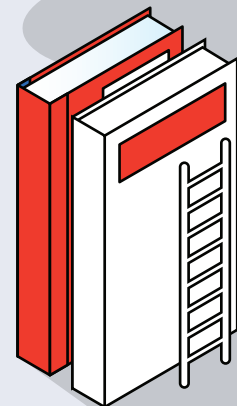
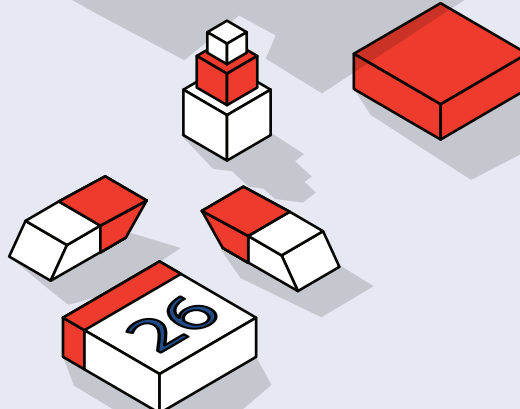
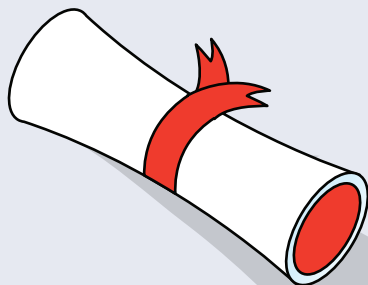
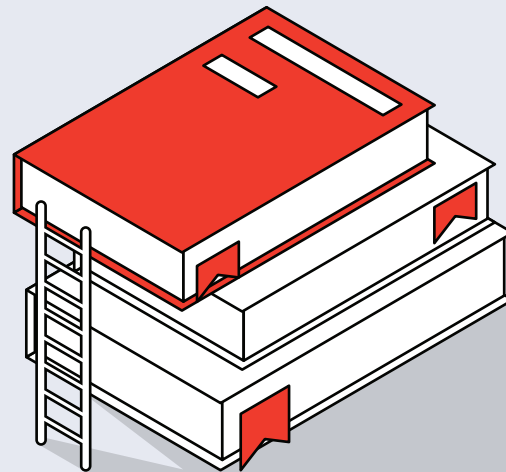


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“Our Father, who art in heaven, give us the power to keep our mouths shut when we have nothing to say. And forgive us the patience to think before we write! Inspire us with a sharp sense of justice to speak not only without bias, but to also act thus!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

[Faik Konica]

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DEFINITIONS

Papers published in a journal 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

ORCA is continuing to research academic integrity and scientific publications in public universities since the majority of their funding comes from taxpayer money. After the publication of the reports on academic integrity and scientific publishing in the University of Peja, the University of Prizren, and the University of Gjakova, in the scope of QAIN project, ORCA has researched the University of Mitrovica as well.

The report is the result of the research conducted in January-February 2021, where the ORCA researchers looked at the papers listed in the CVs of academic staff in the University of Mitrovica. The research is focused on academic staff with professorial ranks: assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor.

Apart from the CVs we also looked at other documents published on the university's website that list scientific publishing of professors.

The University of Mitrovica has a separate section in her website called "Scientific Research", where you can find a summary of the scientific work of the academic staff split in four categories: papers listed in Google Scholar, Scientific Papers, Scientific Conferences, and Scientific Journals.

Similar to other public universities, but significantly lower, 48% of the professors in this university do not justify their academic ranks. In comparison, in 2020, in the University of Gjakova 65% of professors do not justify their ranks, and in 2019 55% of professors in the University of Prishtina did not justify their academic ranks, in the University of Prizren 64% of professors do not justify their ranks, and in the University of Peja 70% of the professors do not justify their ranks..

The total number of papers in the University of Mitrovica is 256. The faculty with the most papers in scientific journals is the Faculty of Food Technology. The total number of papers in this faculty is 78, with an average of 5.2 papers per professor. But the Faculty of Education has the most papers per professor with 6.2. While the faculty with the least papers published in scientific journals is the Faculty of Economics with 29 papers. However the faculty with the least papers per professor is the Faculty of Geosciences with 2.26 papers per professor. Another issue is publication in dubious journals, with 78% of professors of this university publishing 391 papers in such journal.

This report could be useful in planning reforms, including funding of scientific projects so scientific publishing can increase in this university.

GENERAL DATA ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

BUDGET

The University of Mitrovica was given 4,788,969 euros in 2019 from the Kosovo budget, while in 2020 they were given 3,886,978 euros, according to the findings of our latest report on public HEI finances published by ORCA¹, in October 2020.

STUDENTS

The University of Mitrovica has 1,660 students in the Bachelor level². In the Master level there are 152 students in total, while the university does not have PhD programs.

There are a total of 1,126 women and 534 men studying in the University of Mitrovica in the Bachelor level. In 2019/2020, 140 women and 96 men graduated, in total 259 graduates. The ratio of student to professor in this university is 14:1.

FORMAL TRANSPARENCY

In the official website of the University of Mitrovica, in September 2020, ORCA found that they had published 25 out of the 27 documents or information on the functioning of the university³. This signified an increase from the first report in February 2019 when they had published only 15 documents.

¹ Transparency and accountability in public universities in Kosovo: Financial management", 2020, link: <http://orca-ks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Shpenzimet-e-universiteteve-publike-ENG.pdf>

² Kosovo Education Statistics 2019/2020, June 2020, link: <https://ask.rks-gov.net/media/5636/arsimi-201920120-shqip.pdf>

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ACADEMIC OVERVIEW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MITROVICA

The University of Mitrovica has 71 professors based on the published CVs on the university's website. Out of them 15 are women (21%) and 56 are men (79%). 22 professors are full professors, 19 are associate professors, and 30 are assistant professors.

