

Modern society does not support variety. Globalization proves this and it affects gender, as well. Society tends to negate variety and reacts inappropriately – by segregation, ridicule, suspicion, etc. Variety is still understood as something of little value.

This work studies the issue of variety in gender, whose problems it compares to problems of a stranger. It analyzes both issues in the perspective of modern Western society and offers the analogy of gender issue and the issue of a stranger. This analogy is outlined in three major areas of social life: family x society, specific male and female occupations, and partner relationships.

Our work especially stresses tolerance and willingness to find what is realistic in contrast to prejudices. Any kind of discrimination not only disturbs the discriminated but also the discriminating. The obscurity of gender roles in modern times and difficulties in understanding these roles lead to negative effects for both sexes, including a lack of freedom.