

STATEMENT

On

the competition for occupation of the academic position of Associate Professor in 2.3. Philosophy at New Bulgarian University

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On November 13, 2020 in *State Gazette* 97 New Bulgarian University announced a competition for occupation of the academic position of Associate Professor in 2.3. Philosophy. The only candidate for this position is Senior Assistant Professor PhD Hristo Petrov Gyoshev.

In candidate's documents is not included a reference form of the National Centre of Information and Documentation (NACID), that demonstrates that Dr. Gyoshev meets the minimal national requirements for occupation of the academic position of Associate Professor. However, on the ground of the enclosed candidate's self-assessment and his publications I can make the conclusion that he covers these requirements.

Hristo Gyoshev was born 1977. In 2000 he earned his master's degree in Philosophy from the Sofia University. In 2004 he defended a dissertation on the topic "To the Origin of the Constitutive Problems for the Reason in the Philosophy of J. G. Fichte" and earned the doctorate degree. In 2005 he started working in New Bulgarian University, at first as Honorary Assistant Professor and since 2006 till now as Senior Assistant Professor at the Philosophy and Sociology Department. In the time period from 2006 to 2012 he was Director of the BA Program "Philosophy". Since 2017 till now he is

Head of the Philosophy and Sociology Department. Dr. Gyoshev speaks English and German and can read Russian.

Dr. Hristo Gyoshev has presented for the purposes of the competition the monograph *“Identity and Normativity. An Inquiry on the Philosophical Reductionism of Derek Parfit”*, published in NBU Press in 2013, and in addition the scientific studies “Collective Identity and Moral Reflection”, “Games of Emancipation in International Relations”, “Grounding Recognition Anew”, “The Residual Good Society” etc., in total 11 studies and 6 papers, published in Bulgarian and in English.

In the presented for the purpose of the competition habilitation thesis *“Identity and Normativity. An Inquiry on the Philosophical Reductionism of Derek Parfit”* – a result of intensive research work – Hristo Gyoshev demonstrates deep investigation and critical reasoning on the philosophy of the contemporary British philosopher Derek Parfit. The consideration of his theory is thoughtful and censorious, Gyoshev aims not only to exhibit as clearly and comprehensibly as possible this complicated theory, but also to question it in order to analyze the philosophical reductionism and its potential in his own way

Dr. Gyoshev exposes with subtle acuity and pedagogical clarity the most intricate problems of contemporary moral philosophy in analytic perspective offering at the same time his own original interpretation and giving a systematic perspective, which enables an innovative approach to moral philosophy and to philosophical thinking and philosophical method as well. His work has undoubtedly a contributive character, the author responds to the need of a complete introduction to Parfit’s influential theory in our home country, delivers clear criteria and sets landmarks for its critical evaluation. Hence I’m convinced that everyone who is interested in the problems of moral philosophy and in the contemporary state of philosophical investigations won’t be able to work without considering Hristo Gyoshev’s study.

In his studies and papers Hristo Gyoshev continues the elaboration of his major research topics with new highly impressive concrete analysis.

All stated so far shows clearly that we are dealing with an impressive broad and already voluminous scientific work, with a devoted and fruitful teaching and research activity. Dr. Gyoshev's works presented for the purpose of the competition show clearly his high philosophical competence, his interdisciplinary thinking and his innovation. It is of our attention the candidature of an already established philosopher with a long research and teaching experience, whose works are a valuable contribution to the development of the philosophical science in Bulgaria. Because of all this I will convinced vote for awarding of the academic position of Associate Professor in 2.3. Philosophy to Dr. Hristo Gyoshev.



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