

OPPONENT'S REVIEW

Application to start the full professorship procedure in political science /politické vedy

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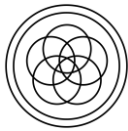
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First, I must state that Andrej Findor fulfills all criteria and prerequisites to become the full professor in political science. Moreover, in the case of some he far exceeds them, for example regarding the scientific publication outputs the criteria is to reach 35 (out them 2 in A+ category), he published 45 excellent academic papers – out of them 7 in A+ category. Similarly, the references and quotations of his publications – the requirement is 70, he can submit 309!!! It is clear that his performance in publishing and research activities is not only in accordance with the valid internal FSEV UK directive but goes far beyond it.

Andrej Findor is exceptional researcher, and he summarized his knowledge and research experience in a textbook for university students' entitled "Detecting and reducing intergroup bias: Using vignettes in experimental research". This publication contains and reflects his innovative approach to analyzing diverse kinds of stereotypes and prejudices towards different minorities (ethnic, sexual, religious, racial etc.) and trying to find ways of communication to reduce or even eliminate them altogether. Thanks to firsthand own research experience the textbook chapters are strong in methodology but also in a didactic way of explaining. To my best knowledge Andrej is the only Slovak social science researcher who applies this experiment methodology systematically and with all the methodological rigor and high ethical standards at the same time. I am sure this textbook is a great contribution to this type of academic literature.

Andrej's important scientific focus is also migration, perception of migrants, and its variations depending on wording used. This challenge is analyzed in several papers, project and studies, among them (in top 5 publications) "Re-examining public opinion preferences for migrant categorizations..." This study, like many others, is a proof that Andrej regularly works in top international teams, with excellent international colleagues, and publishes in best academic journals.

Finally, Andrej Findor is also outstanding teacher at all three levels of our study program, beloved and admired by the students, many select him for being their thesis supervisor each year.



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Overall Assessment: presented work by Doc. PhDr. Andrej Findor, PhD. not only meets but exceeds the criteria for starting the inauguration procedure to become the full professor. Based on my long-term evaluation of his academic and teaching work I recommend and fully support to appoint him a full professor of political science.

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