

## **Abstract**

The present Master's thesis *Development trends in Russian interpreting theory at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries* is a theoretical study dedicated to the current situation in the interpreting theory in the Russian Federation. The aim of the thesis is firstly to analyze the information available on the development of the Russian interpreting theory within the international context, research being carried out by the current Russian authors, universities providing education in both conference consecutive and simultaneous interpreting, professional organizations associating highly-qualified translators and interpreters, professional journals, and the situation on the market in the field of interpreting, and secondly to draw a conclusion regarding the overall present situation, its probable reasons and assumed future development. Besides the introductory and conclusive chapters, the thesis is divided into four parts. The first part describes the research resources of the Russian interpreting theory in the international interpreting studies context. The second part is focused on the main research fields of interest of the Russian authors in the initial formation phase of the interpreting theory as an independent scientific discipline. The object of the third part is a comparison of several significant Russian and Western interpreting models. The fourth part represents a critical view of the development trends in the Russian interpreting theory at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries. Finally, the conclusive part is aimed at the assessment of the current situation of the Russian interpreting theory, its assumed reasons and potential changes to be expected.