

The Dept. (then Faculty) of English of Adam Mickiewicz University has not only been for many decades one of the largest centres of English studies in the world, unrivalled in continental Europe, but also one of the most important research centres of linguistics at large in Central Europe. As a frequent visitor of Poland since the 1970es and reader of publications by linguists from all around Poland I think that the Poznan Dept. of English has also been the most important institution in Poland for modernizing linguistics in Poland and for rendering Polish linguists in the forefront of the most advanced linguists in the whole Soviet-dominated part of the world. Regretting that for health reasons I cannot participate in this jubilee event of the Faculty of English I send my best wishes for continued success in the future to its dean, staff and students.

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