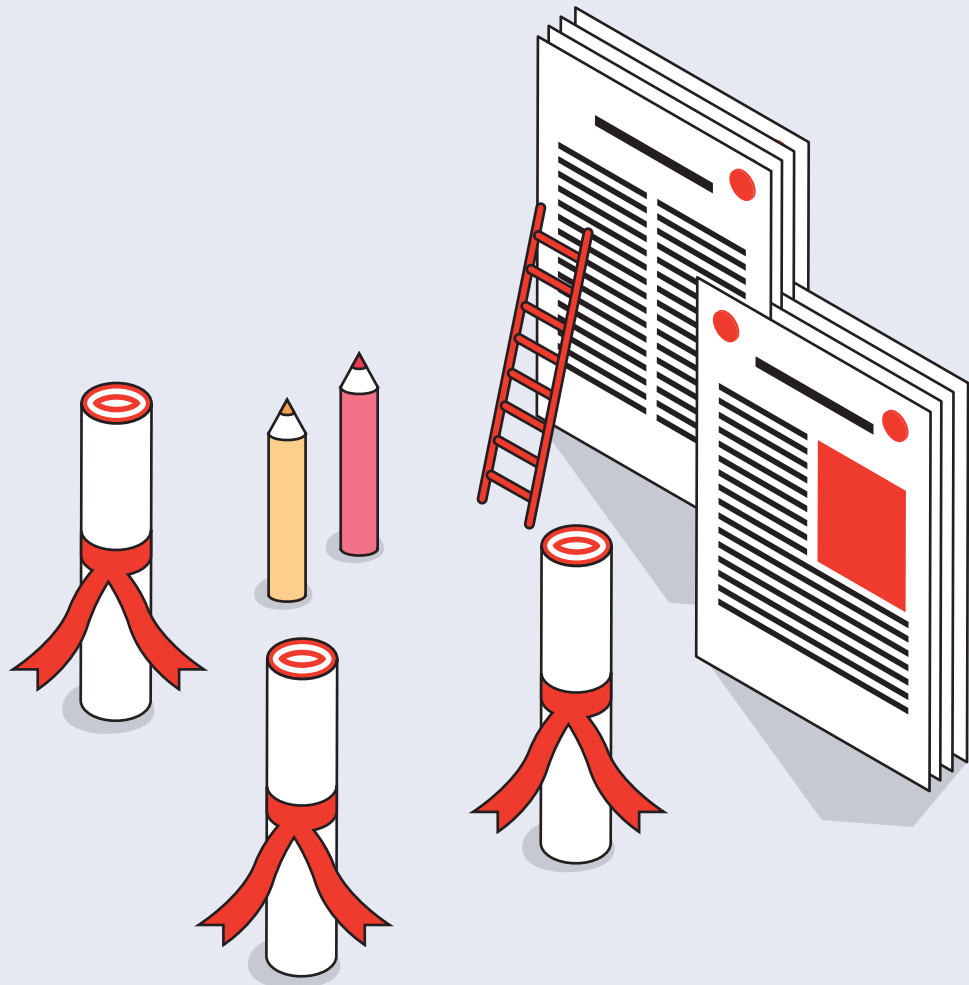


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“Our Father, who art in heaven, give us the power to keep our mouths shut when we have nothing to say. And forgive us the patience to think before we write! Inspire us with a sharp sense of justice to speak not only without bias, but to also act thus! Save us from the traps of grammar, distortions of language and errors of typing. Amen!”

[Faik Konica]

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# DEFINITIONS

Papers with a coefficient – are papers published in journals foreseen by the laws and regulations in power

Participation in papers – papers where the professors have participated as authors regardless of the author ranking, i.e., not just first or corresponding authors

Papers in dubious journals – papers published in journals listed in Beall's list

Justification of academic rank – having the necessary number of scientific papers for the respective academic rank according to the laws and regulations in power

Men and women – presumed gender of the academic staff based on their name without prejudicing their personal identification

# INTRODUCTION

The need for the public to know about the quality of the public universities who are funded by the taxpayers, forced ORCA to extend the research conducted for the past three years on the University of Prishtina, to include all public universities.

This report is the result of the research conducted in June - October 2019 where ORCA's researchers reviewed the CVs of the academic staff of the University of Prizren with the academic ranks of a professor: assistant professor, associate professor and full professor.

As it was expected, the results are not satisfactory, but such an analysis could be useful to plan a future reform or to undertake a measure to remedy the situation.

The low number of scientific papers published in proper scientific journals by the academic staff as first or corresponding author, while the number is multiplied for dubious publishing, is a telltale sign that the pressure for publishing in one hand and lack of grants for scientific projects in the other, has forced most professors to publish for the sake of publishing.

This has produced a reality where publishing in dubious journals is the rule and not the exception.



# GENERAL DATA

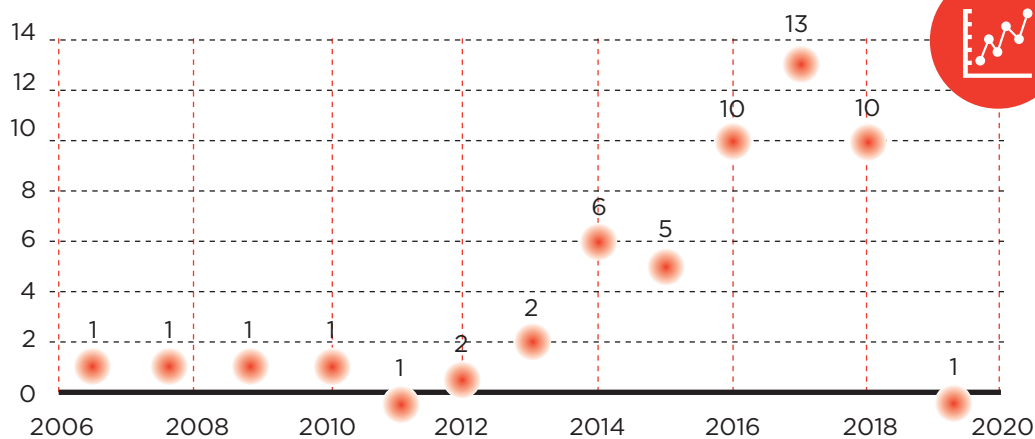
The University of Prizren has 56 professors who have published their CV in the University's website, 42 of which (75%) are men, and 14 (25%) are women. 13 professors are associate professors, and 43 are assistant professors. The University of Prizren has no full professors, according to the CVs published on the official website.

## SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

From 2006 to 2019 the professors of the University of Prizren have published a total of 55 papers with a coefficient, as first or corresponding authors. The number of participations in papers with a coefficient is 66. Participation in papers represents the number of papers where the professors have participated as authors regardless of the ranking, i.e., not just as first or corresponding authors.

Out of 56 professors, 31 or 55% of them have not published any paper with a coefficient as first or corresponding authors. In contrast, in the University of Prishtina in 2018, 208 or 45% of professors had not published any papers as first or corresponding author.

### PAPERS IN JOURNALS WITH A COEFFICIENT AS FIRST OR CORRESPONDING AUTHOR



The faculty with the most papers with a coefficient is the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences. Participation in papers is 25, with an average of 3.6 papers per professor. While the number of papers as first or corresponding author is 20, with an average of 2.8 papers per professor.

The faculty with the least papers is the Faculty of Law. The number of papers as first or corresponding author is 2, with an average of 0.3 papers per professor. This faculty has no participation in other papers.

The average of papers, as first or corresponding author, per professor in this university is 1. While as participants, the average of papers per professor is 1.2.

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Faculty	No of professors	Participation in papers	Papers per professor (participation)	No of papers (first or corresponding author)	Paper per professor (first or corresponding author)
Faculty of Computer Sciences	7	14	2	14	2
Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences	7	25	3.6	20	2.8
Faculty of Education	11	11	1	6	0.5
Faculty of Philology	11	9	0.8	9	0.8
Faculty of Economics	13	5	0.4	4	0.3
Faculty of Law	7	2	0.3	2	0.3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1</b>

## PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

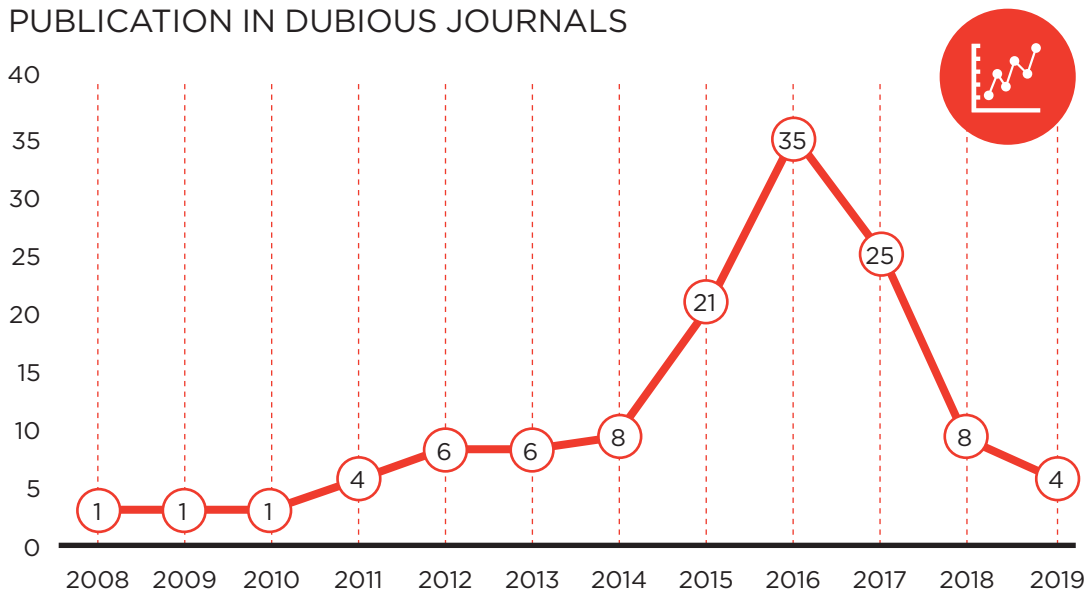
The general number of papers in dubious journals is 120. These papers were published in 2008-2019.

Out of 56 professors, 37 (66%) have published in dubious journals. 12 of them justify their academic rank, while 25 do not.

The most publications in dubious journals are in the Faculty of Economics where 11 professors have published 46 papers.

2016 is the year with the most publications in dubious journals with 35 papers. The following years there's a drastic decrease in publication in dubious journals. In 2019 there are only 4 papers in dubious journals.

### PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS



# JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of the 56 professors in the University of Prizren, 20 professors (36%) justify their academic ranks, while 36 professors (64%) do not. For comparison, 59% of University of Prishtina professors did not justify their academic ranks in 2018.

Out of 20 professors who justify their ranks, 17 are assistant professors and 3 are associate professors.

Out of 36 professors who do not justify their ranks, 26 are assistant professors and 10 are associate professors.

The faculty with the most justifications is the Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences where only one professor did not justify their academic rank, out of 7 total professors.

On the other hand, the faculty with the lowest justification of academic ranks is the Faculty of Law, where only one out of 7 professors justifies his rank.

