

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW

from

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for dissertation on:

**"THE SOCIALIZATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AS A FACTOR FOR THE
DEVELOPMENT OF BULGARIAN CITIES"**

with author:

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to obtain the educational and scientific degree

"Doctor"

in a doctoral program:

**"Book studies, library studies, bibliography - Policies in the
library information sector"**

in a professional direction:

3.5. "Public Communications and Information Sciences"

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1. General description of the presented materials.

The Dissertation and the Author's Abstract submitted for evaluation meet the requirements of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria (ZRASRB), the Regulations to it and the normative documents of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski" for obtaining the scientific and educational degree "doctor".

2. Relevance and significance of the research.

Presented for discussion by Mr. Dimitar Koparov, Dissertation work and Author's Abstract on the topic "SOCIALIZATION OF CULTURAL HERITAGE AS A FACTOR FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BULGARIAN CITIES" show the author's desire to present to the European scientific community and in particular to the scientific community at the Sofia University "St. . Kliment Ohridski" the results of one of his researches, which is in the final stage of implementation. I definitely consider the dissertation work to be relevant and timely. The tasks set in the dissertation have been completed accurately and completely. In this regard, I would like to emphasize that the doctoral student Koparov has focused his research not only on the informational aspects of the socialization of cultural heritage, but also on the development of Bulgarian cities, influenced by this obvious socialization in the various forms and levels of its manifestation. The author has set achievable and feasible goals, which find their practical implementation in a number of countries around the world, but the emphasis on the Bulgarian specificity gives him the right and reason to claim certain scientific and applied contributions.

3. Knowledge of the subject area.

I definitely assert that the subject area of the dissertation work is within the scope of the doctoral program "Book Studies, Library Studies, Bibliography - Policies in the Library and Information Sector", in the professional direction 3.5 "Public Communications and Information Sciences." A list of used literature is attached to the dissertation, in which a total of 263 bibliographic sources are shown, of which 183 are in Bulgarian and 80 in other languages. The dissertation thesis developed and proposed for evaluation by the author is supported by 4 (four) independent publications. From these facts, it can be concluded that the author knows the subject area of his research well and can be expected to make both theoretical and applied contributions in his professional development.

4. Research methodology.

The doctoral student has chosen a research methodology based on the so-called "An Architectural Approach" forming the main contemporary toolkit of modern change methodology. This methodology naturally leads to the solution of the research tasks and the achievement of the set goals of the scientific development.

5. Brief description of the dissertation work.

The present dissertation work is presented as an in-depth scientific and applied research. It consists of a Preface, 4 (four) Chapters, Conclusion, Bibliography and 10 (ten) Appendices, in a total volume of 303 pages. 21 (twenty one) tables and 6 (six) figures are attached to the text

In the Preface, the main Chapters and the Conclusion, the doctoral student describes in detail and in depth the content of his scientific work and the main results of the researches carried out. There the relevance and significance of the research are shown, the main goals and working hypotheses are defined. As I already had the opportunity to emphasize, the development is characterized by precision and accuracy.

6. Main goal and solved tasks in the dissertation.

The dissertation project submitted for evaluation aims to reveal, analyze, explain and establish whether cultural heritage plays a significant role in society's efforts to achieve a new kind of social development based on the construction of the urban environment as a collective communication effort. Here the emphasis is on the role of modern libraries as institutions of memory in which basic social interactions take place. Strong emphasis is placed on the links between cultural heritage and applicable policies in the library and information sector, through a scientifically based and legally sound, historical, objective and subjectively understandable way. The achievement of the multifaceted goal of the dissertation research is successfully realized through the effective implementation of the research tasks set and solved by the author.

7. Basic scientific-methodological and applied contributions.

I accept not only in principle, but also in essence the contributions received in the dissertation, as presented by Mr. Koparov.

An important element of the dissertation is the deeply meaningful conclusions of the author, directly related to the practical applications of his

dissertation thesis. The contributions thus presented show that the dissertation fulfills its purpose and can be considered a successful attempt to respond to an actual and significant need.

8. To what extent the contributions are the personal work of dissertation.

I consider both scientific and applied contributions to be the personal work of the PhD student. I did not detect any plagiarism and I would like to emphasize that the authorship of the doctoral student is indisputable. It is also proven by appendices to the provided Protocol materials.

The stated results and contributions are obtained after a long accumulation of personal observations, collection of empirical data and hard research work. Here I cannot fail to point out the huge role of his scientific supervisor - my respected **Associate Professor Dr. Aneta Doncheva**, who is an indisputable capacity in the discussed research field.

9. Evaluation of publications.

I give a positive assessment of the publications and definitely consider that they reflect the spirit and content of the dissertation research.

10. Are contributions implemented?

From the analysis of the dissertation work, it is clear that the implementation of the contributions is within the competence of the author of the dissertation research. Supported by his academic supervisor, he realized this approbation opportunity within the framework of the competent Bulgarian institutions.

11. Drafting of the Author's Abstract.

The Author's Abstract is designed in accordance with the requirements of the internal regulatory framework of SU "St. Kliment Ohridski". He is in charge of both the ZRASRB and the Rules for Implementing the ZRASRB. The Abstract accurately and relevantly reflects the content of the dissertation work.

12. Admitted weaknesses and errors. Recommendations.

I did not notice any weaknesses or errors in the submitted documents. I have no essential recommendations for the author of the dissertation work, except for those related to the precise wording of the scientific and applied contributions with terminological means suitable for the purpose, as well as to realize publications in the referenced SCOPUS and WEB of SCIENCE databases.

13. Conclusion.

Everything stated above gives me the reason to support the procedure for awarding the educational and scientific degree "**doctor**" to Mr. Dimitar Koparov in professional direction **3.5. "Public Communications and Information Sciences"**, in the doctoral program "**Book Studies, Library Studies, Bibliography - Policies in the Library Information Sector**", and I strongly invite the other colleagues - members of the scientific jury to do the same.

Reviewer:
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