

REVIEW

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of the scientific papers submitted under the 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 for national security), announced in the State Gazette No. 49/17.06.2025 with candidate PhD Milosh Svarchek.

1. Which papers submitted by the candidate are accepted for evaluation:

I accept for evaluation all papers submitted by the candidate under the competition, which include: habilitation paper in the form of a published monograph in the professional field of the competition; published monograph, which is not presented as the main habilitation paper; 15 (fifteen) articles and reports published in scientifically reviewed and edited collective volumes.

I do not accept to review a published book based on a defended dissertation for the acquisition of the Educational and Scientific degree "Doctor" - (Organized Crime - Challenges to Development and Security within the European Union).

The submitted publications and citations do not repeat those already submitted for the acquisition of the Educational and Scientific degree "Doctor".

All works submitted by the candidate are within the scope of the scientific field of the competition, are precisely formatted and meet the requirements for academic publications.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's research, applied science and pedagogical activities

The candidate in the competition works in scientific fields that are fully relevant to the competition.

PhD Miloš Svarček manages to successfully balance his political, legislative, administrative, diplomatic, research and teaching activities. The provided reference shows that PhD Miloš Svarček began his academic career in 2014.

The candidate is an established researcher with contributions to both the national and international development of knowledge in the field of security. He has lasting interests in the field of national security. His dissertation for the ONS "doctor" is on the topic: "Legal and criminological aspects of organized crime".

All academic and other positions held by the candidate are in accordance with the field of the announced competition.

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

The participant in the competition is a lecturer at the University of Security Management in Košice in the following range of subjects: environmental law, constitutional law, jurisprudence, political science, security and others.

As part of the pedagogical experience of the participant in the competition, I also accept the scientific supervision of successfully defended graduates.

I give a positive assessment of the pedagogical training of the participant in the competition.

4. General characteristics of the submitted scientific works/publications

All publications submitted by the candidate are within the scope of the scientific field of the competition.

4.1. The main areas of the candidate's research activity are:

- Legal and criminological aspects of security science – A1; D.7.2; D.7.3; D.7.5; D.7.5; D.7.7; D.7.8; D.7.9; D.7.13; D.7.14; D.7.15;

- Theory of security science – D.4.1; D.5.1; D.7.1; D.7.3; D.7.5; D.7.11; D.7.12;

- Migration processes and risks to national security – B.3.1; D.7.2:

- Information security – D.7.4; D.7.6; D.7.8; D.7.9; D.7.10; D.7.15

The following contributions can be highlighted:

1. A comprehensive analysis of organised crime as a major global security threat, including a critical review of the lack of a unified definition of ‘organised crime’, which hinders effective countermeasures and risks an overly broad application of state powers at the expense of civil rights and freedoms.

2. A systematic classification and in-depth analysis of selected forms of organised crime (violent crime, economic crime, money laundering, human trafficking, drug trafficking and corruption), highlighting their characteristics and evolution in the EU and Slovak context.

3. An assessment of national (Slovak criminal law) and international legal instruments against organised crime, with an emphasis on forms of international cooperation (UN, EU and Council of Europe conventions and frameworks).

4.2. Assessment of scientific and applied scientific contributions

The main contributions of the candidate are of a scientific and applied scientific nature. The existing scientific knowledge related to security theory, information security and legal aspects of security has been expanded and supplemented, and new scientific knowledge has been generated.

The candidate's contributions to science and practice are proven by his active participation in political, legislative and international activities.

The results of the candidate's scientific research contain theoretical generalizations and solutions to scientific and applied problems, which represent an original contribution to science and practice.

4.3. Assessment of the monograph: "Terrorism as a consequence of international migrations. Košice: University of Security Management in Košice. 2025. 304 pp. ISBN: 0978-80-8185-077-6.

The monograph is mainly devoted to the issue of security aspects in migration policy in the EU. An area that is poorly studied from the point of view of political science. The monograph describes not only their emergence and overall development within the individual countries of Central Europe, but also their mutual impact on the respective countries. Attention is focused on the definition of the terms immigrant, migration and the consequences of foreign migration.

An important part is the definition of migration policy, its subcategories and individual theoretical studies of migration policy. The characteristics of the EU migration policy constitute the basis for the analysis of individual periods of the development of the EU migration policy.

The author pays special attention to the topic of security challenges from the point of view of Central European countries during the migration crisis and their possible impact on individual countries.

The monograph presents analysis, conclusions and recommendations based on expert research on the topics of migration and terrorism.

The empirical part of the work is dedicated to studying the conditions under which immigrants contribute to sustainable human development, including the way in which they help the development of the host country.

According to the author, the political decisions of the big and strong are the driving force of terrorism. Big countries follow the arrogance of power, promoting their own interests even at the expense of the loss of originality of smaller players and economic groups.

A special place is given to education in the field of national security.

The monograph "Terrorism as a consequence of international migrations", developed by PhD Miloš Svrček, possesses all the qualities of a completed scientific work. It has significant scientific and scientific-practical value.

5. Assessment of the extent to which the contributions are the work of the candidate.

The scientific works presented in the competition and the contributions therein are the personal work of the candidate.

6. Opinion on the presence or absence of plagiarism

I do not have a non-anonymous (and also anonymous) motivated written (or oral) signal for the establishment of plagiarism in the monographs, articles and reports of the candidate in the competition. In his author's works, the participant in the competition correctly uses the opinions of other authors by citing the used literary sources in accordance with the requirements of academic ethics.

7. Critical notes on the reviewed works.

Regarding the works submitted for review, I have no critical notes.

I have the following recommendations to the candidate:

- to direct efforts to the development of independent textbooks, teaching aids and teaching and methodological aids that he uses in his teaching activities, with which he can increase the effectiveness of his work with students;

- to expand his publication activity by publishing his research in refereed and indexed publications in world-renowned databases with scientific information.

8. Fulfillment of the requirements for indicators for holding the academic position of "associate professor"

PhD Miloš Svarček meets the minimum requirements for indicators for holding the academic position of "associate professor. With 400 points needed, he has 480 points.

9. Conclusion

The documentation and scientific production provided by the candidate in the competition Dr. Milos Svarchek meet the regulatory requirements for holding the academic position of associate professor.

My assessment of the scientific works of Dr. Milos Svarchek, the only participant in the competition for holding the academic position of "associate professor" in the field of higher education 9. Security and defense, professional direction 9.1. National security, for the specialty "Migration processes and risks for national security".

is "positive".

I propose to the esteemed Scientific Jury of the competition that PhD Milos Svarchek be selected in the competition and proposed to occupy the academic position of "associate professor".

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