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OPINION

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regarding the presentation of scientific papers and the participation of Dr. Miloš
Svarček
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 for
national security" (In the context of cybersecurity and information security),
announced in the State Gazette No. 49/17.06.2025 .

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1. Brief information about the candidate in the competition

Only one person participated in the competition candidate Dr. Miloš Svarček, who holds a doctorate in international relations from the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica. The main scientific fields in which his publications are located are diplomacy, international relations, security sciences, international law. Prominent in practice as a qualified lawyer, political scientist and diplomat with experience in legislation, lawmaking and sectoral construction law are evidence of the candidate's high expertise.

It is evident from the submitted documents that the only candidate in the announced competition possesses scientific research and administrative capacity in accordance with the requirements of the procedure.

2. General characteristics of the candidate's works

Submitted in this competition for the academic position of "Associate Professor" Dr. Miloš Svarček meet the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ADRB) and the Regulations for its implementation.

He has submitted the following scientific papers for review, which are distributed as follows:

- one independent monograph in English – 100 points;
- one published monograph that is not presented as the main habilitation thesis - 100 points
- one independent book based on a defended dissertation – 75
- articles and reports published in non-refereed journals with scientific review or published in edited collections: 12 independent and 6 co-authored - total 150 points.

The indicated citations in monographs and collective collections with scientific review are 2 pcs. – 20 points, and the citations in non - refereed scientific journals with scientific review are 6 pcs. – 30 points.

From the general analysis of the publications, I believe that the candidate has the qualities of a scientist, with extensive knowledge in the field of his research, and the published materials would be of interest not only to narrow specialists.

3. Compliance of the quantitative results of the candidate's scientific and teaching activities with the minimum national requirements for holding the academic position of "associate professor".

According to the submitted reference, it is evident from the included publications that they are proof of the author's scientific activity in the field of science that he has chosen for his scientific growth. The quantitative assessment

covers and even exceeds the minimum required points by groups of indicators according to the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Protection of the Rights of the Child in Area 9. Security and Defense, Professional Direction 9.1. National Security.

Doctor Miloš Svarček has presented scientific publications on the topic in the competition for the academic position of "associate professor" , with the total number of points for all publications and citations being 525 points , with publications totaling 475 points and citations totaling 50.

The presented facts undoubtedly prove the candidate's academic potential and his contribution to the scientific field, which makes him fully suitable for the academic position of "associate professor". The presented scientific production is distinguished by a high degree of accessibility and is aimed at a wide range of experts in the field of security and law.

4. Evaluation of teaching and learning activities

His teaching activities are related to conducting lectures and exercises in commercial law, diplomatic law, jurisprudence, geopolitics and other legal disciplines. The candidate's academic profile demonstrates solid pedagogical training combined with a mastery of legal matters, as well as the necessary practical experience, establishing him as an authoritative lecturer.

5. General characteristics of the candidate's research and applied scientific activities

The results reflected in the candidate's scientific works demonstrate their interdisciplinary nature. The scientific research activities of Dr. Miloš Svarček is related to migration processes, which are no longer seen solely as a humanitarian or socio-economic issue. They have become a hybrid instrument, in which the management of refugee flows is closely linked to the control of information assets and the protection of critical infrastructure.

The candidate's monographic work "Terrorism as a Consequence of International Migration" /2025/ is dedicated specifically to the security aspects of EU migration policy - an area that has been insufficiently researched from a political science perspective. The work describes not only the emergence and overall development of these processes in individual Central European countries, but also their mutual influence on the affected countries.

Attention is focused on the definition of the terms "migrant" and "migration", as well as on the consequences of external migration. An important part is occupied by the definition of migration policy, its subcategories and individual theoretical studies in this area. The characteristics of the EU migration policy serve as the basis

for the analysis of the individual periods of its development. The work is a serious study of the cause-and-effect relationship between uncontrolled migration flows and the erosion of national security. At the same time, the current situation and all potential and most significant threats to the security of the continent are described, and a clear analysis of the countries based on their positions in relation to regional challenges is also presented.

Through a comparative analysis of the approaches of individual countries, the paper provides an assessment of the entire region and indicates possible future directions in the field of security. The monograph in question presents an analysis based on research on the topics of migration and terrorism.

6. Synthesized assessment of the main scientific and applied scientific contributions

The publications and scientific results obtained by the candidate contain a number of scientific, applied science and applied contributions of varying degrees of significance for science. I accept and confirm the presence of contributions in the works of the candidate submitted for the competition:

Scientific contributions:

- new definition of modern migration has been clarified: A distinction has been drawn between “historical migration” (related to progress and scientific exchange) and “modern migration” (as a hybrid risk).
- A geopolitical analysis of the genesis of terrorism has been carried out: The work proves the causal relationship between external intervention (especially by the US) in the Middle East and Africa and the rise of radical movements such as the Taliban and the Islamic State.

Scientific and applied contributions:

- Defining security education as a "protective barrier": The author develops the innovative thesis that specialized security education is not just a pedagogical process, but an element of national security, acting as a preventive barrier against terrorism and hybrid threats.
- An analysis has been made. How the parallel arming of opposition forces and the export of capital create a sustainable environment for modern terrorism, making it an inevitable consequence of globalization.
- A systemic approach to global threats is presented: The author proposes an integrated model in which social (poverty, crime) and natural (climate, resources) threats are viewed as interrelated consequences of demographic expansion.

I believe that all the contributions in the peer-reviewed works were obtained with the personal participation of the author. The analysis of the thematic areas that are traced in the candidate's overall scientific production gives an accurate idea of his scientific interests and his authorial participation.

7. Critical notes on peer-reviewed works

Dr. Miloš Svarček's scientific works accurately and completely present the results of his research. They also demonstrate the candidate's broad literary awareness.

I recommend that the candidate focus their efforts on publications, in refereed and indexed journals in global databases such as Scopus and Web of Science. By participating in more national and international projects, the candidate can enrich their knowledge and skills, establish their authority as a researcher, and promote their scientific and creative achievements.

8. 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.

9. Conclusion

Based on the above, I can summarize that there is one convincing candidacy for the academic position of "associate professor". The competition documents testify that both the requirements of the Act on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ADSRB) and the Regulations for the Implementation of the ADSRB, as well as the relevant Regulations of ANIS for the academic position of "associate professor", have been met.

With full conviction, I give my POSITIVE assessment and recommend to the other esteemed members of the Scientific Jury to vote FOR AWARDING the academic position of "Associate Professor" Dr. Miloš Svarček in a competition for occupying an academic position. position "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. 49/17.06.2025.

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