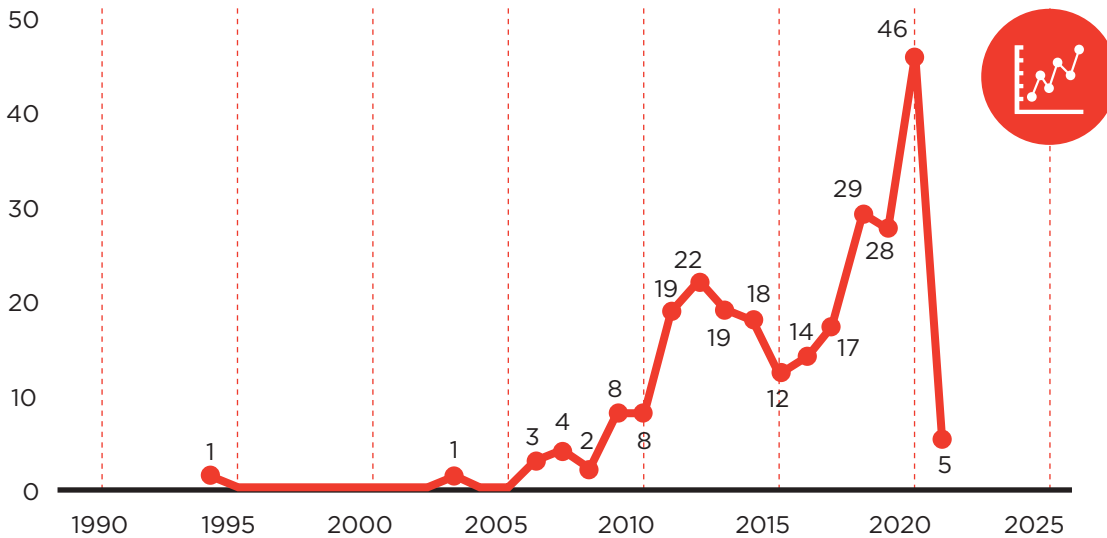
NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MITROVICA

Based on the CVs and other published documents in the website of the university, the professors of the University of Mitrovica have published 256 papers. 161 papers can be used for academic promotion (as first author).

While the number of papers where the professors have participated as authors (not as first author) is 90.

Out of the 71 professors in the University of Mitrovica, 23 or 32% have not published any papers as first authors. In comparison in 2020, in the University of Gjakova there were 14 (54%) who have zero papers, in 2019 in the University of Prishtina there were 186 (39%) professors, in the University of Prizren there are 31 (55%), and in the University of Peja there are 22 (66%). The faculty with the most papers published in scientific journals is the Faculty of Food

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MITROVICA THROUGHOUT THE YEARS



Technology. The total number of papers in this faculty is 78, with an average of 5.2 papers per professor. However, the Faculty of Education has the most papers per professor, with 6.2.

Comparatively, the faculty with the most papers found in 2020 data, is the Faculty of Medicine in the University of Gjakova, with 66 papers, or 9.4 papers per professor.

The faculty with the least amount of papers in the University of Mitrovica is the Faculty of Economics with 29 papers. However, the faculty with the least amount of papers per professor is the Faculty of Geosciences with 2.26.

SCIENTIFIC PAPERS PER PROFESSOR

No.	Faculties of the University of Mitrovica	No of publications	No of professors	Papers per professor
1	Faculty of Geosciences	52	23	2.26
2	Faculty of Food Technology	78	15	5.20
3	Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering	36	13	2.77
4	Faculty of Law	30	9	3.33
5	Faculty of Economics	29	6	4.83
6	Faculty of Education	31	5	6.20
TOTAL		256	71	3.61

The average of papers in the whole university is 3.61 papers per professor.

In comparison, in 2020 in the University of Gjakova there were 3.65 papers per professor. While from data gathered in 2019, in the University of Prishtina there are 4.26 papers per professor (published in scientific journals no matter the authorship rank), and in the University of Prizren there are 1.17 papers per professor.

Out of 71 professors in the University of Mitrovica, 23 or 32% have not published any scientific papers. The faculty with the most professors who have no scientific papers is the Faculty of Geosciences with 10 professors. While the faculty with the highest percentage of professors who have no scientific papers is the Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering with 46%. The Faculty of Law has no professors who have not published any papers.

ACADEMIC STAFF WITH NO SCIENTIFIC PAPERS

No.	Faculties of the University of Mitrovica	No of professors without any scientific papers	No of total professors in that faculty
1	Faculty of Geosciences	10 (43%)	23
2	Faculty of Food Technology	5 (33%)	15
3	Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering	6 (46%)	13
4	Faculty of Law	0 (0%)	9
5	Faculty of Economics	1 (17%)	6
6	Faculty of Education	1 (20%)	5
TOTAL		23 (32%)	71

PUBLICATIONS IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

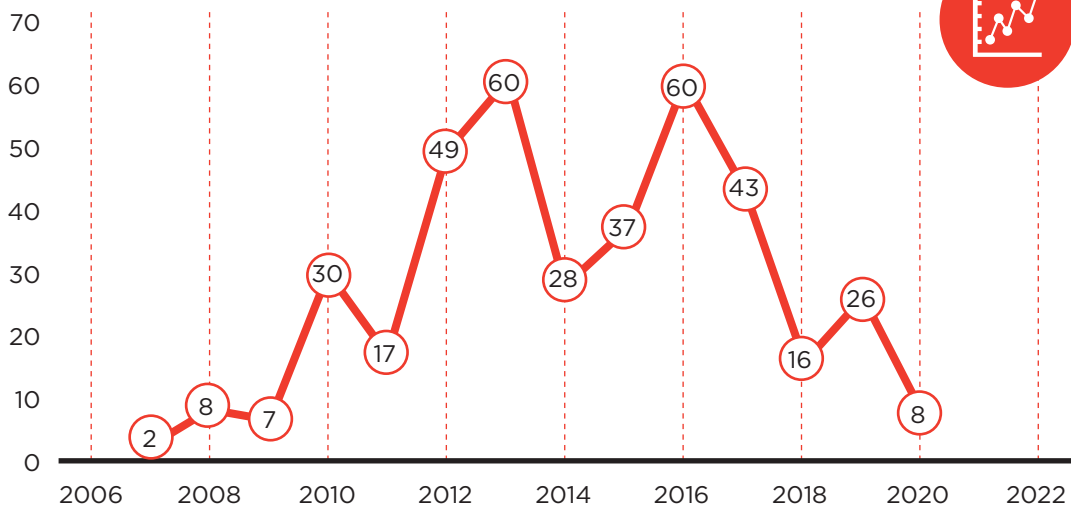
Out of 71 professors in the University of Mitrovica, 56 or 78% have published papers in dubious journals. The total number of such papers in the whole university is 391. The faculty with the most papers in dubious journals is the Faculty of Geosciences with 178 such papers. In comparison by total number of professors who have participated in publications in dubious journals, in 2020 in the University of Gjakova 58% of professors participated, in 2019 in the University of Prishtina 32% of professors participated, in the University of Peja 45% participated, and in the University of Prizren 66% participated in publications in dubious journals.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

