

Doc. Natalia Orlova, CSc.

Working position: Head of the English Department at the Faculty of Education at the University of Jan Evangeliste Purkyne in Usti nad Labem, the Czech Republic.

Title: Docent, received in the year of 1999 from Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St Petersburg, Russian Federation.

Education

- 1997-1998: a Fulbright Scholar (Junior Faculty Development Program) at the English Department of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, USA
- 1988-1991: Doctoral studies at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation. Candidate of Science degree (equivalent of PhD) in TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) received in December 1991.
- September 1977- June 1981: studies at Faculty of Foreign Languages, Beltsy Pedagogical Institute, Moldova. Honors Graduate degree in English (summa cum laude) received in June 1981.

Professional employment:

- 01.09.2009 till present: Head of the English Department at the Faculty of Education at the University of Jan Evangeliste Purkyne in Usti nad Labem, the Czech Republic.
- 2001 to 2009: Associate Professor at the English Department of the Faculty of Education at the University of Jan Evangeliste Purkyne in Usti nad Labem, the Czech Republic.
- 1997- 2001: Associate Professor at the English Department at the Faculty of Foreign Languages of Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg, RF. Supervised and coordinated the work of educators, who taught English classes to second-year students. Provided individual mentoring on teaching to entry- level colleagues. Designed courses syllabuses. Developed and selected examination materials. Administered and graded exams for second- and fourth-year students.
- 1991 – 1997: Assistant Professor at the English Department at the Faculty of Foreign Languages of Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg, RF. Taught courses in Linguistics and Methodology to prospective teachers of English as a foreign language.

- 1988-1991: Doctoral student at the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Herzen State Pedagogical University of Russia, St. Petersburg. Part-time instructor at Intensive Business English courses.
- 1986-1988: Assistant Professor at the English Department at Beltsy State Pedagogical Institute, Moldova. Taught courses to pre-service teachers of English as a foreign language.
- 1981-1986: Associate Principal and a teacher of English at a Specialized English Language School #16 Beltsy, Moldova.

Teaching Responsibilities:

- Design and teach courses in ELT Methodology (*Introduction to Methodology, Teaching Young Learners, Methodology Modules 1-3*) for pre-service teachers of English as a Foreign language.
- Teach an elective course on cross-cultural issues in EFL.
- Teach a course on thesis writing to graduate students.
- Teach courses in ELT Methodology for in-service teachers of English.
- Supervise student teachers during their school placement.
- Chair graduation state exams and defenses of graduate thesis.

Research Interests:

- Ways of developing pre-service EFL teachers' professional competence.
- Incorporating EPOSTL in pre-service teacher education.
- Reflection in learning teaching
- School practicum as a vital component of a teacher education program.
- Socio-cultural competence of student teachers and ways of its effective development.

Research supervision:

- Directed MA theses in TEFL at the English Department of UJEP, Usti nad Labem
- Directed MA theses in TEFL at Herzen State Pedagogical University, St. Peterburg, Russian Federation
- Reviewed three PhD dissertations in TEFL at the English Department of Herzen State Pedagogical University.
- Was an opponent for the PhD dissertation at the Scientific Council of the Faculty of Foreign Languages at Herzen State Pedagogical University.

Grants and participation in European projects:

- From 2015 till now – a member of ECML expert team for **EPOSTL training and consultancy**. Workshop on the use of EPOSTL in Sarajevo, Bosnia
See more at
<http://www.ecml.at/TrainingConsultancy/TrainingConsultancy-Overview/tabid/1764/language/en-GB/Default.aspx>
- Coordinator of a project **Učíme se učit spolu** (projekt OP VVV, PF UJEP, PO3, CZ.02.3.68/0.0/0.0/16_038/0006783)
- From 2.02.2013-till 2015 – an expert team member in ECML D-1 tender project **European portfolio for student teachers of pre-primary education**.
See more at
<http://www.ecml.at/ECML-Programme/Programme2012-2015/Pepelino/tabid/1833/Default.aspx>
- From 1.10. 2012 till September 2015 - a co-partner in the project **Teacher Competences for Plurilingual Integration (TC4PI)/ 526596-LLP-1-2012-1-ES-Comenius-CMP**
See more at <http://www.tc4pi.eu/web/index.php/es/>
- From 1.03. 2012 till 1.03.2014 – garant of the project ESF CZ.1.07/2.4.00/31.0074 **Network of Educators of Foreign Language Teachers (NEFLT)** <http://neflt.ujep.cz/>
- February and September 2010: an invited participant of the **EPOSTL2 Network Meetings**, held at the ECML (European Centre of Modern Languages), Graz, Austria
- 2009: co-holder of a grant from the Czech Ministry of Education (FRVŠ 1808/2009 F5/a grant) **Rozvoj kompetencí studentů učitelství anglického jazyka v užívání moderních přístupů k hodnocení žáků**.
- 2008: grant holder of the Faculty of Education grant **Reflective English Language Teaching through Self-Videoing**. University of J.E. Purkyne, Usti nad Labem, the Czech republic.
- June 2008: grant from the Czech Ministry of education for participation in the international workshop **Piloting and Implementing the European Portfolio for Student Teachers of Languages (EPOSTL)** held at Centre for Modern Languages in Graz, Austria.
- January 2005: **Grant Arion-EU study visit for education specialists**. Country visited – the Netherlands.
- 1999: Grant from the USA Government for participation and paper presentation at the 33rd TESOL Convention in New- York, USA, 1999.