No.	Faculties	Professors that justify their rank			Professors that do not justify their rank		
		Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor	Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor
1	Faculty of Computer Sciences	3	2	0	1	1	0
2	Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences	5	1	0	1	0	0
3	Faculty of Education	4	0	0	5	2	0
4	Faculty of Philology	2	0	0	7	2	0
5	Faculty of Economics	2	0	0	6	5	0
6	Faculty of Law	1	0	0	5	1	0
	<b>TOTAL</b>	17	3	0	25	11	0
			<b>20</b>			<b>36</b>	

# FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCES

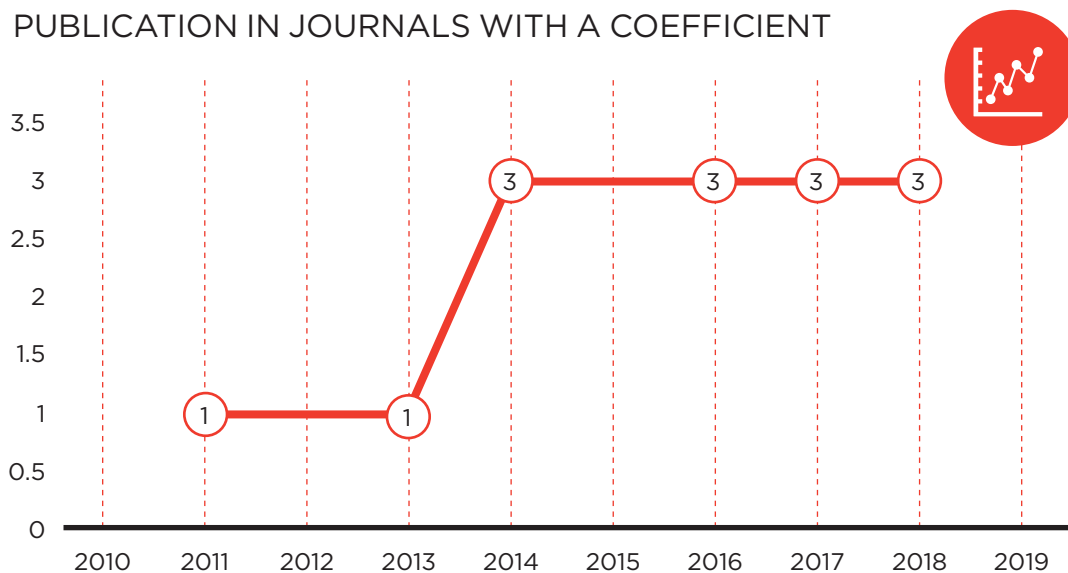


The Faculty of Computer Sciences has **7 professors**, **5** of which are men and **2** are **women**. **3** are **associate** professors, while **4** are **assistant** professors. All the associate professors are men, while out of the assistant professors **one** is a **man** and **two** are **women**.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS WITH A COEFFICIENT

This faculty has 14 papers with a coefficient, published by its professors as first or corresponding authors. Participation in papers with a coefficient is 14<sup>1</sup>. The papers were published in the time period of 2011-2018.

### PUBLICATION IN JOURNALS WITH A COEFFICIENT



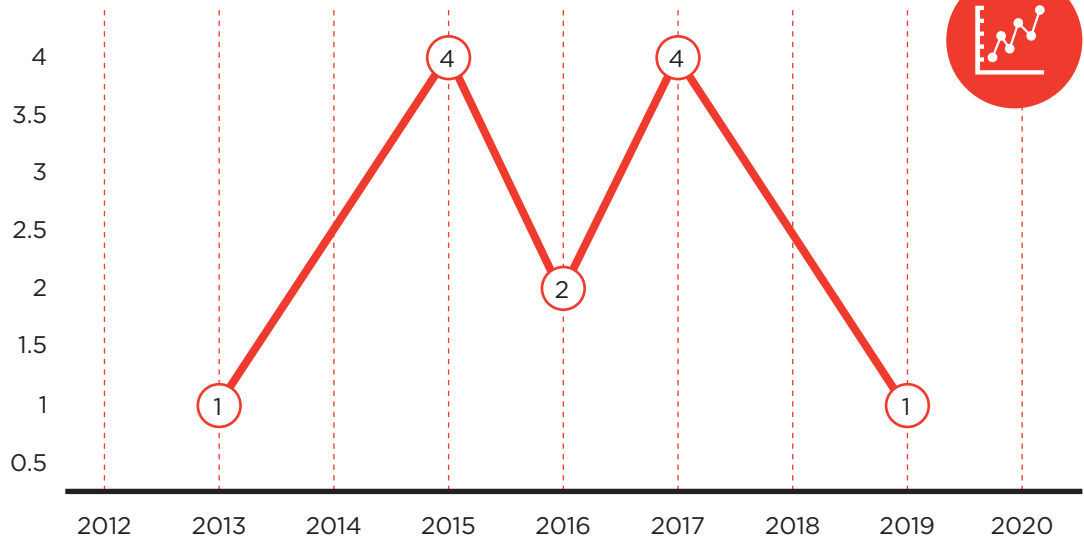
<sup>1</sup> Participation in papers represents the number of papers where the professors have participated as authors regardless of the ranking, i.e., not just as first or corresponding authors.

# PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

The professors in this faculty have published a total of 12 papers in dubious journals in the time period of 2013-2019.

These papers were published by four professors, three that justify their rank and one that does not. Two are associate professors and two are assistant professors. All the professors who published in dubious journals are men.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS



# JUSTIFICATION OF RANKS

Out of 7 professors, 5 justify their academic ranks and 2 do not. Out of those that justify their ranks, two are associate professors and three are assistant professors; 4 are men and one is a woman. Out of the professors that do not justify their ranks, one is an associate professor and one is an assistant professor; one is a man and one is a woman.