No.	Faculties of the University of Mitrovica	Number of publications in dubious journals	Number of professors who published in dubious journals
1	Faculty of Geosciences	178	19
2	Faculty of Food Technology	139	13
3	Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering	32	9
4	Faculty of Law	6	4
5	Faculty of Economics	22	6
6	Faculty of Education	14	5
TOTAL		391	56

The years 2013 and 2016 are the years with the most publications in dubious journals. Since 2017 there's been a decrease of publications in such journals, with only 8 in 2020, which shows an improvement in publishing practices from the professors of this university.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS

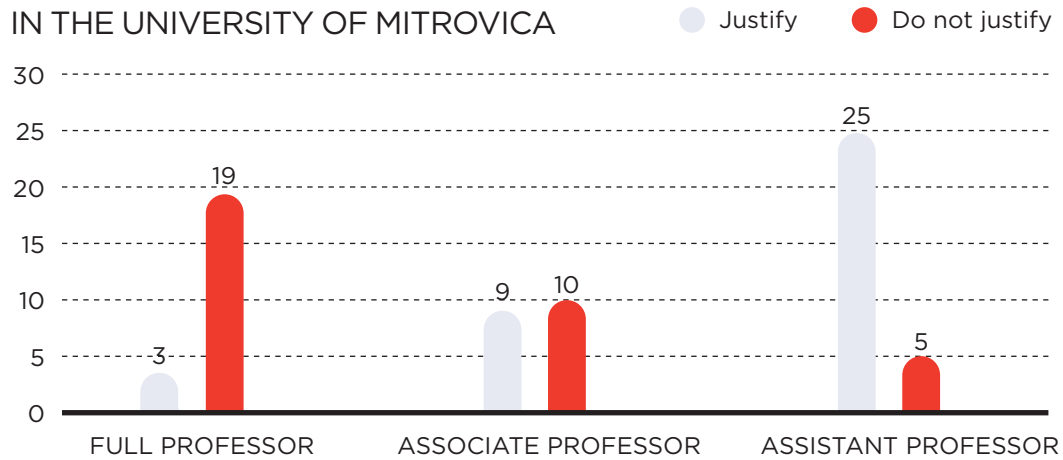


JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 71 professors in the University of Mitrovica, 34 or 48% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first authors. In comparison, in 2020 in the University of Gjakova 65% of professors do not justify their academic ranks, in 2019 in the University of Prishtina 55% of professors did not justify their academic ranks, in the University of Prizren 64% of professors do not justify their academic ranks, and in the University of Peja 70% of professors do not justify their academic ranks.

Out of 30 assistant professors, 5 of them do not justify their academic ranks. Out of 19 associate professors, 10 do not justify their academic ranks. Out of 22 full professors, 19 of them do not justify their academic ranks. The higher the academic rank the higher are the odds that the professor does not justify their rank.

JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MITROVICA



Out of 71 professors in the University of Mitrovica, 34 or 48% of them do not justify their academic ranks, while 37 or 52% of them justify their academic ranks. The faculty with the most professors that do not justify academic ranks is the Faculty of Geosciences with 17 or 74% of professors out of 23 they have in total. While the faculties with the least amount of professors who do not justify their academic ranks are the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Economics with one professor each, out of 9 in the Faculty of Law, and out of 6 in the Faculty of Economics.

JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS DISAGGREGATED BY FACULTIES

No.	Faculties of the University of Mitrovica	All professors	
		✓	✗
1	Faculty of Geosciences	6 (26%)	17 (74%)
2	Faculty of Food Technology	8 (53%)	7 (47%)
3	Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering	7 (54%)	6 (46%)
4	Faculty of Law	8 (89%)	1 (11%)
5	Faculty of Economics	5 (83%)	1 (17%)
6	Faculty of Education	3 (60%)	2 (40%)
TOTAL		37 (52%)	34 (48%)

As for justification according to academic ranks, 86% of full professors do not justify their academic ranks, while 14% justify them.

53% of associate professors do not justify their academic ranks, while 47% do.

17% of assistant professors do not justify their academic ranks, while 83% of them do.

JUSTIFICATION DISAGGREGATED BY ACADEMIC RANKS

No.	Faculties of the University of Mitrovica	Assistant professors		Associate professors		Full professors	
		✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
1	Faculty of Geosciences	3	1	2	5	1	11
2	Faculty of Food Technology	3	0	3	4	2	3
3	Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering	7	3	0	0	0	3
4	Faculty of Law	7	0	1	1	0	0
5	Faculty of Economics	2	0	3	0	0	1
6	Faculty of Education	3	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL		25	5	9	10	3	19
		(83%)	(17%)	(47%)	(53%)	(14%)	(86%)

COMPARISON WITH OTHER PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

The percentage of professors with no papers in 2020, in the University of Mitrovica was 32%, and in the University of Gjakova it was 54%, while in 2019, 39% of professors in the University of Prishtina had no papers, 55% in the University of Prizren, and 66% in the University of Peja.

in 2020, the percentage of professors who do not justify their academic ranks in the University of Mitrovica was 48%, in the University of Gjakova 65% of professors did not justify their ranks, while in 2019, in the University of Prishtina 55% of professors did not justify their academic ranks, in the University of Prizren 64% of professors did not justify their academic ranks, and in the University of Peja 70% did not justify academic ranks.

While in 2020, in the University of Mitrovica 78% of professors were found to have published in dubious journals, in the University of Gjakova 58% of professors had participated in dubious publications, and in 2019 in the University of Prishtina 32% of professors had participated in dubious publications, 66% in the University of Prizren, and 45% in the University of Peja.

