Review of the Dr Valdimir’s Stanev academic production and qualities

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The professional path of Dr. Vladimir Stanev is closely connected to the Faculty of History at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”. He graduated with highest honours, then did his PhD thesis there and continued as a teaching Assistant Professor. His academics interest lie in the field of Modern Bulgarian History and he has published an impressive number of academic production about this period – 2 monographs, 2 books (as co-authors), 9 articles in academic magazines, 11 articles in volumes, 11 large articles in different academic journals, 4 textbooks and readers. His activities as a member of the Faculty of History include also supervising Master thesis, participation in projects, participation at compiling academic volumes, member of editorial boards, organization of conferences and seminars. During the years Dr Stanev has proved himself as a high professional and expert in Modern Bulgarian History.

The latest monography of Dr Stanev („Шумът от дебри и балкани. Партизаните в България 1941-1944“, София, Университетско издателство „Св. Климент Охридски“, 2022) is animpressive achievement, result of many years of serious archival work and research. The massive amount of materials used in that book – archival documents, published documents, memoirs and the huge bibliography, make this text the most thorough research on the armed partisans in the countryBulgaria in Bulgarian historiography.

The other publications of Dr Stanev are dedicated to relations of the partisans with the state authorities and institutions – police, army, the foreign factors (Moscow), etc.; the international control in Bulgaria after the First World, War; the uprising of 1903 and 1923; the activities of IMRO; the Tarnovo Constitution of 1879, etc. His articles are well written in academic style, the analysis are deep, the argumentation solid, the conclusions well drown.

Dr Stanev is a responsible person at his teaching and work with students. He enjoys among students and colleagues the reputation of being always very strict and reliable, devoted to his work, loyal to the Faculty and the University.

In conclusion I would like to state that Dr Vladimir Stanev fully fulfils the criteria of national scientrometric indicators, there is no indications of plagiarism in his publications and he has all the qualities and covers all the criteria to make a new step to advance in his carrier. I give my positive and highest opinion of him and his work and strongly support Dr Vladimir Stanev to become an Associate Professor.

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