

# **ACADEMY OF NATIONAL AND INFORMATION SECURITY**

## **R E V I E W**

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of the dissertation

of **Dr. Mirosław Boruta Krakowski**

on the subject:

**„THE IMPACT OF MIGRATION  
ON EUROPEAN IDENTITY AND SECURITY“,**

presented for the acquisition of the scientific degree “Doctor of Sciences”  
in the Field of higher education 9. “Security and Defense”,  
Professional Field 9.1. “National Security”

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The preparation of this review was assigned by decision of the scientific jury, determined by order of the rector of the Academy of National and Information Security No. 056/20.10.2025.

As a member of the scientific jury, I received a dissertation, an abstract to it and accompanying administrative documentation in electronic format.

The review was prepared on the basis of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (LDASRB), the Regulations for the implementation of LDASRB and the Regulations of the Academy of National and Information Security for the implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria.

## **1. Relevance and significance of the problem developed in the dissertation work**

The relevance of research in the dissertation problem is determined by the fact that the mass migration of people from Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Central and South America to Europe and North America is one of the most significant social phenomena in recent years.

This is why any new knowledge in this area is met with increased interest.

The significance of the study is determined by the fact that large migration flows cause imbalance and instability in social systems and disrupt both social and economic security in a number of countries in Europe and North America. This largely affects the attitude towards migrants by the societies of the receiving countries. The acceptance of migrants of different ethnicity, culture and religion is generally perceived as a threat to the security of these countries. On this basis, the dissertation focuses on some of the most fundamental threats to the security of contemporary societies, those related to the duality of discourse – unity of global society (we are all the same and there are no differences between us - a biological perspective) and its diversity (in large groups of

people we are different and do not want to give up our religious beliefs or cultural background, i.e. language, customs and traditions).

The scope and depth of the research, the traditional and electronic sources used from 123 titles, as well as the presentation of some of the results in this dissertation work in 16 publications, allows us to conclude that the author knows the subject area very well and has entered the research problem to a large extent. This allows him to make an accurate assessment of the current state of this problem.

The author used appropriate scientific methods to conduct the research, which allows him to substantiate his scientific results.

## **2. A brief analytical description of the nature and credibility of the material on which the contributions of the dissertation are built**

The work is presented as a completed independent scientific study. It consists of an introduction, five chapters, a conclusion, and references, in a total volume of 275 pages. The sources are cited correctly in the text of the dissertation. Many current literary sources have been used, which shows that the author is well aware of the current state of the issues of the dissertation work.

The introduction justifies the relevance and importance of the topic, presents the purpose and methods of research, and emphasizes the role of sociology as a science that studies reality.

The first chapter examines humans and their migrations. It examines theories about the spread of humans around the world since the beginning of human migration, which is believed to have begun tens of thousands of years ago. The development of human genetic characteristics has been analyzed and the conclusion has been made that all human beings are actually members of one family, connected to each other through the common inheritance of our genome.

In the second chapter, the identity and regionalization of people are analyzed in historical terms. The origin and development of genes, culture, language, civilizations,

religions, nations and states are studied. It is emphasized that religion is the central defining element of a civilization.

The third chapter examines the connections between culture and security, concluding that cultural security – a new research discipline – is related to the security of individuals, social groups and society as a whole. Cultural security is seen as intended to preserve and strengthen the identity of different social groups: ethnic, national and religious. It is accepted that the security of these communities may overlap with the security of the state, assuming that the presence of strong ethno-national identities may pose a threat to the unity and security of the state.

The fourth chapter, "European Futurology - Blurring Identity and Forced Unity", analyzes the thesis that global culture, based on electronic media, leads to a "post-national" order and the weakening of nationalism. The era of mass communication is also seen as a time of mass migration. Thus, in the post-national era, different ethnic and cultural groups are mixed and hybrid cultural identities are obtained. The conclusion is made that just as traditional religions have changed, encountering new conditions, so too have national identities been constantly rethought by subsequent generations, which indicates that national identity will be one of the key foundations of the modern world order.

Chapter five examines the positive and negative consequences of globalization, contemporary migrations, and the links between globalization, migration, and security. The conclusion is made that as a result of modern migration, the majority of countries around the world have become multi-ethnic and multi-religious, and interactions between people of different cultural backgrounds can lead to cultural, ethnic and religious conflicts.

I believe that the contributions of the dissertation are based largely on the credibility of the content and the objectivity of the conclusions, and I would define them as enriching the existing knowledge in the field of the influence of migration on European identity and security.

As a result of the theoretical analyses and research carried out by the author of the dissertation, scientific and applied scientific contributions can be derived. Among the scientific contributions, I would highlight the presentation of the cultural origins, studied in terms of identity, ethnicity and religious beliefs, of the latest immigration crisis that Europe is facing. Knowledge in the fields of sociology of culture, sociology of migration and sociology of identity is enriched. Furthermore, knowledge of individual and collective identity is expanding, analyzed from a sociological perspective, which is dominant, but also from a cultural security perspective, as well as from an anthropological, philosophical, historical and psychological perspective. Among the scientific and applied contributions, I would highlight the created basis and prerequisites for new targeted research using sociology and other social sciences close to sociology, such as cultural anthropology, ethnology, sociolinguistics, general and cultural linguistics. Overall, the concept of the dual nature of the world presented in the dissertation helps to understand such different attitudes towards migration.

### **3. Оценка на авторското участие в получаването на приносите в дисертационния труд и на публикациите по него**

The dissertation research clearly demonstrates the author's high theoretical and methodological training, which confirms his participation in obtaining the contributions to the dissertation work and the publications on it.

The contributions are a real and logical result of the in-depth approach to conducting the research, correspond to the set goal and are a consequence of the consistent solution of the set research tasks.

I believe that the publications sufficiently reflect the content of the dissertation work and ensure publicity of the scientific results.

#### **4. Assessment of the possibilities for using the obtained results and recommendations for their future implementation**

The analysis of the dissertation work gives grounds to conclude that the results obtained from the study have practical significance for managers and experts in national and international institutions working in the field of migration, including in countering the adverse effects of migration on national and international security.

#### **5. Abstract for the dissertation**

The submitted abstract faithfully reflects the content of the dissertation work and complies with the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the regulations for its implementation.

#### **6. Critical assessments, remarks and recommendations**

I have no critical comments on the content of the documents submitted for review that would reduce the quality and quantity of the results and contributions obtained.

My recommendation is that the author publish a book based on the dissertation, which will ensure greater publicity for his scientific achievements.

#### **7. Other questions**

I do not know the author of the dissertation and I have no joint publications with him.

#### **8. Presence or absence of plagiarism in the dissertation**

In accordance with Art. 10, para. 2 of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria, I have no information and believe that there is no plagiarism in the dissertation submitted for evaluation.

## 9. Conclusion

Considering the relevance and significance of the researched issues, the compliance of the presented dissertation with the requirements of the Act on the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for its implementation, and the results obtained from the study, I give **a positive assessment** and recommend to the members of the esteemed scientific jury to make a decision to award Dr. Mirosław Boruta Krakowski of the scientific degree "Doctor of Science" in the Field of higher education 9. "Security and Defense", Professional field 9.1. "National Security".

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