

## REVIEW

Reviewer: Prof. Mariyka Ivanova Radeva, PhD,

Regarding: The selection procedure for the academic position of „Associate Professor“, professional field “Pedagogy of.../Methodology of History Education/“, promulgated in State Gazette, issue 21, 15.03.2022

Senior Assist. Prof. Dr. Krasimir Sashkov Krastev is the only applicant in the selection procedure. He finished his secondary education in 1999. During his studies at the Faculty of History at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” (1999-2005), he obtained a Bachelor's degree in “History and Geography” and in “History and Archaeology”. In his master's program he focused on the study of the Bulgarian Middle Ages. In 2009 he defended his doctoral dissertation “Bulgaria from 1280 till 1323. Political History, Society and Economy”. Since 2013 he has been a lecturer in History teaching methods at the Faculty of History.

In the current selection procedure he submitted a habilitation thesis on “The History Lesson through the Methods of Active Learning”. (Plovdiv, Bulgarian Historical Heritage Foundation, 2022). The book is an in-depth theoretical and applied research on the actual topic of contemporary school history education. The author's priority is the play method and its numerous varieties, approbated by means of didactic experiment, observation and questionnaire. The thesis about the humanistic and cognitive-developmental potential of the active learning methods is well argued.

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Kr. Krastev's teaching activities in the field of history are varied: seminars, teaching practice, lectures, supervision of master's programs, etc.

### Conclusion:

- In his career development as a researcher and university lecturer Assoc. Prof. Kr. Krastev has successfully combined skills in the field of historiography and the methodology of history education.

- Among his scientific contributions I place first of all the research and approbation of game methods as a tool for active learning.

- I highly appreciate his research style, based on the combination of scientific continuity, striving for innovation in education and professional ethics.



- I confirm that he satisfies the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position of “Associate Professor in Methodology of History Education”.

- I strongly support the positive evaluation of the participation of Krasimir Sashkov Krastev in the present contest and recommend to the esteemed Academic Council that Kr. Krastev be selected for the academic position of “Associate Professor in Methodology of History Education”.

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