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International Baccalaureate schools as islands of educational resistance. A case study of Poland.

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## ABSTRACT

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# International Baccalaureate

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# Introduction

International schools share educational standards and practices to create and sustain global learning communities and can be 'cosmopolitan enclaves' that embrace ideals of cultural diversity and global mobility (Rey and Bolay 2020). Although International Baccalaureate World Schools (IBWS) operate globally, they do so within national educational systems and thus may be subject to greater or lesser pressure from the national educational policies currently in play. In the Polish context of IBWS, features of 'cosmopolitan nationalism' are visible - the concept applied to international schooling by Wright, Ma, and Auld (2021), first developed by Maxwell et al. (2020). The authors recognise with 'cosmopolitan nationalism' how global education trends are interpreted and taken up in national-local contexts where aspects of nationalism are present. By appreciating the interconnections of cosmopolitan forces and nationalistic tendencies, this study extends the Wright, Ma, and Auld (2021) concept of 'cosmopolitan nationalism' with a particular focus on how IB education in Poland supports global trends in international education, and at the same time, how global tendencies in education influence IB schools in Poland. These dual pressures within 'cosmopolitan nationalism' create the intended function of IB education in responding to global or national concerns and priorities. In this understanding, IBWS in Poland, from the perspective of their educational function, serve as a resistance to nationalisation tendencies in the Polish educational landscape of IB schools.

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- Oparcie nauczania na konceptach
- Rozwój umiejętności pozaakademickich, tzw. life skills, dbanie o well-being
- Świadomy wybór uczniów i ich rodziców
- Rozwój zawodowy nauczycieli





# Szkoły z oddziałami międzynarodowymi przodują w rankingach szkół

przyjaznych LGBT+ w Polsce











From educational experiment to an alternative to the national programme. International Baccalaureate Programmes in Poland – policy and practice perspectives

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Homo Sovieticus in policy versus teacher leadership in Polish international baccalaureate practices

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This paper seeks to extend discussion on teachers' leadership within international Baccalaureate schools in Poland, Background for the discussions on leadership in Polish context of education is the term Homo Sovieticus (in English: Soviet Man), a notion assoclated with sarcastic and critical reference to an average conformist person living in the Soviet Union or in other countries of the Eastern Bloc In Europe, a spineless person who lacks any 'bottom up' Initiative. In the paper, it is claimed that teachers' limited leadership In a centrally steered system of teacher training in Poland, demonstrates features of leadership developed according to the Homo Sovieticus model of the citizen. Strong emphasis onto leadership within international culture do not let Homo Sovieticus features and behaviors to develop, in this understanding, international schools with strong emphasis on leadership in Polish post-soviet educational landscape creates path of evolution from stereotypical perception of teachers as passive 'Homo Sovieticus' to leader within school curriculum.

# Introduction

The terms 'leadership' and 'Homo Sovieticus' as used in educational settings sound like oxymorons. In the most common sense, leadership assumes specific management, active engagement, motivation for acting, transforming the vision into an efficient reality. The basis for being a leader consists of planning, taking risks, building organizational commitment. Homo Sovieticus [in English: Soviet Man] is a term associated with sarcastic and critical reference to an average conformist person living in the Soviet Union or in other countries of the Eastern Bloc in Europe. It has been used to describe a spineless person who lacks any 'bottom up' initiative, simply acquiesces and is servile. What a Soviet Man should do, (or was supposed to do) was not up to the individual, but decided by the ruling party. All the actions of a Soviet Man were subordinated to authority, and led by the authority (the Communist party) so the Soviet Man had few opportunities to practice leadership, as the government was the leader and organizer of the life of the Soviet Man.

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