



Institute for Demography, General Welfare and Family



As generally known the modern Society lives of human conditions and skills, she has not produced. These conditions are mainly developed in the family. The family in turn is not an autonomous entity. Society offers her protection and space for development and thus delivers the grounds for human life in society. Family needs the society and society needs the family. This co-action is fundamental for our general welfare

and the well being of the individual. No intact families - no human education, no education - no personality, no personality – no sense of freedom. (Kirchhof)

A free society however is the ground for a social free market economy. The shrinking and aging of our society jeopardizes its welfare and its valuables. The debate on values in today's pluralistic media driven society proves to be a difficult one. The institute for demography, general welfare and family (iDAF) aims to show the coherence between the basic values/valuables of today, their philosophical sources and their meaning for the future of a free and liberal society.

“We are made wise not by the recollection of our past , but by the responsibility for our future” (George Bernhard Shaw).

The institute is a think tank with a strong preference for the interdisciplinary approach. We are a non-partisan and cross-confessional organization. The institute aims to help the public opinion, or the so called „social skin“ (Noelle-Neumeann), get rid of the edema of the *Me*-society. The institute's preferred method for this is the publication of multi-disciplinary scientific results through the participation and organization of symposia, colloquia and through the participation in the media debate.

This way we want to give those with political, economical and educational responsibilities a back up. We want to help the undecided to arrive to a decision and the uninformed to be informed. The initiators are convinced that despite the erroneous trends and undesired developments we are witnessing, a debate about values can take place if the coherences and consequences of the current situation are exposed and man; in particular the child, is restored as the center of society. The full potential of human kind should be unleashed.

The institute understands itself as a think tank, a manufacturer of ideas and generator of impulses. The members work on a volunteer basis and the institute depends fully on donations.