COMPARISON WITH OTHER PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES

University	Percentage of professors without any scientific papers	Percentage of non-justification of academic ranks	Percentage of professors that have published in dubious journals
University of Mitrovica	32%	48%	78%
University of Gjakova*	54%	65%	58%
University of Prishtina**	39%	55%	32%
University of Prizren**	55%	64%	66%
University of Peja**	66%	70%	45%

Explanation of footnotes:

* Data from 2020

** Data from 2019

FACULTY OF GEOSCIENCES

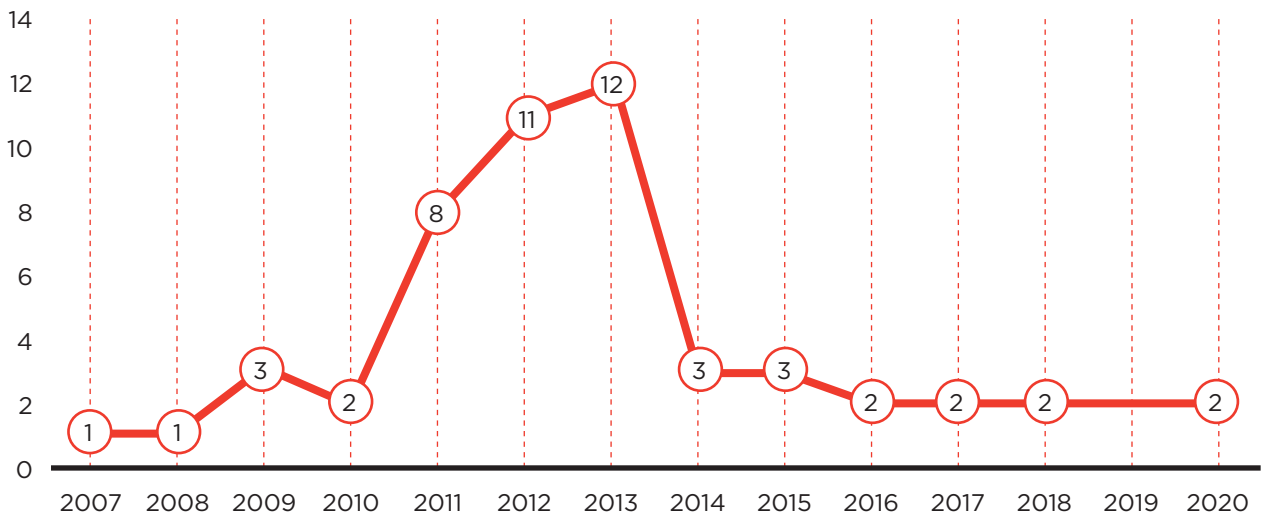


23 professors with academic ranks
12 full professors
7 associate professors
4 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

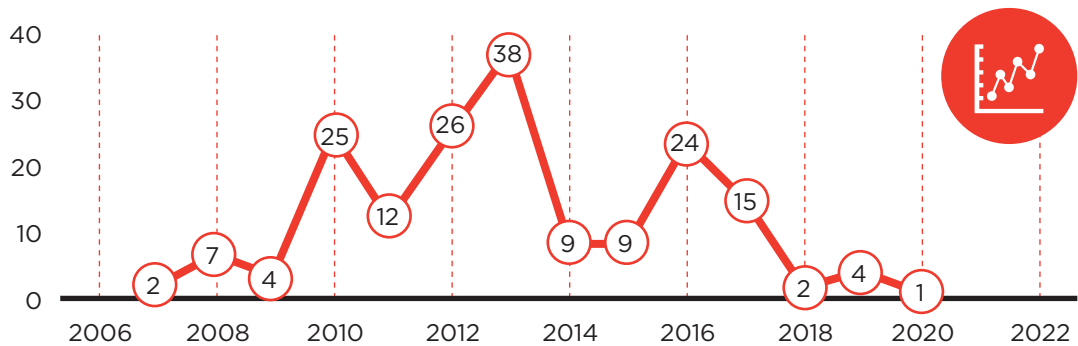
Professors in the Faculty of Geosciences have published a total of 52 papers in scientific journals. Out of them, 30 are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first authors. 10 professors in this faculty don't have any papers published as first author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF GEOSCIENCES



19 professors have published 178 papers in dubious journals. 2013 is the year with the most papers in dubious journals, with a total of 38. In the following years there's been a decrease, until 2016 when 24 papers were published in dubious journals, and another decrease until 2020 when there was only one paper published in dubious journals.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF GEOSCIENCES



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 23 professors, 17 or 74% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first authors. Out of 4 assistant professors, 1 of them does not justify their academic rank. Out of 7 associate professors, 5 do not justify their academic ranks. Out of 12 full professors, 11 of them do not justify their academic ranks.

Assistant professors		Associate professors		Full professors		Total	
✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
3	1	2	5	1	11	6 (26%)	17 (74%)

FACULTY OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY

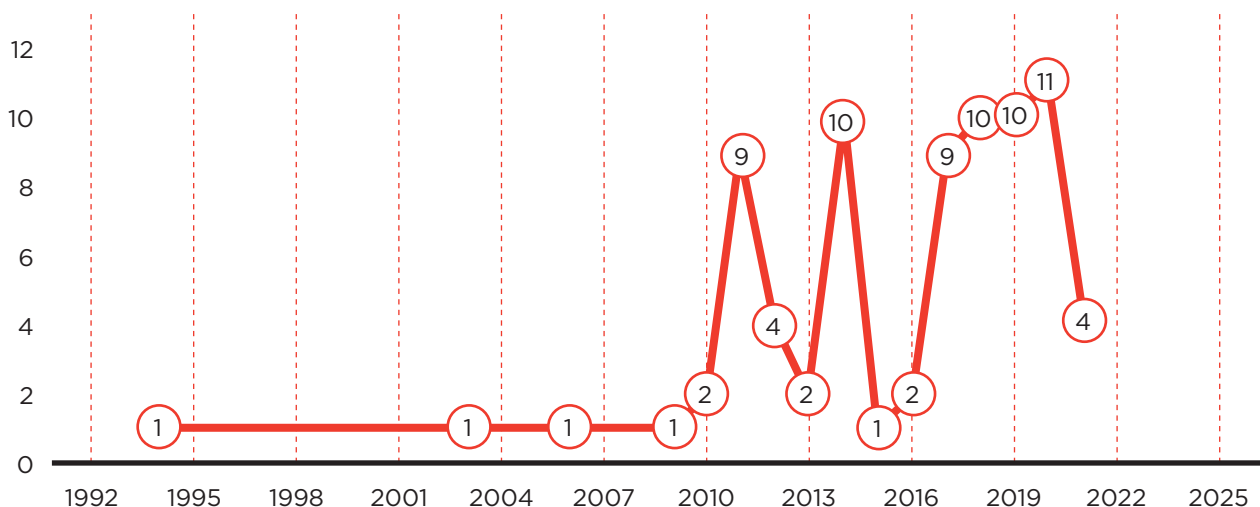


15 professors with academic ranks
5 full professors
7 associate professors
3 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

