The revised modernization theory in Inglehart and Welzel’s version posits that economic stability and no danger for survival lead to shift to emancipative values which is most pronounced across generations, but even for one generation it can be well traced. Emancipative values embrace a set of orientations, from more egalitarian gender attitudes to more cosmopolitan civic values. However, this process is far from homogeneity, especially regarding societies where neither political nor economic stability characterize recent decades.

In this project I aim at tracing the relations between two concepts: nationalism and pro-choice values. Deploying the new data release of the European Values Study, I plan to show that close association of nationalistic feelings and restrictive position on justifiability of abortion, divorce, and homosexuality (or pre-marital sex for some sets of countries where the former is a constant, not a variable) is getting weaker with the course of time. I plan to draw specific attention to the regions that experienced secession (like former USSR and former Yugoslavia) where nationalism is being constantly harnessed by politicians to establish new nation-states.