- Fulbright Scholarship for the academic year of 1997-98. JFD (Junior Faculty Development) Program. Affiliation - the English Department of the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, ND, USA.

Other activities:

- April 2017: Erasmus teaching stay in Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Litva.
- May 2016: Erasmus teaching stay in the University of Valladolid, Spain.

Guest lectures:

- *PEPELINO*: European portfolio for pre-primary educators. The plurilingual and intercultural dimension
- Using Music and Authentic Songs in EFL Classes.
- CLT within the Framework of Enlightened Approach in ELT.
- Fostering Student Teachers' Autonomy with Reflective Portfolios: EPOSTL and PEPELINO. See

<http://cfpidiomas.centros.educa.jcyl.es/bitacora/index.cgi?wIdPub=262>

<http://www.feyts.uva.es/?q=node/1823>

- May 2013: guest lecture at UNIVERSITÄT POTSDAM, INSTITUT FÜR ANGLISTIK UND AMERIKANISTIK FACHDIDAKTIK ENGLISCH
- April 1-30 2006: Guest Lecturer at IUFM - *Institut Universitaire de Formation des Maîtres* - French, Reims, France. Responsibilities involved - giving presentations to the members of the research laboratory on cross-cultural issues in language teaching, giving lectures to pre-service teachers of foreign languages, teaching classes to in-service teachers of English as a foreign language.
- June 2004, 2006, 2009: Proposal reader for Teacher Education Interest Section for TESOL Convention.
- 1999-2001: Administrative Director of Fairfield at Herzen Resource Center, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation

Conference organization:

- March 2018 Chair of the organizing committee for the international conference *Challenges VIII: Through the Lens of Experience*
- October 2016 Chair of the organizing committee for the international conference *Challenges VII: ELT: Foundations/Versatility*

- March 2015 Chair of the organizing committee for the international conference *Challenges VI: Rethinking Strategies in ELT*
- November 2013 Chair of the organizing committee for the international conference *Challenges V: Harmony and Diversity.*
- October 2012. Chair of the organizing committee for the international conference *Challenges 4: Current Problems in Foreign Language Teacher Education*
- September 2010. Chair of the organizing committee for *7th International and 11th National Conference of the Association of Teachers of English of the Czech Republic ELT: SHARING INNOVATIVE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE*
- October 2003, November 2007, November 2008: member of the organizing committee for international conference *Challenges of EFL Teaching*, held at the University of Jan Evangeliste Purkyne in Usti nad Labem, Czech Republic.
- May-June 2000: grant holder and a chief coordinator of International Seminar *American Studies Through Russian and American Eyes* sponsored by Delmas Foundation (USA) and Public Affairs Section of the Consulate General of the USA in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation.
- May 1999: chief coordinator of International Conference *Integrating American Studies into the English Language Curriculum* sponsored by USIS of the Consulate General of the USA in St. Petersburg and Fairfield University, CT, USA

Presentations at the TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) International Conventions

1. Orlova, N. Nemtchinova, K. *Reflective Portfolios: Harmonizing Student Teachers' Identities in ESL /EFL contexts.* Paper presented at 47 Annual TESOL Convention Dallas, TX, March 22, **2013**
2. Orlova, N., Nemtchinova, K. *Re-Imagining Mentoring: Students' Practicum Experience in ESL and EFL contexts.* Paper presented at 44th Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit, Boston, MA, USA, **March 2010**
3. Orlova, N. Nemtchinova, K. *Teaching style through a cultural lens.* Paper presented at 42nd Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit, New York, NY, USA, **April 2008**
4. Orlova, N. *Preparing Student Teachers for Reflective Teaching.* Paper presented at 41st Annual TESOL Convention and Exhibit, Seattle, WA, USA, **March 2007**