Professors that justify their ranks			Professors that do not justify their ranks		
Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor	Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor
3	2	0	1	1	0

# FACULTY OF LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

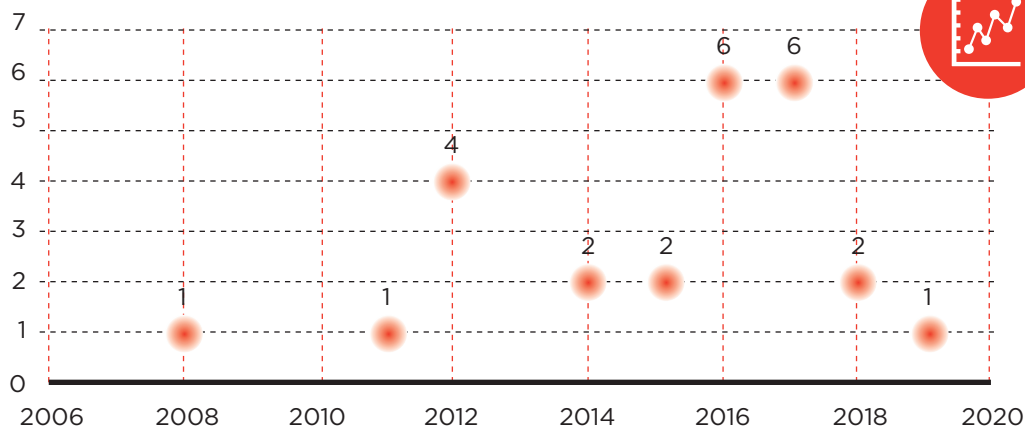


The Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences has **7 professors**, **6** of which are **men** and **one** is a **woman**. One is an associate professor, while **6** are **assistant professors**. The associate professor is a man, and out of the assistant professors **5** are **men** and **one** is a **woman**.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS WITH A COEFFICIENT

This faculty has 20 papers with a coefficient, published by its professors as first or corresponding authors. Participation in papers with a coefficient is 25<sup>2</sup>. The papers were published in the time period of 2008-2019.

### PUBLICATION IN JOURNALS WITH A COEFFICIENT



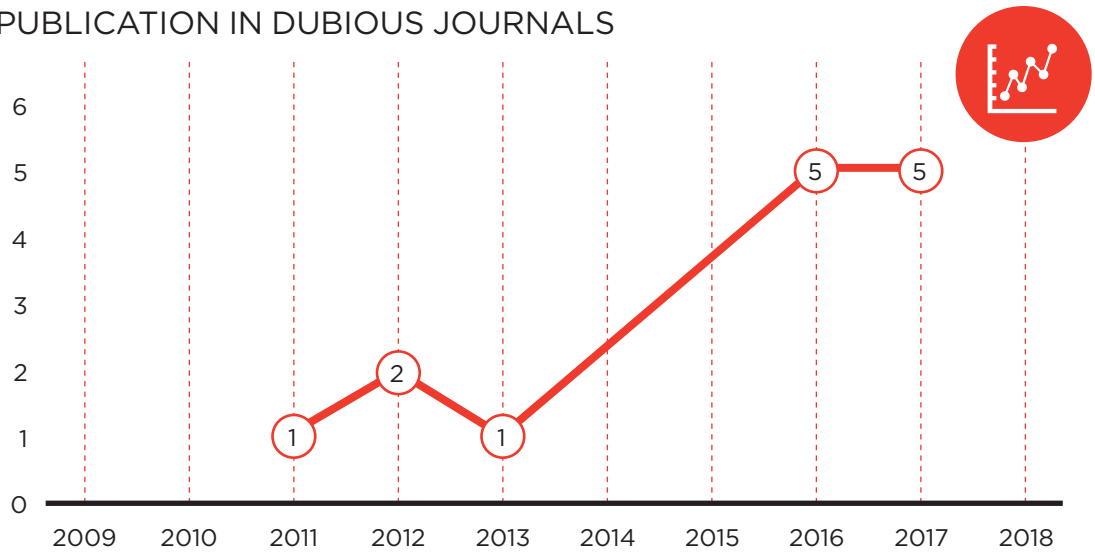
<sup>2</sup> Participation in papers represents the number of papers where the professors have participated as authors regardless of the ranking, i.e., not just as first or corresponding authors.

## PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

The professors in this faculty have published a total of 14 papers in dubious journals in the time period of 2011-2017.

These papers were published by 5 professors, 4 that justify their ranks and one that does not. One is an associate professor and 4 are assistant professors. All the professors who published in dubious journals are men.

### PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS



## JUSTIFICATION OF RANKS

Out of 7 professors, 6 justify their academic ranks and one does not. Out of those that justify their ranks, one is an associate professor and 5 are assistant professors; 5 are men and one is a woman. One assistant professor who is a man does not justify his rank.

Professors that justify their ranks			Professors that do not justify their ranks		
Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor	Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor
5	1	0	1	0	0



