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**DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN STUDIES: FROM „NATIONAL“ TO
„TRANSNATIONAL“**

(Summary)

The article summarizes the factors that influence the emergence and development of American Studies in the United States and Western Europe. The author identifies key trends and themes that shape the character of the scientific discipline on both sides of the Atlantic in the second half of the 20th century, and outlines current trends and directions of its development at the beginning of the 21st century.

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