



## **Editorial: About the Family**

A new volume of “Horizons of Education” is devoted to broadly understood family issues. Reflection on the family, which is the fundamental environment of human life, has been undertaken for ages. Today it is a buoyantly developing area of science that arouses a growing interest among researchers, especially in the field of social sciences and humanities. It is caused, among other things, by the fact that today the man and the family function in the dynamically changing global world, which leads to significant transformations in the area of marital and family life. Initiating the discourse on the family, we aimed at indicating the spectrum of various transformations which take place in the family environment in the context of contemporary socio-cultural and economic transformations, because these transformations entail both new problems and challenges and new developmental opportunities. A number of questions concerning family life in the perspective of socio-cultural change can be asked, and academics do ask them and attempt to find answers to them in their studies in order to inspire initiatives which will be a response to current changes and needs of the contemporary world.

The texts in this volume present important and up-to-date analyses and studies on changes taking place in the area of the functioning of the family and its members. Researchers treat the family as a primordial environment for human life, development, education and socialization, and hence they undertake scientific reflection on changes and challenges it faces, on its shape in the contemporary world, and on its capabilities and resources. Whether the contemporary situation of the family gives rise to anxiety or satisfaction, there is a need for diagnosis, scientific reflection and research devoted to changes the family undergoes, and, consequently, for support offered to an individual and to the family, which is not something to be taken for granted but a task to be done.

The editors of “Horizons of Education” hope the Readers of *About the family* will find it a valuable volume. It covers a wide range of problem areas and perspectives and points to the complexity and multi-facetedness of family life today. However, does the family, which is changing and adjusting to the new reality, still retain its value and indispensibility in the life of a human being and society as a whole? Feel invited not only to read the articles but also to engage in interdisciplinary discussion and reflection on the contemporary family.

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