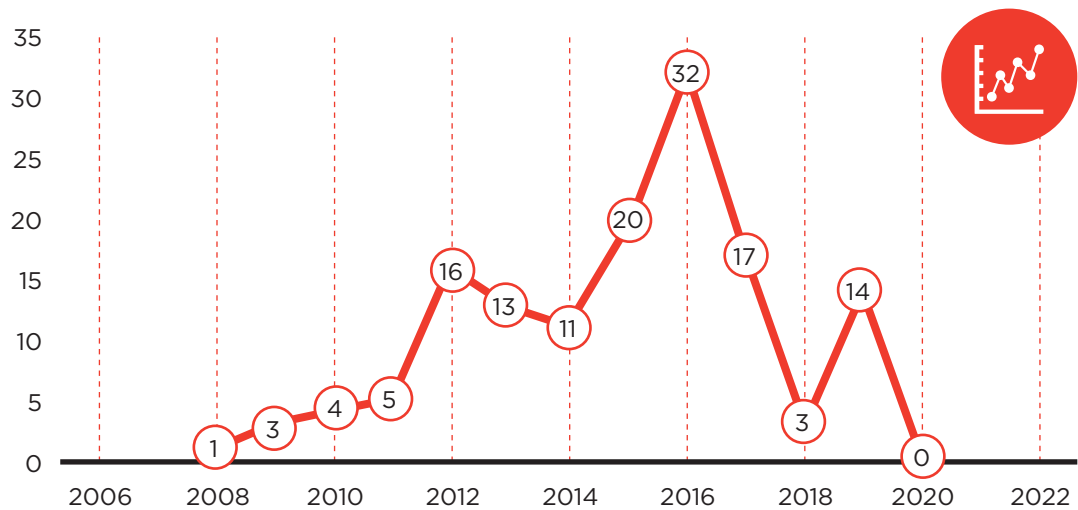
Professors in the Faculty of Food Technology have published a total of 78 papers in scientific journals. Out of them, 43 are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first authors. 2020 marks the year with the most papers published, with 11 papers. 5 professors in this faculty don't have any papers published as first author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY



13 professors have published 139 papers in dubious journals. 2016 is the year with the most papers in dubious journals, with a total of 32. The following years there's a decrease, with 14 papers published in 2019, and zero in 2020.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 15 professors, 7 or 47% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first authors. All three assistant professors justify their academic ranks. Out of 7 associate professors, 4 do not justify their academic ranks. Out of 5 full professors, 3 do not justify their academic ranks.

Assistant professors		Associate professors		Full professors		Total	
✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
3	0	3	4	2	3	8 (53%)	7 (47%)

FACULTY OF MECHANICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

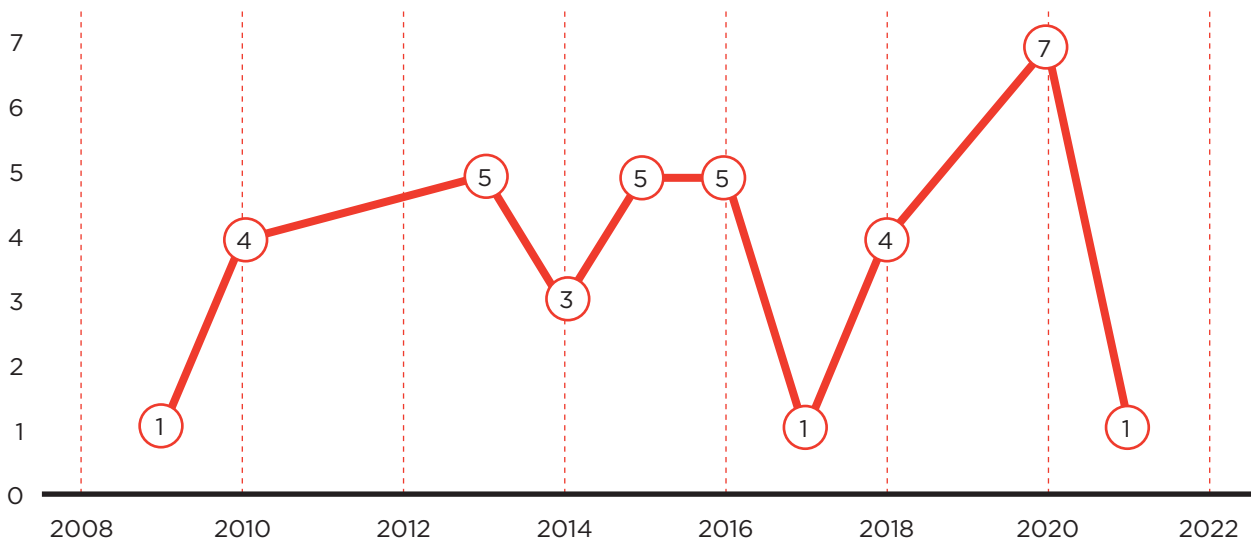


13 professors with academic ranks
3 full professors
10 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

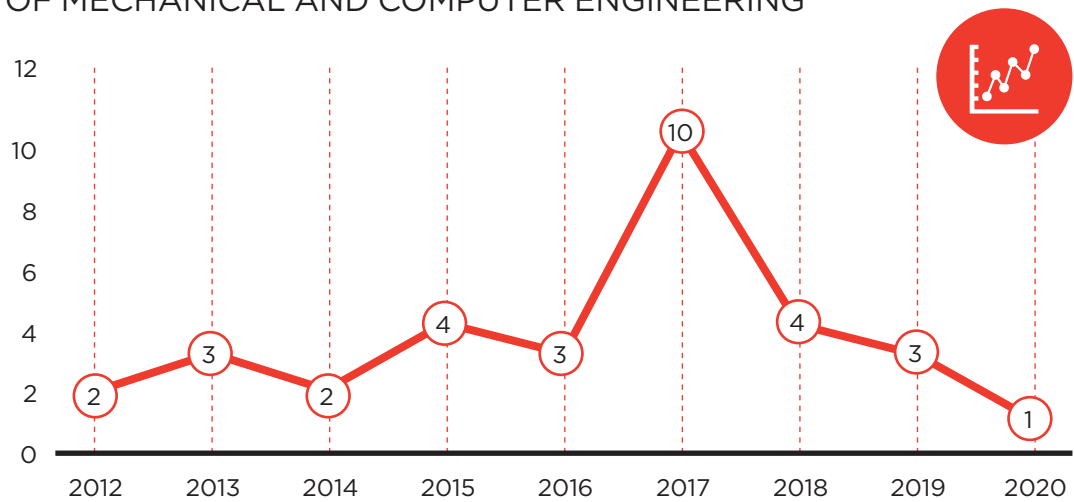
Professors in the Faculty of Mechanical and Computer Engineering have published a total of 36 papers in scientific journals. All of them are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first authors. 2020 marks the year with the most papers with 7 of them. 6 professors in this faculty don't have any papers published as first author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF MECHANICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING



9 professors have published 32 papers in dubious journals. 2017 is the year with the most papers in dubious journals, with a total of 5. The following years there's been a decrease, with one paper in dubious journals published in 2020.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF MECHANICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 13 professors, 6 or 46% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first authors.

