



## OPINION

by Prof. Dr. Vasil Hristov Georgiev, Higher School of Security and Economics, Department 9.1. National Security on scientific papers for participation in a competition for the academic position of "professor", in the professional field 9.1. National Security , announced in the State Gazette (Dyrzhaven vestnik) No. 95/08.11.2024 , with 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 references, diplomas and other documents attached to the procedure certify the fact that the candidate, Associate Professor. Dr. Yordan Stoyanov Doykov, has met the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria /LDASRB/, relevant to holding the academic position of " professor " in the professional field 9.1. "National Security".

The candidate has submitted evidence of lecturing activities carried out in a higher education institution that exceed the minimum required period under Art. 24, para. 1, item 2 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria /LDASRB/.

The candidate has submitted evidence of a defended dissertation, thereby certifying the fulfillment of the requirement of Art. 24, para. 1, item 1 of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria /LDASRB/and of indicator A of the minimum national requirements for holding the position of "professor" .

The candidate meets the requirements specified in Article 64 of the NBU Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff.

The candidate has fulfilled the minimum requirements of NBU for holding the academic position of "professor", specified in Appendix 2 of the NBU's Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff.

I present a table of compliance of the candidate's activities with the minimum national requirements (LDASRB Rules of Implementation) and with the requirements of the NBU Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff for holding the academic position of "professor".

<b>Group of indicators</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	<b>Minimum number of points required</b>	<b>Number of points from the candidate's activities</b>
A	1	50	50
In	3	100	100
G	5, 7	200	200

D	12	100	100
E	21	100	100
G	23, 24, 29, 30, 33 and 35	70	80
H	36-39	70	70
And	43, 45 , 49 and 50	70	95
<b>Total</b>		<b>760</b>	<b>795</b>

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

The presented monographic work is entitled "War, Military Affairs and the Army, (Social Scientific Approaches to Their Conceptualization), Volume I. Sociological and Political Science Approaches, "Paradigma" Publishing House, Sofia, 2023, ISBN 978-954-326-519-0.

The study aims to present and analyze possible sociological and political scientific approaches to the conceptualization of war, military affairs, and the army – that is, to show how different scientific perspectives in the social sciences (with an emphasis on sociology and political science) can explain and interpret these three phenomena in order to achieve a deeper understanding of their essence, content, and role in society.

The object of study is war, military affairs and the army. The subject is the scientific approaches in the social sciences that conceptualize these social phenomena. The work is designed in three volumes, with the first volume being presented as an opinion. It consists of an introduction, three chapters, a conclusion and literature and has a total volume of 336 pages.

The first chapter, entitled "Clarification of Concepts. Theoretical and Methodological Statements", lays the foundation for the discussion by examining and clarifying the key concepts related to the object and subject of the study in order to achieve clarity and understanding. Their different interpretations and definitions are compared in order to derive the exact meanings and possible perspectives in order to build the methodological framework for further analysis. This represents a felicitous approach given the intra-disciplinary and interdisciplinary differences in the interpretation of concepts in the social sciences.

In the second chapter – “A Sociological Approach to the Conceptualization of War, Military Affairs and the Army”, a series of theses are proposed that develop a possible sociological methodological model for explaining these phenomena. The author’s approach is based on an explanatory scheme built on basic sociological categories that reveal the mutual relationship between social processes on the one hand and war, military affairs and the army on the other.

In the third chapter – “A Political Scientific Approach to the Conceptualization of War, Military Affairs and the Army”, the author’s political scientific approach is presented and compared with the views of other authors, based on the fundamental category of “power” and its connection with war. Special attention is paid to the concept of civil-military relations (for example, in Huntington), where power dependencies are examined in detail. Thus, the key political scientific perspectives are highlighted, emphasizing the connection of these phenomena with governance and the state.

The following scientific and applied scientific contributions of the presented

habilitation thesis can be highlighted:

Scientific contributions:

1. A generalized theoretical framework for the sociological and political analysis of war, military affairs and the army has been developed, which systematizes the main concepts and approaches in the social sciences.

2. A comparative analysis of existing concepts has been carried out, which contributes to a deeper understanding of the relationship between power, military organization and society.

Scientific and applied contributions:

1. The proposed interdisciplinary methodology can be adapted for studies and evaluations of military and defense policies, supporting the strategic decision-making process.

2. The constructed scheme for analyzing the social and political aspects of war and the army can be applied in training programs in the field of military sociology and political science, as well as in courses for professional qualification of experts and military personnel.

### **III. Educational and teaching activities**

The candidate's annual workload for the academic year 2022 /2023 exceeds the required hours of 180 classroom hours and 60 training hours - a total of 270 hours of classroom work and 435 hours of extracurricular/training work:

The candidate leads 9 university courses and 6 seminars and educational projects.

The average score from student satisfaction surveys with the course and instructor is 4.24 out of a maximum of 5.

### **IV. Administrative and public activities**

The candidate has active administrative activities at NBU.

Assoc. Prof. Doykov is the director of the "Laboratory for Specialized Risk and Security Research" at the Department of National and International Security.

The candidate is also a member of the Program Council of the Department of National and International Security.

### **V. Personal impressions of the candidate**

My personal impressions of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov are collegial and are related to his professional activity as a researcher in the field of military security and military sociology. I believe Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Doykov is one of the most profound and established researchers in this field.

### **V I. Opinions, recommendations and notes on the candidate's activities and achievements**

I have no recommendations for the candidate.

### **Conclusion**

1. Based on the findings and conclusions developed above in the opinion, I accept that the candidate's works submitted for evaluation fully correspond to the subject matter of the announced competition for the academic position of "professor" in professional field 9.1. National Security.

2. I believe that the candidate Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Stoyanov Doykov possesses the necessary qualifications, work and professional competence, and personal qualities and meets the requirements of the LDASRB Act and the Rules for its implementation, as well as the Rules for the Development of the Academic Staff of NBU for successful work in the academic position of "professor" in the indicated professional field.

3. In view of the above, with full conviction, I express a completely positive assessment of the candidacy of Assoc. Prof. Dr. Yordan Stoyanov Doykov, I propose to the esteemed scientific jury to select the candidate for the academic position of "professor" in the competition and to admit him to election by the Academic Council.

**17.02.2025**

**Signature :**