When it comes to religion and faith, many books, preachers, followers speak of harmony, peace and tolerance. Leaders of religious communities often cite peace messages. However, the attacks targeting various religious or atheist groups even in the last few months show that this rhetoric of calm, peace and tolerance does not mean the same thing to everyone. During this week’s Today Talks, we will focus on how individuals’ approach to faith or lack of it, how religion is perceived by masses, how it gets to become a political tool, and these effect social or societal relations.

This week we have on our agenda, the attacks against religious places in Turkey, Sweden, France and Germany and discuss the social integration with regards to religion. We will also be evaluating the Charlie Hebdo massacre and the uproar in Niger and several other countries regarding the “caricature crisis”, as well as European secular reactions to the caricatures in terms of free speech.

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