Out of 10 assistant professors, 3 of them do not justify their academic ranks. There are no associate professors in this faculty. None of the three full professors justify their academic ranks.

Assistant professors		Associate professors		Full professors		Total	
✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
7	3	0	0	0	3	7 (54%)	6 (46%)

FACULTY OF LAW



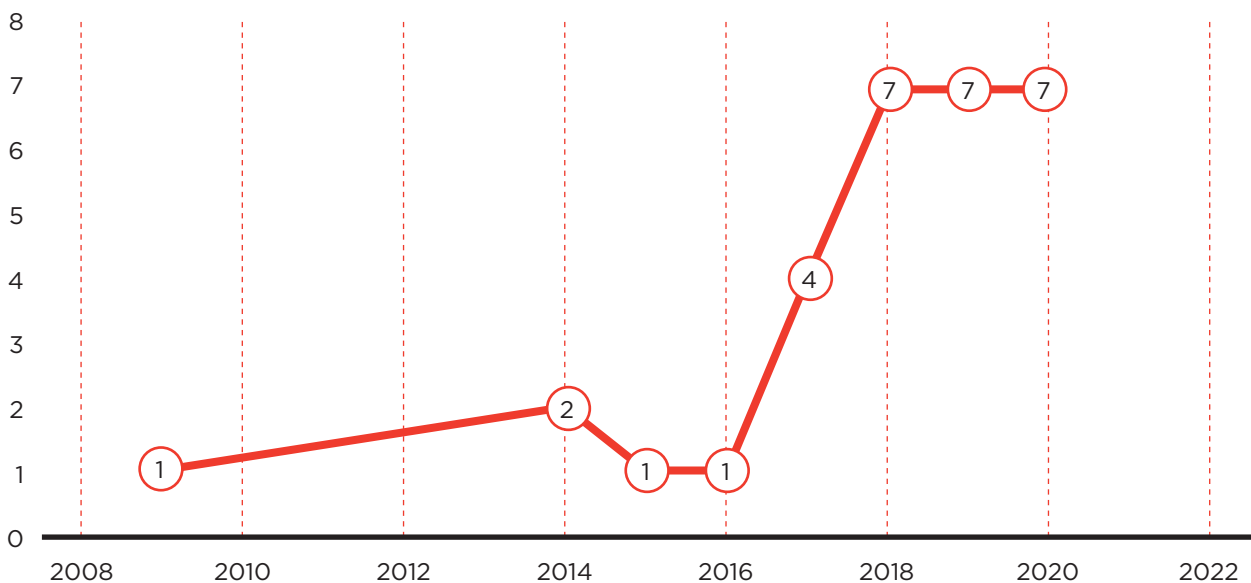
- 9 professors with academic ranks
- 2 associate professors
- 7 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

Professors in the Faculty of Law have published a total of 30 papers in scientific journals. Out of them, 21 are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first authors.

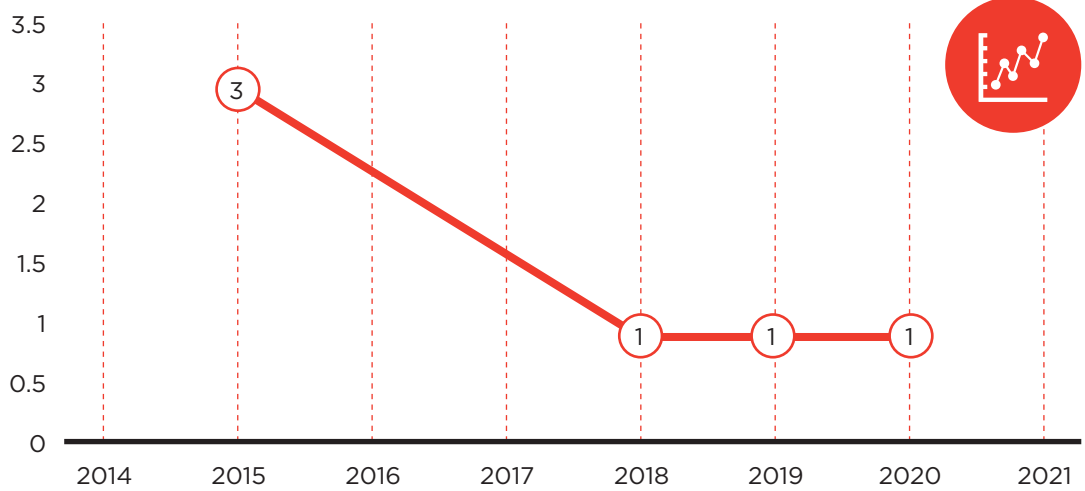
There are no professors in this faculty who do not have any papers published as first author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF LAW



4 professors have published 6 papers in dubious journals. 2015 is the year with the most papers in dubious journals, with a total of 3. The following years there's been a decrease, with one paper in dubious journals published each year.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF LAW



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 9 professors, 1 or 11% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first authors.

All 7 assistant professors justify their academic ranks. Out of 2 associate professors, one of them does not justify their academic rank. There are no full professors in this faculty.

