

Opinion Template

Recommended length: two to three pages

OPINION

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Regarding: The application of the following candidate for habilitation as **ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR** according to the Bulgarian legislation at the American University in Bulgaria in Area of Higher Education *Social Science, Economic Science, and Law* in Professional Field 3.8 *Economics*. The procedure has been announced in the State Gazette issue 75 dated September 9, 2014.

Candidate: **Dr. Didar Erdinc, American University in Bulgaria**

I present the evaluation below in my capacity as a member of the Habilitation Jury appointed for the above mentioned procedure by a letter of the AUBG President dated November 6, 2014 and according to a Decision of AUBG dated August 19, 2014. This evaluation is based on the *Development of Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria Act*, the Rules for its implementation, the internal AUBG rules, regulations, and policies, including the *Habilitation Procedure* and the habilitation procedure advertisement on the AUBG website.

Evaluation of the Candidate

*The evaluation is carried out according to the **Primary Indicators** and **Additional Indicators** included in the document **Guidelines for the Habilitation Jury**.*

I. Basis for Evaluation

Please indicate on what information this evaluation is based - documents submitted by the Candidate, professional activities, publications, e.g.:

- monograph(s);
- articles in refereed journals specialized in the area;
- non-refereed publications;
- conference reports;
- other publications (*please specify*);
- citations (by publications in Bulgaria/abroad);
- reviews, recommendations, opinions for the candidate's works;
- projects (Bulgarian, international, project leader);
- professional memberships;
- theoretical and applied works;
- other activities (*please specify*).

The present opinion is based on the list of publications provided by Didar Erdinc for review.

II. Eligibility

1. Please fill it out the enclosed **Eligibility Checklist** (**Enclosure 1**) and submit together with your Opinion. It combines eligibility conditions set forth in the Law and the University regulations.
2. Please state your opinion with regard to the Candidate's eligibility.

The candidate meets the criteria for the academic position announced.

III. Areas of Research of the Candidate. Evaluation of the Contributions of the Candidate.

1. Please describe the principal areas of the Candidate's research.

The theoretical and applied research of the candidate are focused on the following themes:

- bank, credit and monetary mechanisms in emerging European economies;
- corporate culture in emerging European economies;
- foreign direct investment in emerging European economies;
- economic development of religious and ethnic minorities;
- bank and financial crisis and macroeconomic instability;
- bank crisis in the European Union;
- econometric analysis of panel data.

2. Please fill out the enclosed **Additional Requirements list** (**Enclosure 2**) and submit it with your opinion. Include here a statement whether the Candidate's areas of research correspond to the specific requirements of the current procedure.

The fields of scholarly research of the candidate match the specific needs and position of the current procedure.

3. Please include focused evaluation, according to Primary and Additional Indicators, of the Candidate's major theoretical and applied results and contributions.

Didar Erdinc has active research and scholarly activities whose results have been published in 2 monographs and 11 articles.

IV. Evaluation of the Candidate's teaching

1. *Please include short evaluation according to the Additional Indicators related to teaching, with emphasis on teaching in recognized liberal arts institutions and student-centered approach.*

Didar Erdinc is an experienced teacher. She has taught lectures in the following disciplines:

- Theoretical and applied econometrics;
- Macroeconomics;
- Managerial economics;
- Open-economy macroeconomics;
- Financial markets and institutions;
- Economics of transition and regional economic integration;
- Microeconomics;
- Industrial organization;
- International finance.

The course materials submitted indicate that her teaching uses up-to-date and modern techniques and methods.

2. *Please indicate your opinion as to whether the Candidate's areas of teaching correspond to the **Additional Requirements** (Enclosure 2) set forth by AUBG for this procedure.*

Given the information submitted to me, I think that there is complete match between the areas in which the candidate has teaching experience and the specific requirements of the procedure in Enclosure 2.

3. *Please state your opinion with regard to the correspondence between the overall teaching experience of the Candidate and the specific requirements of the current procedure.*

In conclusion, I am convinced that the candidate's teaching experience perfectly meets the specific requirements of the current procedure.

V. Major critical notes and recommendations**VI. Conclusion:**

I believe there is complete overlap between the research works and teaching experience of the candidate and the specific procedural requirements of the AUBG.

I recommend that Dr. Didar Erdinc be granted the academic rank of Associate Professor in the higher education field 3. Social, economic and legal sciences in the 3. 8 Economics professional stream at the American University in Bulgaria.

Signature and date: G. Chobanov, February 5, 2015

By signing here I also declare that writing this review does not represent conflict of interest.

Eligibility Checklist

Name of the Candidate: **Didar Erdinc**

Applying for habilitation as: **Associate Professor at the American University in Bulgaria according to announcement in State Gazette, issue № 75, dated 9 September 2014**

In the Professional Field: **3.8 Economics**

Check below what applies. Sign and submit together with your review or opinion.

- ☐ The Candidate has Ph.D;
- ☐ The Candidate has served five years as (Senior) Assistant Professor at a recognized academic institution;
- ☐ The Candidate has published a monograph or publications of equal standing in specialized journals. These should not repeat publications based on which previous degrees or ranks have been granted;
- ☐ The Candidate has experience from recognized academic liberal arts institution(s);
- ☐ The Candidate has experience in student-centered teaching approach;
- ☐ The Candidate has undergone at least one successful evaluation in teaching, research and service at a recognized academic liberal arts institution, including positive student evaluations of teaching.
- ☐ The Candidate has experience in teaching in English at a higher education institution with instruction in English language.
- ☐ AUBG can ensure teaching and research load according to its internal rules and regulations.

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Additional Requirements

For Associate Professor academic position in Professional Field 3.8 Economics

Additional specifications: Banking, credit, and monetary mechanisms, corporate culture, and FDI in emerging European economies; Economic development among religious or ethnic minority populations; Banking and financial crisis and macroeconomic uncertainty; Panel data econometrics.

Name of the Candidate: **Didar Erdinc**

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Research

The Candidate has conducted research in the following areas:

- ☐ Banking, credit, and monetary mechanisms in emerging European economies;
- ☐ Corporate culture in emerging European economies;
- ☐ FDI in emerging European economies;
- ☐ Economic development among religious or ethnic minority populations;
- ☐ Banking and financial crisis and macroeconomic uncertainty;
- ☐ Panel data econometrics.

Teaching

The Candidate has teaching experience in the following areas:

- ☐ Theoretical and applied econometrics;
- ☐ Macroeconomics;
- ☐ Managerial economics;
- ☐ Open-economy macroeconomics;
- ☐ Financial markets and institutions;
- ☐ Economics of transition and regional economic integration;
- ☐ Microeconomics;
- ☐ Industrial organization;
- ☐ International finance.

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