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Abstract

The Polish University of Warmia and Mazury is presented as a very successful new, regional university located in northeastern Poland, the Polish part of what used to be East Prussia. The intellectual origins of this university go back to a post-Second World War desire on the part of Polish intellectuals to recreate the University of Koenigsberg on Polish territory. A first attempt, between 1945 and 1950, failed. The second attempt was brought to a conclusion, in September 1999, by the formal merger of the University of Agriculture and Technology of Olsztyn, harking back to 1950, and the Higher School of Pedagogy, also of Olsztyn, harking back to 1969. The new university has a traditional academic structure offering an eclectic curriculum. Its course offerings range from the liberal arts, philosophy, medicine and theology, to the latest fields in computer science,

management, agriculture, land management, and many other disciplinary and interdisciplinary areas. The university has rapidly become a center of culture and development for its region, one of the

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poorest in Poland. (HRK / Abstract übernommen)