# FACULTY OF EDUCATION

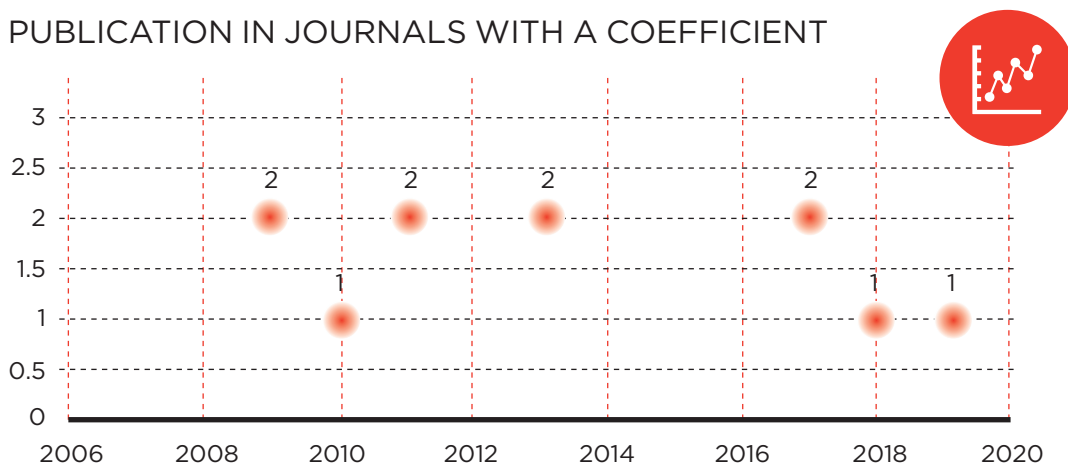


The Faculty of Education has **11 professors**, **7** of which are **men** and **4** are **women**. **2** are **associate** professors, while **9** are **assistant** professors. All of the associate professors are **men**, while out of the assistant professors, **5** are **men** and **4** are **women**.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS WITH A COEFFICIENT

This faculty has 6 papers with a coefficient, published by its professors as first or corresponding authors. Participation in papers with a coefficient is 11<sup>3</sup>. The papers were published in the time period of 2009-2019.

### PUBLICATION IN JOURNALS WITH A COEFFICIENT



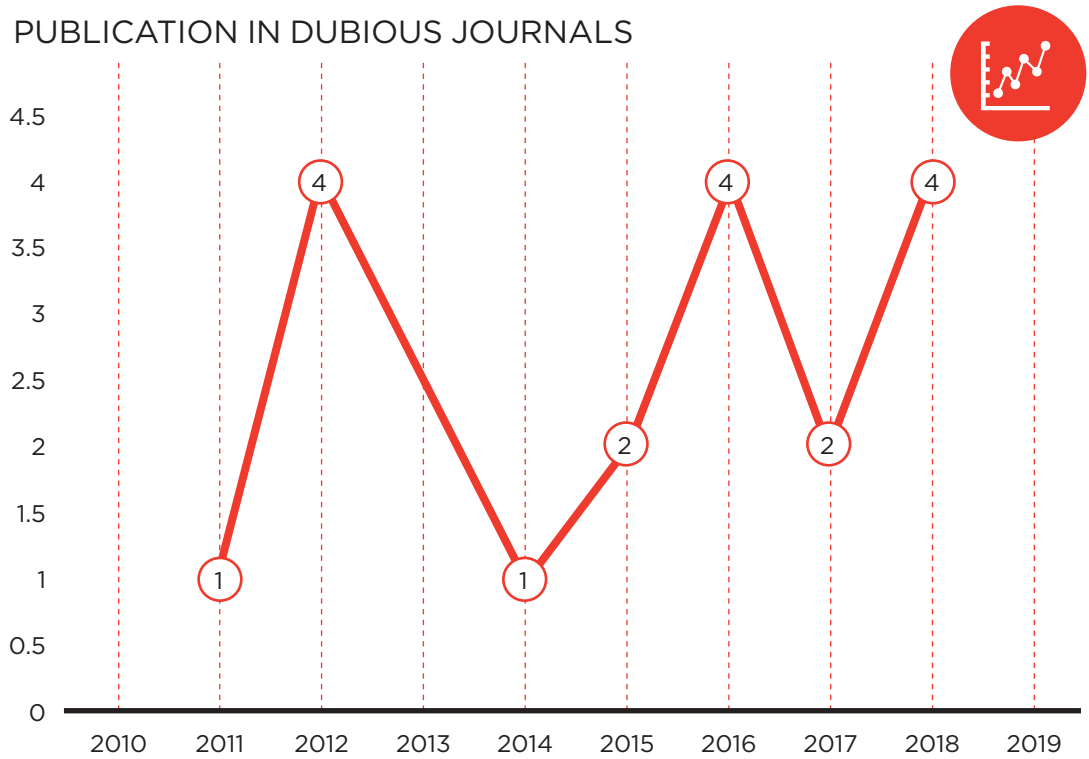
<sup>3</sup> Participation in papers represents the number of papers where the professors have participated as authors regardless of the ranking, i.e., not just as first or corresponding authors.

# PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

The professors in this faculty have published a total of 18 papers in dubious journals in the time period of 2011-2018.

These papers were published by 8 professors, two that justify their ranks and 6 that do not. Two are associate professors and six are assistant professors. Five are men and three are women.

## PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS



# JUSTIFICATION OF RANKS

Out of 11 professors, 4 justify their academic ranks and 7 do not. Out of those that justify their ranks, they are all assistant professors; 2 are men and 2 are women. Out of the professors that do not justify their ranks, 2 are associate professors and 5 are assistant professors; 5 are men and 2 are women.

Professors that justify their ranks			Professors that do not justify their ranks		
Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor	Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor
4	0	0	5	2	0

# FACULTY OF LAW



The Faculty of Law has **7 professors**, **one** of which is an **associate** professor, while **6** are **assistant** professors. **All** of the professors in the Faculty of Law are **men**.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS WITH A COEFFICIENT

