

SHORT REVIEW

by the member of the jury: Radoslav Mihaylov Tsonev, PhD, Associate Professor at the South-West University "Neofit Rilski"

of a dissertation for obtaining the educational and scientific degree *Doctor (PhD)* in the professional field 2.1. *Philology*, scientific specialty *Bulgarian language*

Author of dissertation: **Aliza Taysir Halil-Konstantinova**, full-time doctoral student at the Department for Bulgarian dialectology and linguistic geography at the Institute for Bulgarian language "Prof. L. Andreychin" of BAS

Topic of dissertation: **Vernacular models for naming traditional types of alcoholic beverages in Bulgarian dialects**

Scientific supervisor: prof. Ana Kocheva, PhD

1. Relevance of the problem developed in the dissertation in theoretic and scientific-applied terms

The work is a relevant and original study, which includes rich linguistic empirical material. Lexical examples from different parts of the Bulgarian language territory are described and analyzed: from a typical Eastern dialect, such as the Rhodopean dialect (Zlatograd), from Western Rup dialect, falling within the confines of the yat isogloss zone, where the dialects have both eastern and western linguistic features (the town of Bansko; the village of Gorno Draglishte, Razlog region; the village of Dolno Dryanovo, Gotse Delchev region), from the Central Balkan dialect, found partly in the yat isogloss area (the town of Tryavna and the town of Hisarya), from a typical Southwestern dialect (the village of Shishkovtsi, Kyustendil region), from a typical Northwestern dialect (the village of Chuprene, Vidin region; the village of Staropatitsa, Kula region), from a border western dialect (the village of Paruzhda, Belogradchik region).

It is important to note that so far in Bulgaria such a comprehensive and detailed scientific study of vernacular models for naming traditional types of alcoholic beverages (wine and rakia) in Bulgarian dialects has not been done.

2. Orientation of the applicant in the state of the problem and the dedicated scientific literature

The doctoral student is well acquainted with the basic literature on the problem she is studying. In the bibliography for her dissertation she has indicated 44 sources (scientific publications, lexicographic and electronic sources), which she has used in the process of her research work.

3. Nature of the chosen methodology

The research methodology applied by Aliza Halil-Konstantinova corresponds to the specifics of the dissertation, the goals and objectives of the study. A variety of methods have been used, both with synchronic and diachronic nature. The main method is the descriptive one, through which the word-formation models for naming the traditional types of alcoholic beverages (wine and rakia) are presented synchronously.

4. Brief analytical description of the scientific and/or applied contributions of the dissertation

The scientific contributions in the dissertation “Vernacular models for naming traditional types of alcoholic beverages in Bulgarian dialects” are directly related to the successfully solved research tasks. Some of the contributions are:

- * The work is an independent study that includes linguistic data from field research, scientific archives, dialect dictionaries, collections and more. The excerpted rich language material (mostly personally collected in the field by the doctoral student) has been successfully described and analyzed.

- * The theoretical and methodological frameworks of the research are presented correctly.

- * The nomination characteristics and models of the popular names of the alcoholic beverages (wine and rakia) in the Bulgarian territorial and social dialects are defined.

- * The origin (domestic and foreign) of the words used to describe rakia and wine in different Bulgarian dialects is traced.

- * Interesting from a linguistic point of view are the examples from Old Bulgarian and Middle Bulgarian sources. Very valuable are the examples (including dialect names of wine and rakia) from the field research.

- * Relevant are the PhD student’s conclusions about the more frequent use of derivation in the models for rakia names (which are most often of domestic linguistic origin) and its more limited use in the models for wine names, for the great variety of rakia names (probably due to the variety of different types of rakia in the different geographical regions of Bulgaria), the symbolic meanings of these names, etc.

5. Evaluation of the articles of the applicant on the dissertation subject: number, nature of the publications in which they are printed, citations

Aliza Halil-Konstantinova submitted her dissertation “Vernacular models for naming traditional types of alcoholic beverages in Bulgarian dialects, Sofia: BAS, 2021, 135 pp.” and the author’s abstract to it. She has published 3 articles on the dissertation, one of which is in a scientific journal, referenced and indexed in Web of Science, and the another two articles – in non-indexed peer-reviewed journals or in edited collective volumes.

The materials, submitted by Aliza Halil-Konstantinova, meet and exceed the national minimum requirements for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree *Doctor (PhD)* under Art. 2b, para. 2 and 3 of the Law on the Academic Staff Development in Republic of Bulgaria (LASDRB) and they are in accordance with the requirements of Art. 2, para. 1 of the Regulations, governing the application of the Law on the Academic Staff Development in Republic of Bulgaria (RGALASDRB) and under Art. 17 of the Terms and conditions for the acquisition of academic degrees and positions at the Institute for Bulgarian Language.

6. Does the abstract correctly reflect dissertation's content

The abstract correctly reflects the content, the main points and the scientific contributions of the dissertation.

7. Conclusion

The dissertation “Vernacular models for naming traditional types of alcoholic beverages in Bulgarian dialects” has linguistic merits and high scientific value (especially with regard to the presented and analyzed authentic material). The scientific work examines a contemporary problem, the text is consistently structured and contains interesting summaries and useful conclusions. Due to the aforementioned qualities of the research and the contribution moments in it, I confidently give my positive vote and recommend to the respected members of the scientific jury to support the award of the educational and scientific degree *Doctor (PhD)* to Aliza Taysir Halil-Konstantinova.

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