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Mother tongue, foreign language, dialect. Discriminating and counting languages

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Does everyone in Germany speak German? Presumably, yes, at least we think so – but in fact we do not know for sure. Also, we do not know what other languages people in Germany speak. The knowledge about languages in Germany is strongly related to ideologies and attitudes about languages. The latter have a strong impact on the collecting of language data, i.e. language statistics. This talk will present how languages are counted in Germany and how the counting is intertwined with attitudes on languages.