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**THE STATUS OF TRANSLATION STUDIES IN CONTEMPORARY  
HIGHER EDUCATION: ENGLISH, NOT GERMAN, IS THE MAIN LANGUAGE  
TAUGHT IN TRANSLATION STUDIES PROGRAMS IN POLAND**

SUMMARY

Before 1989, the main foreign language being taught in Polish schools was Russian, due to the socio-political ties with Moscow. Second and third tier foreign languages were French and German. After the fall of communism, and especially after Poland joined the EU, the demand for English Translational Studies has grown significantly, at the cost of German programs. In this paper, the authoresses try to analyze the cultural foundations for these phenomena.

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