basic sociological categories is presented. Considered as an object of sociology, the army, according to the author, is not only a state institution, but also a variety of collective action. Because it cannot be fought, i.e. to carry out military operations, without the totality of the social organization of armed men. The author's views on war as a social and individual action are original. Because in military action it is also a matter of personal survival, of the instinct for self-preservation, although since the emergence of armies it has been decisive for them that individual people can act together.

In applying a political science approach to the conceptualization of war, military affairs and the army, the author proceeds from the essence of the political process and is based on a basic political science category, such as power and the relationship of politics to war. The latter is examined from two methodological points of view - European and Asian. The author also uses other political viewpoints in the study of war, military affairs and the army, which allows to clarify their relationship with power, management and the state.

All that has been said so far allows to highly evaluate the author's scientific contributions in the monograph related to the application of special scientific approaches in the conceptualization of war, military affairs and the army.

### **2. The other attached publications**

The candidate also participates in the competition with 2 books based on a defended dissertation work for the award of educational and scientific degree "Doctor", 5 university textbooks and 5 articles and papers published in non-refereed peer-reviewed journals or published in edited collective volumes. The publications examine various aspects of national and international security and war, civil control and strategic management and leadership in the national security system, conducting negotiations in the field of national security. These papers demonstrate the candidate's interdisciplinary interests, but they all focus on national security issues.

### 3. Quoting from other authors

The candidate has submitted a reference in which 10 citations from other authors are indicated with a total of 100 points, thereby fulfilling the requirements for indicator group "D" of the minimum national requirements and the requirements of the NBU. This output is formed by citations in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes.

### **III. Learning and teaching activity**

The applicant's annual workload for the academic year 2023/2024. exceeds the required hours of 180 classroom hours and 60 training hours - there are a total of 270 hours of classroom employment and 435 hours of non-auditory/training employment. Leads 9 classroom courses and supervises 6 non-auditory projects and internships.

The candidate works in the electronic training module "MOODLE - NBU", where there are author's study materials in 7 disciplines.

Together with students, he participated in 2 research projects under Ordinance No. 3 of the Ministry of Education and Science.

Feedback about the candidate in student surveys has been positive, with an average satisfaction survey score of Very good 4.25 at max 5.

### **IV. Administrative and public activity**

The candidate is the director of the "Laboratory for specialized studies of risks and security" at the Department of National and International Security.

He gave public lectures on behalf of the NBU and participated in the organization of one national and one international scientific conferences.

The candidate is a member of the Bulgarian Association of Political Sciences.

### **V. Personal impressions of the candidate (if any)**

Не познавам и нямам лични впечатления от кандидата.

### **VI. Opinions, recommendations and notes on the activity and achievements of the candidate**

I have no critical comments regarding the analyses, conclusions and summaries of the research in the monographic work and publications submitted for the competition, which would reduce the significance of the obtained results and contributions.

My recommendation is for the candidate to increase his publications in scientific forums and publications abroad, which will contribute to a wider popularization of the results of his scientific research.

### **Conclusion**

I believe that the candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov has the necessary qualifications and competence and meets the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its Implementation, and the Ordinance on the Development of the Academic Staff of the New Bulgarian University for the occupation of the academic position "Professor" in a Professional field 9.1. "National Security".

Based on the above, I express my positive assessment of the candidate's academic activity and suggest that the members of the esteemed scientific jury vote positively for the election of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Stoyanov Doykov in the academic position of "professor" in the Field of higher education 9. "Security and Defense", Professional field 9.1. "National Security" in the competition announced in State Gazette No. 95/08.11.2024 and his acceptance for election by the Academic Council of the New Bulgarian University.

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