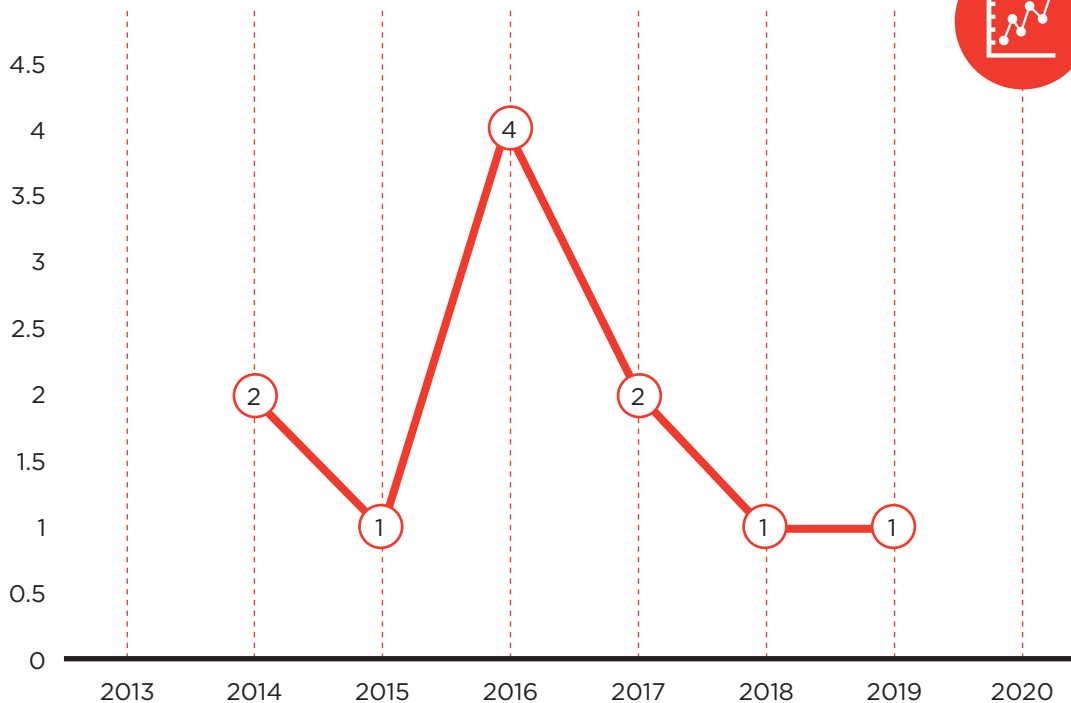
This faculty has 2 papers with a coefficient, published by its professors as first or corresponding authors. The papers were published in 2015. There are no participations in other papers.

## PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

The professors in this faculty have published a total of 11 papers in dubious journals in the time period of 2014-2019.

These papers were published by five professors, one that justifies his rank and 4 that do not. One is an associate professor and four are assistant professors. All of the professors who published in dubious journals are men.

### PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS



## JUSTIFICATION OF RANKS

Out of 7 professors, one assistant professor justifies his title. While six other professors do not justify it, one is associate and five are assistant professors, all of them men.

Professors that justify their ranks			Professors that do not justify their ranks		
Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor	Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor
1	0	0	5	1	0

# FACULTY OF ECONOMICS



The Faculty of Economics has **13** professors, **10** of which are **men** and **3** are **women**. **5** are **associate** professors, while **8** are **assistant** professors. All of the **associate** professors are **men**, while out of the **assistant** professors **5** are **men** and **3** are **women**.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS WITH A COEFFICIENT

This faculty has 4 papers with a coefficient, published by its professors as first or corresponding authors. Participation in papers with a coefficient is 5<sup>4</sup>. The papers were published in the time period of 2007-2018.

## PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

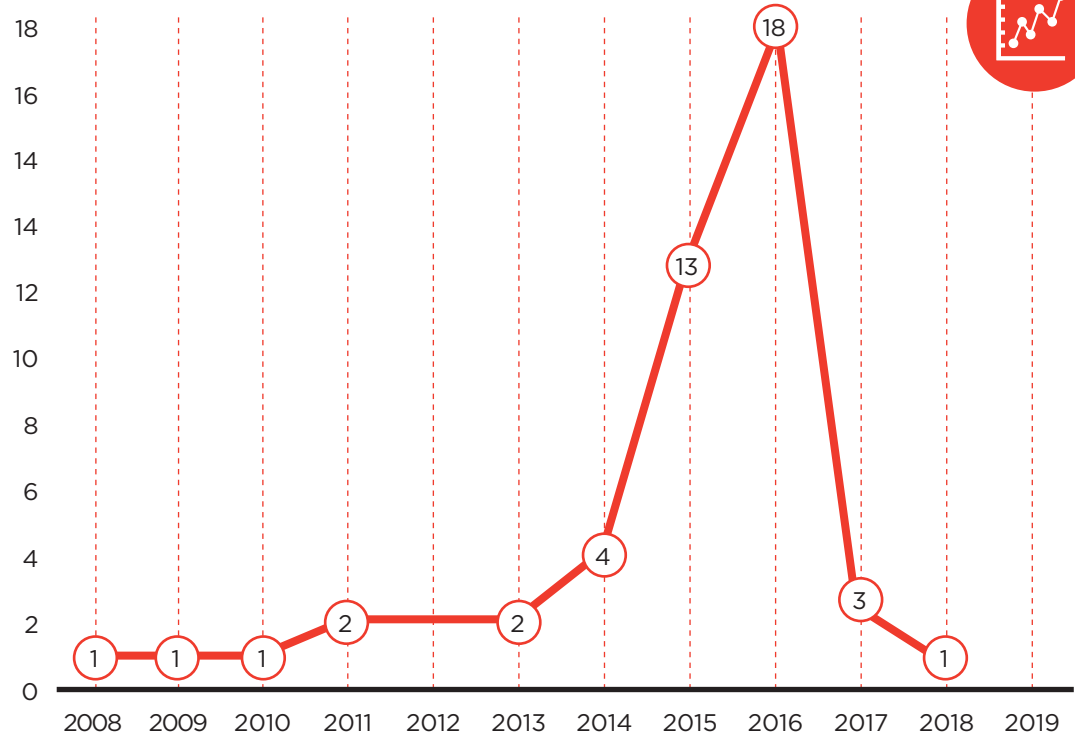
The professors in this faculty have published a total of 46 papers in dubious journals in the time period of 2008-2018. The year with the most papers in dubious journals is 2016 with 18 papers.