Assistant professors		Associate professors		Full professors		Total	
✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
7	0	1	1	0	0	8 (89%)	1 (11%)

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS



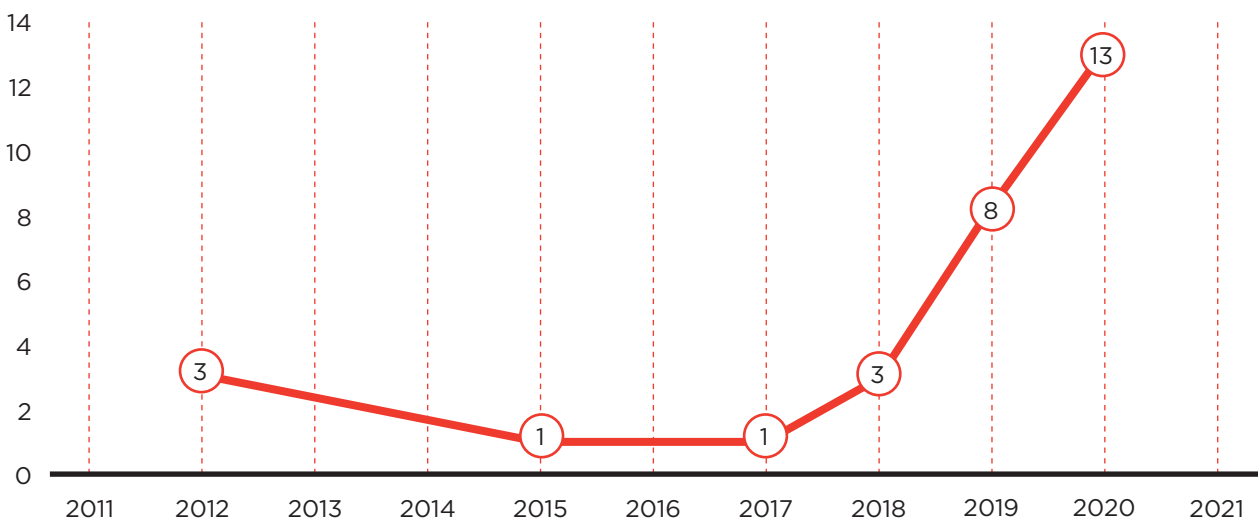
- 6** professors with academic ranks
- 1** full professor
- 3** associate professors
- 2** associate professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

Professors in the Faculty of Economics have published a total of 29 papers in scientific journals. Out of them, 19 are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first authors.

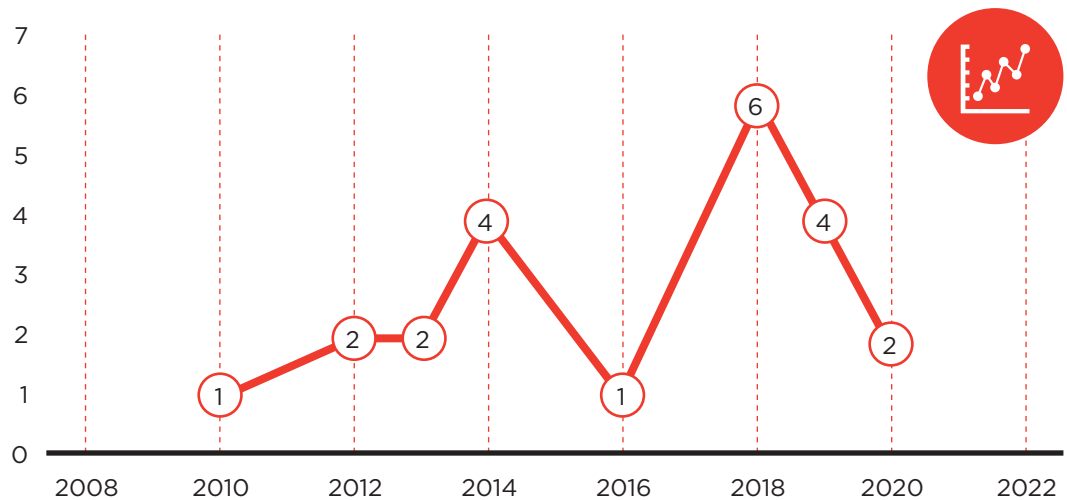
There is one professor in this faculty who does not have any papers published as first author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS



6 professors have published 22 papers in dubious journals. 2018 is the year with the most papers in dubious journals, with a total of 6. The following years there's been a decrease, with two papers in dubious journals published in 2020.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF ECONOMICS



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 6 professors, 1 or 17% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first authors.

Both assistant professors justify their academic ranks. All three associate professors justify their academic ranks. One full professor does not justify his academic rank.

Assistant professors		Associate professors		Full professors		Total	
✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
2	0	3	0	0	1	5 (83%)	1 (17%)

