

bonds, especially in the institution of family and in sexual practices. Nowadays, the crisis of family is the phenomena of the post-traditional society that antagonises politics and politicians much more than the “old” problem of class differences. Curiously, the political labels remain the same: conservative, liberal, left, right, and so forth.

The question of identity, the articulation of which is especially controversial in “new democracies”, antagonises political as well as cultural views. Ethnic and religious determinations of a community are quite often used in fights for power, which frequently bring these countries to the brink of violating human rights and dignity. In the post-traditional society that enjoys the benefits of modernity and hesitates over representations of the past, the question of how to walk the fine line between preservation of identity and co-operation in the global setting remains quite a tricky question for everyone concerned.