

STATEMENT

**by Associate Professor Dr. Elena Ivanova Krejcova, Department of Slavonic Studies,
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on her thesis for the award of the degree of Doctor of Education and Science

2. 2. Humanities

Professional field 2.1. 2.1 Humanities (Applied Linguistics)

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Topic: „Linguocultural differences in high language etiquette“

Research supervisors: **assoc. dr. Vladislav Milanov, assoc. dr. Dilyana Dencheva**

General presentation of the procedure, the documentation and the PhD student

By order of the Rector of the Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridski" № RD 38-98 from 19.02.2024, I have been appointed as a member of the scientific jury for the preparation of an opinion to provide a procedure for the defense of a dissertation on "Linguocultural Differences in High Language Etiquette" for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor" in the field of higher education 2. Humanities, professional field 2.1. Philosophy (Bulgarian Language - Applied Linguistics). The author of the dissertation is Antoaneta Peteva Nacheva with scientific supervisors Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vladislav Milanov, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Dilyana Dencheva from Sofia University

All documentation related to the doctoral studies and required by the Law for the Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria and the Regulations for the Implementation of the Law of the Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski" for conducting the dissertation defense procedure for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "Doctor", were duly submitted to the Scientific Jury and fully comply with all requirements.

Antoaneta Nacheva was born in 1993 in. She was born in 2001 in Pleven. She graduated with a BA in Bulgarian Philology in 2018. In 2019, she graduated from the Master's program in

Linguistics - Language System and Speech Practices. After completing her studies she worked in the field of journalism.

Characteristics and evaluation of the thesis:

The dissertation, which is 283 pages long, is structured in an overview manner, consisting of an introduction, main text (2 chapters), conclusion, bibliography and appendices. The bibliography contains 240 sources in Bulgarian, Russian and English.

The chosen methodology of the study of the issues implies the objective achievement of the intended goal, the solution of the tasks in theoretical and practical terms, as well as the confirmation or rejection of the author's hypotheses, namely - the tracking of the speech strategies in the public speech of some of the most active Bulgarian politicians. The object of the research, stated in the introduction of the dissertation, is the observation and analysis of the speech of Bulgarian politicians with an emphasis on the linguistic means on which each speech is built. The aim of the author is to trace the evolving speech trends in political speech, to highlight possible deviations in speech etiquette, to describe and synthesize them. She also draws attention to the reception of the linguistic behaviour of the representatives of Bulgarian politics by ordinary citizens. The main terms that the PhD student works with and applies within her analysis should be defined in the introduction of the dissertation itself. There is no comprehensive presentation of the terminological apparatus that the author will use in her research. The theoretical part of the work should have been more precise and the analysis of the corpus of linguistic material studied should have been more systematic and conceptual.

Topical relevance:

The chosen topic is distinguished by its topicality, as the dissertation examines the linguistic trends in Bulgarian political discourse in recent years and tries to outline the specifics and trends in the development of discourse in public discourse.

Knowledge of the problem:

The PhD student knows the basic issues in the field of linguocultural studies and speech etiquette.

Bibliography Evaluation:

The bibliography contains 240 titles, the cited literature is in Bulgarian, Russian, and English, presenting the main studies on the dissertation topic. The sources are in most cases correctly used and cited in the text, and sometimes differences in the authors' points of view are outlined. However, some of the authors mentioned in the text are not listed in the dissertation bibliography.

Abstract evaluation:

The abstract presented by the doctoral student reflects the content of the dissertation faithfully and adequately. It contains the necessary requisites, including the dissertation contributions and a list of publications on the topic. The scientific contributions of the dissertation are synthesized and correctly reflect the results achieved in the research.

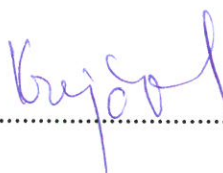
Evaluation of the publications on the dissertation:

The dissertation has the required number (6 in total) of publications according to the minimum national requirements.

Conclusion:

In spite of some weaknesses in the work and the remarks made, overall the objectives of the thesis have been achieved. The dissertation fulfils the requirements for the award of the PhD degree (scientific research carried out with the application of a specific methodology and the preparation of a complete scientific text, with specially designed corpora). In view of the above-mentioned qualities of the dissertation, I give it a positive evaluation and propose that the Honourable Scientific Jury award Antoaneta Nacheva the degree of Doctor of Education and Science.

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(ass. prof. Elena Krejčová, Ph.D.)

