

## **Opinion**

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The monograph by Dr. Maria Neykova "An Action-oriented Approach to Foreign Language Acquisition in the Context of Blended Learning" is both a theoretical study of blended learning and a program for its practical implementation. I highly appreciate the author's desire to build bridges between e-learning systems of education and the traditional communication between teachers and students. Today, undoubtedly, priority is given to e-learning, it is universally implemented and promoted. Without denying its merits, Dr. Neykova tries to look for points of contact between it and the educational process in which the human relations are determinant.

I also appreciate the author's desire to find links between different teaching methods. For example, in chapter two Dr. Neykova analyses Task-based Approach, Problem-based Learning and Project Work. In combining these training strategies, the monograph sees a condition for the success of the learning process.

Careful consideration is also given to the two sides of this process: the teacher and the student. Dr. Neykova rightly emphasizes that the student should be at the center of the training. At the same time, however, she pays a great attention to the teacher. Not only to her / his professional skills but to also to her / his personal qualities which are decisive for the effectiveness of learning.

The publications with which Dr. Maria Neykova participates in the competition for occupying the academic position of "Associate Professor" reveal an extremely wide range of

research interests. To me it is very important that literature plays a significant role in her understanding of the educational process. Two of the publications are devoted to the relations between the foreign language teaching and the dramaturgy. I greatly appreciate this effort. Today, literature is neglected in foreign language teaching. Learning systems, especially those related to English, consciously forget that some of the most significant literary texts are written in English, and that namely in literature language reveals many of its most essential features.

**I am convinced that Dr. Maria Neykova should obtain the academic position "Associate Professor", my vote is "YES".**

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