These papers were published by 11 professors, one that justifies his rank and 10 that do not. Four are associate professors and seven are assistant professors. Nine are men and two are women.

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<sup>4</sup> Participation in papers represents the number of papers where the professors have participated as authors regardless of the ranking, i.e., not just as first or corresponding authors.

### PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS



## JUSTIFICATION OF RANKS

Out of 13 professors, 2 justify their academic ranks and 11 do not. Out of those that justify their ranks, they are all assistant professors and one is a man one is a woman. Out of the professors that do not justify their ranks, 5 are associate professors and 6 are assistant professors; 9 are men and 2 are women.

Professors that justify their ranks			Professors that do not justify their ranks		
Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor	Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor
2	0	0	6	5	0

# FACULTY OF PHILOLOGY

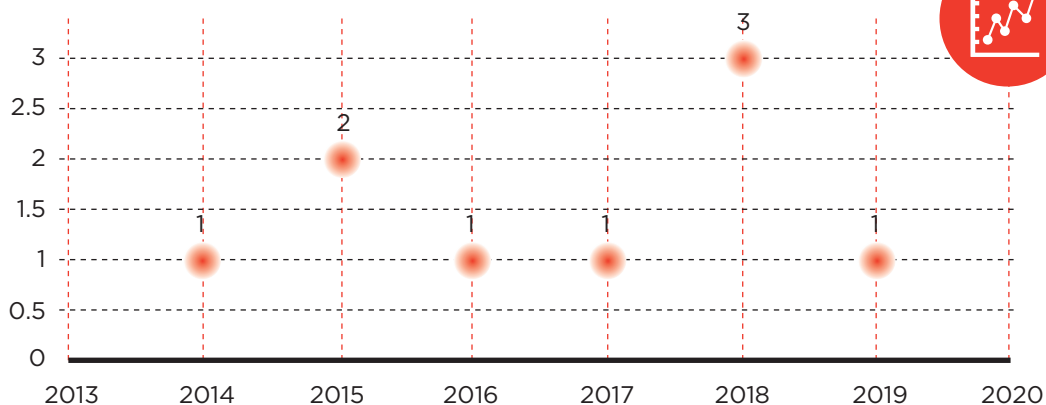


The Faculty of Philology has **11 professors**, **7** of which are **men** and **4** are **women**. **2** are **associate** professors, while **9** are **assistant** professors. Out of the associate professors, **one** is a **man** and **one** is a **woman**, while out of the assistant professors **6** are men and **3** are **women**.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS WITH A COEFFICIENT

This faculty has 9 papers with a coefficient, published by its professors as first or corresponding authors. The papers were published in the time period of 2014-2019. There are no participations in other papers.

### PUBLICATION IN JOURNALS WITH A COEFFICIENT

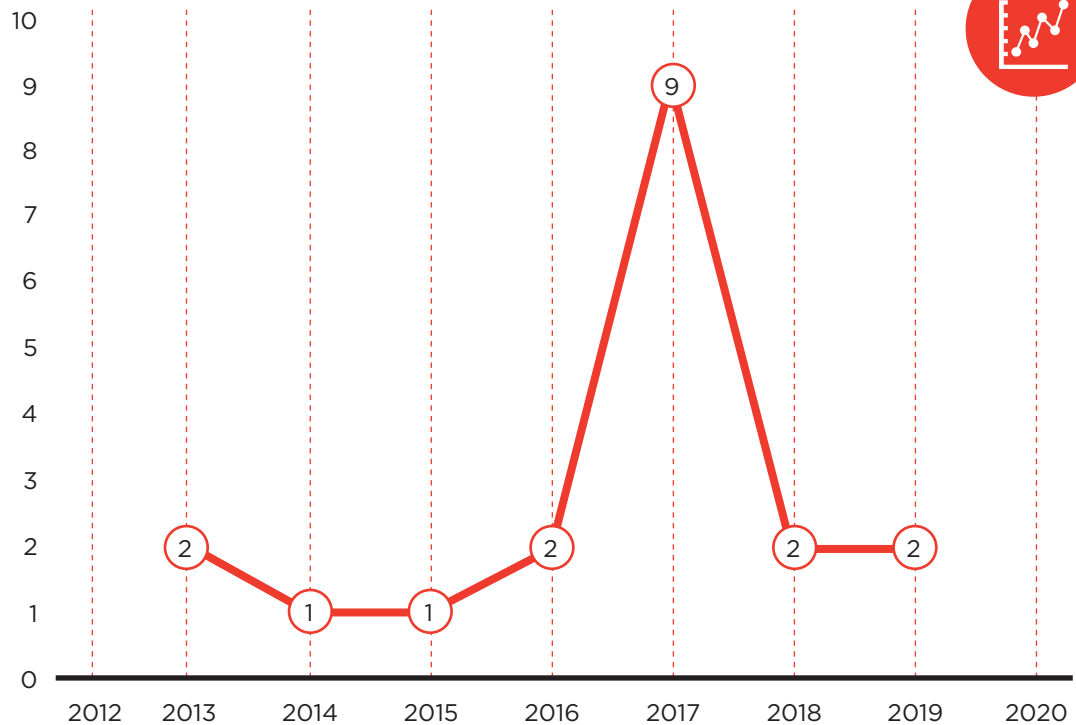


## PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

The professors in this faculty have published a total of 19 papers in dubious journals in the time period of 2013-2019. The year with the most papers in dubious journals is 2017 with 9 papers.

