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Maria Stepanova is an associate professor of St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University, Foreign Languages Institute (St. Petersburg, Russia). She is a deputy to the Head of the Linguistics and Cross-Cultural Communication Department.

Maria graduated in Chemistry & Foreign Language Education from Russian State Pedagogical University in 1997. She defended her PhD in Education in 2000. Since then she has constantly been working in the field of foreign language education and translation as well as in the field of education management. In 2006 Maria graduated in HR Management from the Academy of Management Methods and Techniques that allows her to enhance her expertise in education management.



Maria is an expert in teaching business English and translation, as well as in developing education programs and curriculums and managing the foreign language education process in the university. She is currently responsible for organization and management of teaching business foreign languages for MA undergraduates of all the departments of St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University.

Maria regularly takes part in international conferences in the field of linguistics, foreign languages, translation, education and training. She also works as an organizer of international conferences. She regularly gives lectures to foreign language teachers on the modern approaches and methods of teaching foreign languages. She took part in international education programs in Iowa, USA (2000) and Prague, Czech Republic (2013).

Maria is an author of more than 100 publications, including articles, guidelines for foreign language teachers, textbooks for undergraduates. As an author, among others, of *English: Practical Course for MA undergraduates of Technical Fields* (2011) and *English: Practical Course for MA undergraduates of Humanitarian Fields* (2010) she was awarded with the I Diploma of the International Competition of Educational and Scientific Literature "Gold Coryphaeus" in 2012 and with the III Prize of the Scientific Board of St. Petersburg State Polytechnical University in 2012.

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