

## SHORT REVIEW

on the candidacy for the academic position Associate Professor of Bulgarian Language following the announcement in the Bulgarian Official Gazette, number 22 from 15.03.2019, by Kalina Stefanova Micheva-Peycheva, PhD, Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Bulgarian Language "Prof. L. Andreychin" at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

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The candidate, Dr. Micheva-Peycheva is presenting three monographs: "The clash of cleanliness and uncleanness in Bulgarian culture and language", 311 pages, 2013; "Sacred and profane uncleanness", 116 p., 2016; "Ethno cultural duality in Bulgarian Medieval literature", 266 p., 2017.

The Institute's and the Academy's published volume quota for the Associate Professor position have been met. In addition to the listed monographs, the candidate is presenting seven studies from scientific journals and anthologies, eleven articles from jubilee and thematic anthologies, eight articles from conference anthologies (including those coauthored and in print). Dr. Micheva-Peycheva has published a bibliography and coauthored a dictionary, as well as an educational handbook. She has presented reports at 23 different conferences.

In total, the scientific works of the candidate number 37. Her publications include five reviews and chronicles.

Senior Research Associate Micheva-Peycheva's monographs, studies and articles presented for this candidacy have been quoted on 43 instances.

The candidate is one of the young and outstanding ethnolinguistic scientists. In the last several years her attention has been devoted to the study of varied concepts such as *clean-dirty/unclean, mine or someone else's*; values like *love, freedom, nation*. She has also researched the names of musical instruments in Medieval Bulgarian literature, Bulgarian dialects, language and ethno culture; the sickness-inducing evil of Bulgarian apocryphal prayers, the names of childhood diseases (terms and folk names), etc. She has also shown an interest in studying dialects left outside the state borders (Aegean Macedonia). Her last work, titled "Ethno cultural duality in Bulgarian Medieval literature", deserves mention as a significant achievement and is proof of the author's persistent interest in ethnolinguistics as well as her continuous scientific exploration of current challenges and their professional resolution by the application of novel approaches.

Dr. Kalina Peycheva has participated in 12 projects – 4 of them are international, 4 others ongoing and 8 have been completed.

The candidate also has an interest in educational activities. From 2013 until 2017, she has supervised 44 graduate students under the program Student Internships.

Dr. K. Peycheva won IBL's Young Scientist award in 2012.

Various scientific contributions and approaches included in the works presented by Dr. Micheva-Peycheva require additional emphasis:

- the author completed the first comprehensive study of the ethno cultural duality of Medieval Bulgarian literature as a part of the diachronic linguistic studies of contemporary anthropological linguistics;

- having examined the principal concepts of the current Bulgarian diachronic linguistic global outline, the author applied an innovative research methodology, where the realization of the concepts is presented in linguistic lines with a nucleus, contiguous zone and periphery, which include not only synonyms of the leading examples, but also lexemes and other morphological traits, the linguistic order being semantic;

- the historical and contemporary profile of the values *freedom* and *nation*, as well as *love* in the classic Old Bulgarian works and paremiology, have been examined for the first time in Bulgarian ethno linguistics;

- the results of this research become incorporated in the teaching syllabus for ethnology, linguistic culture studies, ethnolinguistic university courses;

- the new methodology for the study of ethno cultural facts in the language of traditional culture has been applied to student lab exercises themed "Language, ethnos, culture".

The aforementioned evidence attests to the sufficient volume and distinctive quality of the author's research and publications. This accords me the assurance to nominate to the jury's esteemed attention Senior Researcher Dr. Kalina Stefanova Micheva-Peycheva for the position Associate Professor under section 2.1. Philology in the Ethnolinguistic Department at the Institute for Bulgarian Language "Prof. L. Andreychin" at the Bulgarian Academy of Science.

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