



## FROM UNIVERSE TO MULTIVERSE - ANALYSIS OF YOUTH CULTURES



### **Abstract:**

Each youth is shaped by sex, class, place, cultural origins, religious beliefs, parents' religion, personal history, and relations. No single person is the same as anyone else, but in the social circumstances we have today many characteristics unite people. This talk will look at the relation of adolescents to their bodies and the consumerist world. It will touch also on the question of dissatisfaction with life, the appeal of risk, and also the difficulty to grow up for many adolescents.

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