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

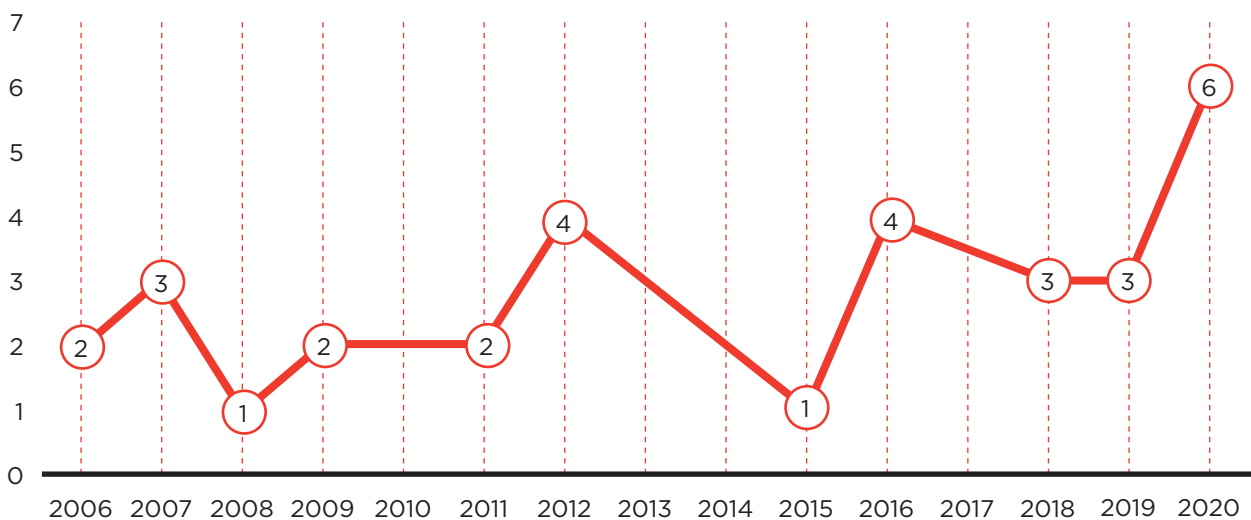


5 professors with academic ranks
1 full professor
4 assistant professors

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION

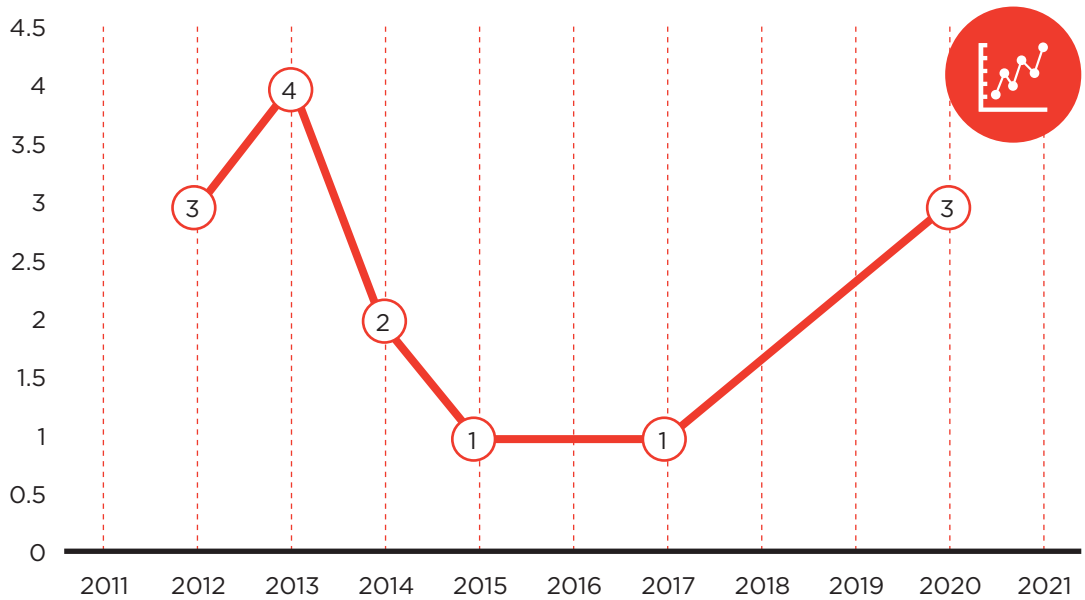
Professors in the Faculty of Education have published a total of 31 papers in scientific journals. Out of them, 8 are valid for academic promotions, which means they are published by professors as first authors. One professor in this faculty does not have any papers published as first author.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION



5 professors have published 14 papers in dubious journals. 2013 is the year with the most papers in dubious journals, with a total of 4. The following years there's been a decrease, with 3 papers in dubious journals published in 2020.

PUBLICATION IN DUBIOUS JOURNALS IN THE FACULTY OF EDUCATION



JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Out of 5 professors, 2 or 40% do not justify their academic ranks according to the criteria of scientific papers as first authors.

Out of 4 assistant professors, one of them does not justify their academic ranks. There are no associate professors. One full professor does not justify his academic rank.

Assistant professors		Associate professors		Full professors		Total	
✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗
3	1	0	0	0	1	3 (60%)	2 (40%)

METHODOLOGY

Legal basis

- ① Law for Higher Education in the Republic of Kosovo⁴
- ② The University of Mitrovica Statute, specifically Articles 168, 169, and 170⁵
- ③ Administrative Instruction 01/2018 the recognition principles of platforms and international magazines with reviews⁶
- 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.⁷
- ⑤ Regulation on election procedures related to election, re-election and promotion of academic staff in the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini"⁸

ORCA has reviewed publications in international scientific journals, established as a criteria by the Law on Higher Education in Kosovo, the Statute of the University of Mitrovica for election on one of the academic ranks: assistant professor, associate professor, and full professor, the Administrative Instructions 01/2018 and 07/2018, and the regulation on election procedures related to election, re-election and promotion of academic staff in the University of Mitrovica".

4 Law on higher education, 2011, link: <https://gzk.rks-gov.net/ActDocumentDetail.aspx?ActID=2761>

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RESEARCH OBJECT

The CVs of 71 professors of 6 faculties of the University of Mitrovica were researched. 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. Apart from the CVs we also researched the section in UMIB's website called "Scientific Research", which splits the scientific work of professors in four categories: papers listed in Google Scholar, Scientific Papers, Scientific Conferences, and Scientific Journals.

Because of the specific nature of their work, ORCA did not research the artistic work that is the criteria equivalent to scientific papers for the professors teaching art classes. Thus, these professors were not researched by ORCA.

THE DURATION OF RESEARCH

All the CVs and other documents that were researched for this report were taken from the official website of the University of Mitrovica⁹, during January-February 2021. To guarantee the accuracy of the data, these CVs went through a review round during March 2021. All changes evidenced during the second round of research were applied in the database upon which this report was built.

⁹ Official website of the University of Mitrovica, link: <https://www.umib.net/>

THE METHODOLOGY OF RESEARCHING JUSTIFICATION OF ACADEMIC RANKS

Contrary to other public universities in Kosovo, the University of Mitrovica does not take into consideration the status of correspondent author in scientific papers, as valid for academic promotions. They only accept papers where the professors are first authors.

For the academic rank of assistant professor, the candidates must have at least one scientific paper published in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, relevant to the Statute of the University of Mitrovica, as first author. Thus, according to the regulations in power, they must have a coefficient of 1.

For the academic rank of associate professor, the candidates must have at least three scientific papers published in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, relevant to the Statute of the University of Mitrovica, as first author. Thus, according to the regulations in power, they must have a coefficient of 3.

For the academic rank of full professor, the candidates must have at least five scientific papers published in international peer-reviewed scientific journals, relevant to the Statute of the University of Mitrovica, as first author. Thus, according to the regulations in power, they must have a coefficient of 5.

Based on AI1/2018, AI7/2018 and Regulation on election procedures related to election, re-election and promotion of academic staff in the University of Mitrovica "Isa Boletini", 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, 0.85 or 0.70.

ORCA has given a coefficient of 0 to papers published in conference proceedings, reports, projects, books or book chapters, which are not in international scientific journals, or papers that are in the process of being published, or papers for which the authors have received any type of confirmation by the journal, but haven't been published.

Publications in scientific journals of Kosovo or neighboring countries, based on the Administrative Instruction 01/2018 were given a coefficient of 0.

Papers published in journals that are listed in dubious journals list or if these journals have a publisher listed in dubious publishers list, have a coefficient of 0, and were calculated for the purposes of this research.

CALCULATION OF THE NUMBER OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

After the CVs were researched, the scientific publications found in the journals according to the aforementioned regulations, were compared cross-professor, to eliminate double counting.

This number includes all the scientific papers published in valid journals, not taking into account authorship rank, which is different from the analysis of justifying ranks where we have counted only the publications where University of Mitrovica professors are first authors.

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