These papers were published by four professors, one that justifies his rank and 3 that do not. Two are associate professors and two are assistant professors. Two are men and two are women.

### PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS



## JUSTIFICATION OF RANKS

Out of 11 professors, 2 justify their academic ranks and 9 do not. Out of those that justify their ranks, they are all assistant professors and they are all men. Out of the professors that do not justify their ranks, 5 are associate professors and 4 are assistant professors; 5 are men and 4 are women.

Professors that justify their ranks			Professors that do not justify their ranks		
Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor	Assistant professor	Associate professor	Full professor
2	0	0	7	2	0



# THE METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCHING SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

## Legal basis:

- ① Law for Higher Education in the Republic of Kosovo<sup>5</sup>
- ② The University of Prizren Statute, specifically Articles 171, 172 and 173<sup>6</sup>
- ③ Administrative Instruction 01/2018 the recognition principles of platforms and international magazines with reviews<sup>7</sup>
- ④ Administrative Instruction for supplement and precision - Annex - I - (MEST) 7/2018 of AI No: 01/2018 the recognition principles of platforms and international magazines with reviews<sup>8</sup>

ORCA has reviewed a number of relevant documents implemented by the law-makers such as the Kosovo Parliament and the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. Concretely, we analyzed the Law on Higher Education in Kosovo, and the Administrative Instructions 01/2018 and 07/2018. Furthermore, ORCA has researched the publications in international scientific journals, defined as a criterion by the Statute of the University of Prizren for electing and appointing academic ranks.

5 <https://gzk.rks-gov.net/ActDetail.aspx?ActID=2761>

6 [https://uni-prizren.com/repository/docs/Statuti\\_i\\_Universitetit\\_-\\_Ukshin\\_Hoti\\_-\\_Shqip\\_\(1\)\\_202298.pdf](https://uni-prizren.com/repository/docs/Statuti_i_Universitetit_-_Ukshin_Hoti_-_Shqip_(1)_202298.pdf)

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## RESEARCH OBJECT

The CVs of 6 faculties of the University of Prizren were researched (Faculty of Computer Sciences, Faculty of Law, Faculty of Economics, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Philology, and Faculty of Life and Environmental Sciences). This research does not include assistants, lecturers, foreign language lecturers, and other collaborators who do not have the academic ranks of assistant professor, associate professor or full professor.

## THE DURATION OF RESEARCH

The research process of CVs was conducted during August 2019 based on the information published on the university's website. The last check was done in October 2019. The research was conducted based on the CVs published in the website of the University of Prizren, [www.uni-prizren.com](http://www.uni-prizren.com). Apart from that, we have also reviewed the publications listed on the 'Scientific publications of academic staff' page<sup>9</sup>, and the section 'publications' on the pages of the professors of each faculty. To guarantee the accuracy of the data, these CVs went through a review round by the collegium of ORCA researchers. All changes evidenced during the second round of research, where all ORCA staff was present, were applied in the database upon which this report was built.

## ANALYSIS OF JOURNALS

Based on the legislation in force, specifically A11/2018 and A17/2018, ORCA has given each scientific paper listed in the CVs a coefficient. These coefficients were given based on the databases where the journals are indexed, giving them a coefficient of 1. ORCA has given a coefficient of 0 to papers published in dubious journals, and papers that are not indexed in any of the five platforms of the international scientific journals with peer review, as foreseen by A11/2018, article 3.1.

Papers that were published in dubious journals but at the time of their publication they were indexed in Scopus or Web of Science were given a coefficient of 1. A coefficient of 0 was given by ORCA for conference proceedings, reports, projects, books or book chapters, which are not considered as scientific papers, and papers that are in the process of

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<sup>9</sup> <https://uni-prizren.com/sq/publikimet-shkencore-te-stafit-akademik>

being published. Papers published in local journals were given a coefficient of 0, as well as regional journals that are not indexed in Web of Science or Scopus.

Based on AI7/2018, Article 2, point 4.2 which emphasizes that a journal for Albanology can be local or from Albania, if it has an international editing board. Only in that case was it given a coefficient of 1.

The process of researching all of the CVs was conducted by a single ORCA researcher. With added care, the researcher verified each CV and each scientific paper listed in the university's website. These papers were checked if they were published in a journal which is indexed in one of the five indexing platforms according to regulations in power, and whether the journal or the publisher is in Beall's lists.<sup>1011</sup>

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10 <https://web.archive.org/web/20170111172309/https://scholarlyoa.com/individual-journals/>

11 <https://web.archive.org/web/20170111172306/https://scholarlyoa.com/publishers/>

## THE METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCHING JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

The CVs of 56 academic staff with full time contracts in the University of Prizren were researched, as well as their publications listed on the University's website. This analysis included 6 faculties. This report does not include assistants, lecturers, and other collaborators who do not have the academic rank of assistant professor, associate professor or full professor.

The research of CVs, and the publications listed on the website, was done in full accordance with the legislation in Kosovo for higher education, concretely, the AI/2018 for international peer reviewed journals, and the statute of the University of Prizren.

For the academic rank of full professor<sup>12</sup>, the professor must have a PhD and at least five scientific papers in peer reviewed international scientific journals, as first or corresponding author.

For the academic rank of associate professor<sup>13</sup>, the professor must have a PhD and at least three scientific papers in peer reviewed international scientific journals, as first or corresponding author.

For the academic rank of assistant professor<sup>14</sup>, the professor must have a PhD at least one scientific paper in a peer reviewed international scientific journal, as first or corresponding author.

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<sup>12</sup> Neni 171, pika 1.1 dhe 1.2.1, Statuti i Universitetit të Prizrenit,  
<sup>13</sup> Neni 172, pika 1.1 dhe 1.2, Statuti i Universitetit të Prizrenit  
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