

STANDPOINT

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for the scientific works of Miloš Svrcek, PhD, submitted for participation in a competition for the academic position of “ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR” in the field of higher education 9. “Security and Defense”, professional field 9.1. “National Security” (“Migration Processes and Risks to National Security” (In the Context of Cybersecurity and Information Security), announced in the State Gazette, No. 49 of 17 June 2025

1. Assessment of the candidate's pedagogical training and activities

The candidate Miloš Svrcek, PhD, has extensive teaching experience in Slovakia in the field of constitutional and environmental law, political science, security, etc., as well as in processing materials for electronic courses and consultations on diploma theses.

In addition to teaching, the candidate has also held various management positions in the state administration of Slovakia.

The candidate's pedagogical training is enriched by the supervision of bachelor's and master's theses.

The candidate's overall teaching activity shows that he has extensive pedagogical training and extensive experience as a lecturer.

2. Evaluation of the candidate's scientific results and contributions

The main scientific results obtained by the candidate can be characterized generally as supplementing knowledge in a scientific field with new concepts, methods and approaches. I confirm the presence of contributions in the candidate's works submitted for the competition.

The significance of the contributions in the works of Miloš Svrcek, PhD, is determined by their scientific-applied nature. The research conducted by her and the results obtained create conditions for further research in the field of migration processes and risks to national security, in particular the counteraction to cybercrime, organized crime and terrorism.

The significance of the results obtained from the candidate's research is also evidenced by citations by other authors, including in monographs and peer-reviewed collective volumes.

3. Critical assessments, notes and recommendations for peer-reviewed works

The scientific works of Miloš Svrcek, PhD, accurately and completely present the results of hep research. They also demonstrate the candidate's broad literary awareness.

As a critical note, I can point out that the candidate has submitted several references, which, however, have the same content, and in some of them the information contradicts each other, such as for example the citations in monographs and collective volumes with scientific review and the number of citations in non-refereed publications. The reference for the fulfillment of the minimum national requirements does not list the cited works of the author, but only the citing publications and not all of them. Several references list citations, but all citations of the author's works are found only in one reference (D_CITATIONS), which shows that he meets the minimum national requirements and under Group of Indicators “D” for Field of Higher Education 9. “Security and Defense”, Professional Field 9.1. “National Security” according to the Regulations for the implementation of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

I have no critical remarks about the candidate's work that would diminish the significance of the contributions received.

My recommendation is that the candidate increase the number of his scientific publications abroad.

4. Opinion on the presence or absence of plagiarism

In the candidate's works, I have not found any presentation as one's own of works that were entirely or partially written or created by another author or the use of scientific results published by another author, without reference or citation.

5. Conclusion

I positively evaluate the scientific output of Miloš Svrcek, PhD. I believe that the candidate meets the requirements for holding the academic position of “Associate Professor” according to the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations of the Academy of National and Information Security for the Implementation of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria. This gives me reason to give her an overall **positive assessment**.

Based on the above **I vote positively** for the election of Miloš Svrcek, PhD, to the academic position of “Associate Professor” in the field of higher education 9. “Security and Defense”, professional field 9.1. “National Security” (“Migration Processes and Risks to National Security” (In the Context of Cybersecurity and Information Security) in the competition, announced in the State Gazette, issue 49 of 17 June 2025.

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